Welcome Home!

If you are returning to Bridgeport to start a new life after being in prison, you are not alone.

Many have gone before you, and they have succeeded.

Many others are here to help.

This guide is intended to help you with some common issues and point you to people and places who can help.

Good luck as you begin your journey. It is not always easy and it won’t be quick. But you can make a new future, and there is help.
Bienvenidos a Casa!

Si ha salido de la prisión, y desea empezar una nueva vida en Bridgeport, usted no esta solo.

Otros que han llegado antes que usted han tenido éxito.

Estamos aquí para ayudarle.

Esta guía le ayudara con algunos asuntos comunes y lo orientará hacia personas y lugares que pueden ayudarlo.

Buena suerte en su nueva jornada. No será fácil y probablemente no tendrá resultados inmediatos, pero usted puede hacerse de un nuevo futuro, y hay ayuda disponible.
RE-ENTRY POINTS
Career Resources \ReEntry Works
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 610-6209
www.careerresources.org
Job Leads, education, work readiness. Preparing youth and adults in southwestern Connecticut to gain employment and progress in their careers.

The Center for Women and Families
753 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6154
www.cwfefc.org/
Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Women of CHANGE program, preparing incarcerated women for life after prison.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport/ CO-OP Center
1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441
www.ccgb.org/coop.htm
Monday through Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm
Short/long term re-entry services for DOC/EOS referrals for men and women.
Family Re-Entry
126 Washington Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 362-2452
www.familyreentry.org

Fresh Start Reentry Program:
Employment counseling, case management, basic needs support and mentoring.

Beacon Mentoring Program:
Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 am to 6 pm; Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am to 8 pm.

Behavioral Health Program:
Substance abuse, anger management and mental Health treatment. Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9 am to 8 pm; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 6 pm.

Bridgeport Reentry Initiative (BRI)
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1. **FOOD**

**Golden Hill United Methodist Church**
210 Elm Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 336-0152  
[www.gbgm-umc.org](http://www.gbgm-umc.org)  
Serves Wednesdays, 5 pm - 6 pm

**The Salvation Army**
30 Elm Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 334-0995  
[www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)  
Serves Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10 am - 1 pm; kitchen Sun. & Tues. - Thurs., no specific times, please call.

**Bridgeport Rescue Mission**
1088 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
(203) 333-4087  
[www.bridgeportrescuemission.org](http://www.bridgeportrescuemission.org)  
Serves: kitchen, Mon. - Sat., 7 am – 7 pm  
Pantry, Mon. - Thurs., 1:30 pm - 3 pm; mobile, Mon. - Sat., 6 pm - 7 pm

**The Thomas Merton Family Center**
43 Madison Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 367-9036  
Serves Mon. - Fri., 9 am - 1:30 pm; Sat., 11 am - Noon
2. CLOTHING

Dress for Success
35 Brentwood Avenue
Fairfield, CT 06825
(203) 333-6505
www.dressforsuccess.org
Gently used professional attire for women only.

Salvation Army
30 Elm Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-0995
www.salvationarmy.org
Gently used clothing.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission
1088 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 333-4087
www.bridgeportrescuemission.org
Gently used clothing.

FSW
475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 368-4291
www.fswinc.org
Gently used clothing.
3. **HOUSING**

**YMCA-Central Connecticut Coast Alpha House**
387 Clinton Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
(203) 366-2809  
[www.cccymca.org](http://www.cccymca.org)
Emergency family shelter through the Families-in-Transition program.

**Homes for the Brave**
655 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 338-0669  
[www.homesforthebrave.org](http://www.homesforthebrave.org)
Transitional living program for homeless veterans.

**Operation Hope**
50 Nichols Street  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
(203) 254-2935  
[www.operationhopect.org](http://www.operationhopect.org)
Homeless shelter for men, women, and women with children.

**Women for Change inc.**
62 Read Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06607  
(203) 275-8508  
Transitional living program for woman returning from incarceration who are homeless.
Bridgeport Rescue Mission
1088 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 333-4087
www.bridgeportrescuemission.org
Overnight emergency shelter for men; new life discipleship program for men and women.

Prospect House
392 Prospect Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-9041
Transitional homeless shelter for single men and women.

4. TRANSPORTATION

CO-OP Center/The Council of Churches
1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441
www.ccfgb.org/coop.htm
Bus tokens and train fares.

Family Re-Entry
126 Washington Avenue # 3
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-6924
www.familyreentry.org
Bus tokens and train fares.
The Center for Women and Families
753 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203)334-6154
ww.cwfefc.org
Bus tokens and train fares.

5. EDUCATION

CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches
1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 275-1508`
www.ccgb.org/coop.htm
GED prep classes, computer training, and assistance for local community college courses.

Career Resources
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 953-3270
www.careerresources.org
GED prep and ABE classes.
Map Key

Numbers on the following map correspond to these categories:

1. Food
2. Clothing
3. Housing
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7. Identification
8. Health Care
9. Mental Health
10. Child and Family Resources
11. Other Resources
A.
Career Resources
350 Fairfield Ave.
334-6154

B.
Center for Women and Families / Women of Change
753 Fairfield Ave.
334-6154

C.
The Council of Churches CO-OP Center
1100 Boston Ave.
367-8441

D.
Family ReEntry / FreshStart
126 Washington Ave.
576-6924
Housatonic Community College
900 Lafayette Boulevard
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 332-5000
www.hctc.commnet.edu
2-year associate degree and certificate-based programs.

Bridgeport Adult Board of Education
Central High School
1 Lincoln Boulevard
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 275-1508
www.bridgeportedu.com
High School GED classes and testing center.

STRIVE
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 953-3233
www.careerresources.org
3-week intensive employment readiness program.

Mercy Learning Center
637 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6699
www.mercylearningcenter.org
Life skills/education programs for women only.
6. EMPLOYMENT

CT Works One Stop Career Center
2 Lafayette Square
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 455-2700
www.ctdol.state.ct.us
Meeting the needs of workers and employers.

Family Re-Entry
126 Washington Avenue #3
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 362-2452
www.familyreentry.org
Vocational and educational planning, Fresh Start Works Crews.

7. IDENTIFICATION

CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches
1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441
www.ccgb.org/coop.htm
Assistance with obtaining all legal identification.

Department of Motor Vehicles
95 Sylvan Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(860) 263-5700
www.ct.gov/dmv/
CT state driver’s license, identification card.
Vital Statistics
202 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-7477
Bridgeport CT birth, death, and marriage records.

Social Security Department
3885 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 365-8452
Social Security card, SSI, SSD entitlements.

8. HEALTH CARE

Bridgeport Department of Social Services
Health Department
752 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 576-7680
Health insurance application through SAGA, food stamps.

Americares
115 Highland Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 333-9175
www.americares.org
Free clinic. Delivering medicine, relief supplies and health care to those in need.
Southwest Community Health Center
968 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 330-6000
www.swchc.org
Community outreach, health education/disease prevention programs, and entitlement enrollment services.

OPTIMUS
982 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608
(203) 696 – 3260
www.bridgeportchc.org
Outpatient health care for the entire family from prenatal through geriatric services.

9. MENTAL HEALTH

Bridgeport Mental Health
1635 Central Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203)-551-7400
www.ct.gov
Outpatient and inpatient mental health services for insured and uninsured.
CT Renaissance
1120 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 367-6827
www.ctrenaissance.com
Treatment of psychiatric disorders and/or co-existing substance abuse and psychiatric disorders.

FSW
475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 368-5601
www.fswinc.org
Group and individual counseling, self-support skills and economic self-sufficiency.

Southwest Community Health Center
968 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 330-6000
www.swchc.org
Community outreach, health education/disease prevention programs, and entitlement enrollment services.

DMHAS
97 Middle Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 579-7444
CT Offender ReEntry Program (CORP), mental health diagnosis at Garner, Osborn, and York CI.
OPTIMUS
982 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608
(203) 696-3260
www.bridgeportchc.org
Outpatient health care for the entire family from prenatal through geriatric services.

10. CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCES

DCF-Family and Children Association
180 Fairfield Avenue # 1
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 367-5361
www.ct.gov/dcf/site/default.asp
Protecting children, strengthening families, and helping young people reach their fullest potential.

Janus Center/ The Council of Churches
1100 Boston Avenue, Bldg. 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441
www.ccgb.org/janushouse.htm
Assists youth facing serious problems with their families, schools or the juvenile court.
Casey Family Services
789 Reservoir Avenue
Bridgeport, CT  06606
Phone: (203) 372-3722
www.caseyfamilyservices.org
Changing needs of vulnerable children and families.

Fathers for Life / Families for Life
Career Resources
350 Fairfield Avenue, 3rd Floor
Bridgeport, CT  06604
(203) 953-3269
www.careerresources.org
Separate group sessions for parenting and life skills for couples and parents.

Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition
2470 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT  06605
(203) 549-0203
www.bcacct.org/
Improving the well-being of children through programs combining research, community planning, education, and mobilization.
11. **OTHER RESOURCES**

**Community Solutions, Inc.**
255 Island Brook Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 696-1323
www.csi-online.org

**Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC)**
Services for people referred by the courts, probation and parole only. Services include employment assistance, cognitive restructuring, & substance abuse groups.

**ABCD, Inc.**
1070 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 366-8241
www.abcd.org

**Energy Assistance**
All applicants must provide proof of income for all household members for the four weeks immediately prior to application date. All applicants must apply in person. Appointments can be made by calling (203) 384-6904.

**The CT Pardon Team, Inc.**
Toll Free Phone: (866) 251-3810
www.connecticutpardonteam.org
Provides information and step-by-step assistance to individuals in completing and filing a CT Pardon application.
Catholic Charities of Fairfield County
238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 416-1322
www.bridgeportdiocese.com/catholiccharities
Direct services and case management, mental health, family counseling to needy people of all faiths.

Street Smart Ventures LLC
64 Cone Street
Hartford, CT 06105
(860) 233-5738
www.ssventures.com
Community development integrating mentoring and employment training workcrews and entrepreneurship.
Additional resources can be located through:

• www.211ct.org

• INFOLINE, call 2-1-1

• www.ct.gov

• Any public library branch

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