



I NEED FOOD

Food and hot meals are available to those in need. You may be eligible for food assistance through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. To see if you qualify, contact the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services at 614.233.2000.

Several food pantries operate around Franklin County, serving those who need groceries. To find out more contact one of the following:

- HandsOn Central Ohio FOODLINK**
614.341.2282 or call 2-1-1
- J.O.I.N.**, 614.241.2530
- Westside FISH**, 614.272.8242



I NEED A JOB OR JOB TRAINING

Finding employment, education, and training is the best way to reenter the community and to stay out of jail.

[Let's be clear: it's not going to be easy.](#)

With a criminal record, you have to work harder than the average job seeker, *but it can be done*, and the Task Force is focused hard on removing unnecessary and prejudicial barriers to hiring.

Get training and education, often with specific programs available for ex- and re-entering offenders

Goodwill Columbus, job training and workforce skills, 1331 Edgemoor Rd., 614.294.5181

Free meals are available from many area organizations at their soup kitchens. Call for locations and hours of operation.

- Broad St. UMC**, 614.221.4571
- Central Presbyterian Church**, 614.224.9119
- Community Kitchen**, 614.252.6428
- Faith Mission**, 614.224.6617
- First English Lutheran Church**, 614.252.3191
- Holy Family Soup Kitchen**, 614.461.9444
- Mt. Olivet Baptist Church**, 614.221.3446
- New Life UMC**, 614.294.0134
- The Open Shelter**, 614.222.2885
- Rehoboth Temple**, 614.252.8219
- St. Johns Evangelical**, 614.224.8634
- St. Lawrence**, 614.228.0799
- St. Sophia's Orthodox**, 614.299.8760
- Wings of Hope**, 614.561.9993
- Vineyard Church**, 614.259.5441

- Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC)**, job training and job search services, 1111 E. Broad St., 614.559.5052
- Henkels & McCoy Community Success Center**, job development & supportive services, 1336 E. Main St., 614.221.3398

- If you are a Veteran**
- Volunteers of America**
employment services & computer resource center
624 Harmon Avenue, 614.351.1881
- Amvets Career Center**
employment services & free online courses
1395 E. Dublin Granville Rd., Suite 222, 614.431.6990

We also encourage you to apply to work for the City of Columbus and Franklin County. Job postings and applications for both are available only online. Visit your local public library branch!



I NEED IDENTIFICATION

You need current, valid identification to make your navigation through social services, job interviews, and reentry a much smoother process. Obtaining these documents is not always easy or inexpensive. Once you have these documents, keep them safe! Carry your State photo ID with you at all times in a wallet or purse. Keep your birth certificate and Social Security card information in a safe place at your home or with a trusted relative or friend.

Never loan out your identification to anyone else.

Birth Certificate (\$21.50 - cash, check, or money order)

If you do not have money to pay for your birth certificate, you may request assistance from the Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN) at 578 E Main St, Columbus, Ohio 43215; phone 614.241.2531 or 614.241.2530.

You can obtain a copy of your birth certificate if you were born in Ohio by walking in to the Ohio Department of Health Office



I NEED TRANSPORTATION

If you need transportation to or from a medical appointment, the agency or institution may be able to help. Call them directly for information.

Bus: Franklin County is served by the Central Ohio Transit Authority, or COTA public bus system. Local one-way fares are \$2, and buses accept bills and coins. Have exact change - no change is available on the bus. COTA also sells passes for 1 day, 7 days, and 31 days. 614.228.1776.

Taxi: Franklin County is served by many taxi companies.

- Among the largest are
- Orange Cab, 614.414.0000
- Yellow Cab, 614.444.4444;
- German Village Taxi, 614.224.8888
- Shamrock Taxi, 614.784.8888

of Vital Statistics. The office is located at 225 Neilston Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; phone: 614.466.2531. Office hours are 8a-5p, Monday through Friday. The office is closed on state holidays. Turn around for walk-in clients is the same day, as long as you are there before 4:30p.

Social Security Card (Free)

You can obtain a printout of your Social Security card and number from the Social Security Administration, 200 N High St, Rm 225, Columbus, Ohio 43215; phone 866.954.1723.

State of Ohio Photo ID (\$8.50 - cash or check)

If you do not have money to pay for your State of Ohio photo ID card, you may request assistance from King Avenue United Methodist Church, 299 King Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43201; phone 614.424.6050. The Church provides 15 free vouchers per week, distributed first-come, first-served at 8:30a on Wednesdays. They recommend that you arrive to get in line by 8a. The vouchers are only redeemable at the BMV registrar located at 1970 W Broad St in Columbus.



I NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Criminal

If you have been arrested and charged with a crime that could subject you to jail or prison time, and you cannot afford to pay a lawyer, the State must provide legal assistance for you. This is done through the Office of the Public Defender. In Franklin County, the **Public Defender** is Yeura R. Venters, Franklin County Public Defender Office, 373 South High Street, 12th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Phone: 614.525.3194, Fax: 614.461.6470.

Child Support

If you are a custodial parent suing for child support, or if you are a non-custodial parent being sued for child support, and you need assistance, or if you need to establish the paternity (who is the father) of a child, the **Child Support Enforcement**

You can obtain a photo ID card, which is not the same as a driver's license and can be issued even if your driving privileges are suspended or revoked. These photo ID cards are available at any Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles local Deputy Registrar License Agency.

The main BMV registrar's office, and the one where the King Avenue Church vouchers are accepted is at 1970 W Broad St, Columbus, Ohio 43223; phone 614.752.7500. Office hours are 8a-8:30p, Monday through Friday, closed holidays. You can find other locations online at the BMV website or in the phone book.

Take your birth certificate and Social Security card or print-out with you. If you have been recently released from an Ohio prison, you may use your ODRC Release Identification Card to obtain a State photo ID.

Agency may be able to help. CSEA, under the direction of Director Susan Brown, is located at 80 E. Fulton Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Phone 614.525.3275; Fax 614.525.6409.

Civil


If you experience any of the following legal concerns, the **Legal Aid Society of Columbus**, located at 1108 City Park Ave, Columbus OH 43206, may be able to help. They assist with Loss or denial of public benefits, Medicaid/Medicare, Unemployment compensation, Evictions, Foreclosures, Domestic Violence, Child Custody, Consumer Issues, Garnishments and attachments, Landlord/Tenant Dissolutions, Divorce, Income Tax Issues, and Wills.

In Franklin or Madison counties please call the Intake Line at 614.241.2001, M-F 9:30a-3:30p.

Emergency shelter intake, hot meals, food and clothing pantry referrals.
Dial 2-1-1 or 614.221.6766

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614.276.CARE (2273)
 24-hour mental health and AOD crisis intervention. Call the Crisis Line at **Netcare Access**
MENTAL HEALTH / AOD

IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS




I NEED SHELTER

24/7 Intake for single men and single women is done over the phone by Handson Central Ohio. Call 888.474.3587 for intake.

Intake for families and children is done at the YMCA Family Center, 900 Harvey Ct., 614.253.7970

The Community Shelter Board
 CSB is the premier place for Shelter & Housing Issues and Referrals. They can be contacted at 111 Liberty St., 614.221.9195.

If you are staying in a shelter, living on the streets, or are marginally housed - that is, if you're couch surfing or jumping from place to place, you can seek assistance from The Open Shelter at 61 E Mound St., 614.222.2885. The shelter has drop-in hours 10:30a-1:30p Monday through Friday, and offers free lunch, clothing and other necessities, use of telephone, a mailing address, and case management. The Open Shelter will not accept Tier III sexual offenders.



I NEED CLOTHING

Mens shelters
 Faith Mission, 151 N. 6th St., 614.224.6617 x2151
 Faith Mission, 599 East 8th Avenue, 614.299.3192
 Friends of the Homeless, 924 E. Main St., 614.360.0251
 Volunteers of America, 624 Harmon Avenue, 614.849.0145

Women's shelters
 addresses of women's shelters withheld for safety

Nancy's Place, 614.224.6617
 Rebecca's Place, 614.360.0251
 Choices, 614.224.4663

Family shelters
 YWCA Family Shelter, 900 Harvey Ct., 614.253.3910

Supportive & Transitional Housing
 YWCA, 40 W. Long St., 614.573.3616
 YWCA, 65 S. 4th St., 614.224.9121

Friends of the Homeless/New Horizons, 371 Carpenter St., 614.360.0120

Southeast, Inc / Friends of the Homeless, 16 W Long St., 614.360.0251

Community Housing Network, 1680 Watermark Dr., 614.487.6700

National Church Residences, 800.388.2151


Low Income & Section 8 Housing
 Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, 614.421.6000
 Homeport, 614.221.8889
 Community Properties, 614.253.0984

Westside Free Store, 1331 Edgell Rd., 614.252.2799
 Goodwill Columbus, 61 Powell Ave, 614.351.5480

I NEED CLOTHING

Clothing, shoes, and coats are available for those who need them at a variety of organizations throughout the area. Remember, clothing is more than just protection from the elements - your clothing and hygiene are the first things people notice about you, and can make the difference between an easy reentry into the workforce and social scene or continued difficulty. It doesn't matter if your clothing is new or old, if you present yourself well-groomed and well-put-together, it makes a world of difference. You never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Clothing resources include:
 St. Vincent De Paul free clothing store, 614.241.2569
 J.O.I.N., 578 King Ave, 614.241.2530
 Salvation Army, 967 E. Main St, 614.221.6561
 New Life UMC, 25 W. 5th Ave, 614.294.0134
 United Methodist Free Store, 946 Parsons Ave, 614.443.1713



Franklin County Reentry Task Force
 373 S High St, 25th Floor
 Columbus, OH 43215
www.franklincountyohio.gov/reentry

If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you. What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down.
Mary Pickford

Vision
 Our vision is to create safer neighborhoods and more productive citizens by increasing the successes of formerly incarcerated persons as they reenter their communities.

The information included in this guide is very general and may not apply to all people leaving incarceration. Made possible via funding from 2009 AFRA JAG.

Franklin County
 Reentry Task Force

WALLET-FUL of RESOURCES

Welcome Home!

This document is designed to assist individuals who are returning from incarceration navigate the maze of reentry services.

We hope this guide helps the recently incarcerated to identify and locate appropriate services within Franklin County to more quickly back into the community at large.

Peer Support

Alcoholics Anonymous, 24 hour referral 614.253.8501
Narcotics Anonymous, 24 hour referral 614.252.1700
Cocaine Anonymous, 24 hour referral, 614.251.1122

P.E.E.R. (Peers Enriching Each-Other's Recovery) Center, A consumer-operated drop-in recovery center that offers one-on-one and group peer support, recreation, and socialization activities, a resource center, a computer lab, and a media center. 25-30 peer support groups each week on a variety of mental health, wellness, and recovery topics.
 1221 E Broad St, 614.453.4830

T.O.U.C.H., Peer mentoring and supportive services, 3968 E. Main St in Whitehall, 614.338.8733

Prescription Drug Care

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, free medicine, 614.227.0301

Ohio's Best Rx, free prescription discount card, 866.923.7879

Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug (AOD) treatment
Netcare Access, 199 S. Central Ave and 741 E. Broad St, 614.276.2273

Maryhaven, 24/7 detox admissions, 1791 Alum Creek, 614.445.8131

House of Hope, AOD treatment, 614.291.4691
CompDrug, 547 E. 11th Ave, 614.224.4506

Amethyst, Long-term residential treatment for women and children, 455 E Mound St, 614.242.1284

Alvis House, Multiple services to individuals & families, 1991 Bryden Road, 614.252.0660

Salvation Army, 1675 S. High St, 614.221.4269

Medical Care

Mt. Carmel Outreach, rotating locations, 614.546.4200

Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave, 614.614.7417

Vineyard Free Clinic, 171 E. 5th Ave, 614.259.5428

Columbus Free Clinic, 2231 N. High St, 614.404.8417

New Life UMC Clinic, 25 W. 5th Ave, 614.294.0134

Xenos Free Clinic, 1934 N. 4th St and 40 Chicago Ave, 614.823.6510

Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, 614.645.5500

- East Health Center - 1180 E Main St
- John Maloney Health Center - 3781 S High St
- St Stephen's Health Center - 1500 E 17th Ave
- Columbus Northeast Health Center - 3433 Agler Rd

• West Family Health & Wellness Center-2300 W Broad Street

ARC (AIDS Resource Center) Ohio, confidential testing and safer sex supplies at no cost, 4400 N High St, Suite 300, 614.299.2437

I NEED HEALTHCARE

If you are in crisis and are a danger to yourself or others or if you have life-threatening injuries, dial 9-1-1.

If you are considering suicide, call the 24/7 Columbus suicide hotline at 614.221.5445.

24/7 mental health and alcohol/drug crisis intervention is available at NetCare access. Call the crisis line at 614.276.2273 or go to 199 South Central Ave or 741 East Broad St

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