

Reentry Guide

A resource guide for returning citizens



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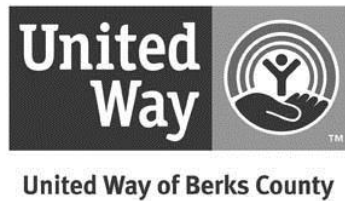
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Returning home can be difficult – we hope that this guide helps you to find resources that make you ready to reenter!

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Identification

Driver’s License Reinstatement

If you want to make sure that you have a valid Pennsylvania’s Driver’s License or you want more information about a suspension, call the **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)**.

If you need to have your license reinstated and you are eligible, you can do this in person at the local driver’s license center, but call first to make sure you bring the correct documents. If your license was suspended because you did not pay child support, you must contact **Berks County’s Domestic Relations Section**.

There is usually a fee to reinstate your license. There is no agency in Berks County that can pay the reinstatement fee.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Phone: 800-932-4600

Berks County Domestic Relations Section Phone: 610-478-2900
Berks County Services Center- 6th Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601

Driver’s License Renewal or Duplicates

If you have an expired PA Driver’s License, you would want to renew it in person at the local driver’s license center. The fee for renewal is \$30.50 and must be paid by a check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

If you are replacing a PA Driver’s License because it was lost or stolen, you can also apply in person at the local driver’s license center. The fee for replacing your license is \$29.50 and must be paid by a check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

PennDot Driver’s License Center Phone: 610- 775-7728
600 East Lancaster Avenue
Shillington, PA 19607

State-Issued ID

If you have a PA State ID within the past 10 years, you can apply in-person at the driver's license center. No additional documentation is needed.

The fee for an initial State ID is \$30.50, renewal of a State ID is \$30.50, and a replacement copy is \$29.50 and must be paid by a check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

Social Security Card

Individuals can apply for a social security card by completing the application in its entirety and taking it to the Social Security Office along with their State Issued Photo ID or Driver's License.

If you do not have a State Issued Photo ID, the social security office will accept School Records, Medical Records, Employee ID card, Passport, Military Record, School ID Card, Marriage or Divorce Record, Adoption Record, Health Insurance Card (not a Medicare Card) or Life Insurance Policy as proof as your identity.

Social Security Administration

Phone: 1-866-274-5960

201 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Birth Certificate

Individuals can apply for a birth certificate by completing the application for the state they were born and mailing it to the address listed on the application along with a copy of their State Issued Photo ID. There is a fee involved, but the fee varies state by state.

If you do not have a valid State Issued Photo ID, a family member can apply for it on your behalf. The family member can be grandparent, parent or child over the age of 18 with a valid ID. They must complete the application and mail it in with a copy of their photo ID. Birth certificate applications are available online.

For Pennsylvania, the fee for a Birth Certificate is \$20.

Housing

Berks Coalition to End Homelessness

Phone: 610-372-7222

336 South 18th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Provides oversight and governance to local agencies receiving HUD funding.

Housing Referrals

Berks Community Action Program

Phone: 610-376-6571

Homeless Assistance, Mortgage Assistance and Weatherization.

645 Penn St.

Reading PA 19601

Shelters

Hope Rescue Mission

Phone: 610-375-4224

Offers food, clothing and shelter to men on a daily basis. Men are provided a single bed and a lockable wardrobe in a dormitory setting. There is also access to computer lab to create resumes and job search.

645 N. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Mary's Shelter

Phone: 610-376-1973

Pregnant women and children only. Must schedule intake interview and meet qualifications. Assist with formal education and budget counseling. Assists in registering online with Berks Coalition to End Homelessness to obtain a month's worth of diapers every 3rd Tuesday for \$5.

736 Upland Avenue

Reading, PA 19607

Opportunity House

Phone: 610-374-4696

Provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing.

Also provides meals and other services.

430 N. 2nd Street

Reading, PA 19601

Catholic Charities**Phone: 610-376-7144**

Provides emergency shelter, rental assistance and mortgage utilities.
400 Washington St. Suite 100
Madison Building
Reading, PA 19601

Housing Programs**ADAPPT****Phone: 610-478-8800**

Group home residency for state parolees that is designed to assist clients in acquiring basic life skills needed to cope in society.
428 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Berks Counseling Center**Phone: 610-373-4281**

Provides transitional and permanent housing at various locations where residents are able to develop necessary skills to become self-sufficient. Also has forensics housing program for parolees with nowhere else to go. Access to bilingual services. Provides prevention intervention program for moms and families.
645 Penn Street 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Berks County Housing Authority**Phone: 610-370-0822**

Provides subsidized housing assistance to low-income and elderly individuals. Apply at berksha.org
1803 Butter Lane
Reading, PA 19606

Bridge of Hope – Berks County**Phone: 610-568-1250**

2 year holistic program that assists single mothers with self-sufficiency. Must be 20 years of age or older. Individuals must also have a GED and 12-24 months of sobriety. Rental assistance available on decreasing basis while mom is in school or job training. Being motivated and teachable is a plus. A referral from another agency is preferred.
300 Church Street
Reading, PA 19601

Clare of Assisi House**Phone: 484-869-5483**

Provides transitional residential housing and life skills training for non-violent women coming out of prison. 12-bed facility. Applications should be submitted prior to release with the treatment department of the incarcerating facility.

325 South 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602

City of Reading Housing Authority**Phone: 610-372-3933**

Provides housing assistance to low income families through public housing and section 8 programs. Must be a Reading resident.

www.readingha.org
835 Franklin St.
Reading, PA 19602

Easy Does It – Leesport**Phone: 610-373-2463**

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing. Intensive case management, food and transportation also provided.

1300 Hilltop Road
Leesport, PA 19533

Easy Does It- Reading Facility**Phone: 610-373-9550**

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Assist with 12 step program.

647 Walnut St.
Reading, PA 19601

Family Promise of Berks County**Phone: 610-373-3323**

Provides housing and case management for low income homeless families in Berks County. Provides 3 meals and private spaces for whole family units with children. Assist with employment, education, rent and utility resources.

325 N. 5th St. #1 Reading, PA 19601
610-373-3323

Freedom Gate Ministries**Phone: 610-750-5685**

Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners. Provides shelter, food, clothing and counseling.

131 S. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hogar Crea**Phone: 610-372-8410**

18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for males.
302 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Mary's Home**Phone: 610-603-8010**

Provides up to 2 years of transitional housing for single mothers with newborns. Provides training on life skills, education, budgeting, parenting and counseling.
736 Upland Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks Inc.

Educates returning citizens on their rights and responsibilities.
Provides home ownership education and credit/budget counseling.
213 N. 5th Street; Suite 1030
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-372-8433**New Person Center****Phone: 610-777-2222**

Transitional residence for men coming out from prison. This private Christian faith-based 3 month program screens candidates with an application process. Program fees require some assistance and/or employment.
(Primarily Sexual Offenses)
730 Philadelphia Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Oxford House - Reading**Phone: 610-372-0631**

Group home for recovering male substance abusers. New members must be approved by existing members.
1045 N. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Oxford House –East Reading

1806 Perkiomen Avenue
Reading, PA 19606

Salvation Army**Phone: 610-373-5208**

Provides assistance with electric and gas bills.
PO Box 1099
301 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

PA Adult & Teen Challenge

Phone: 717-933-4181

Phone: 717-673-4219

Medical detox, 30 day rehab, 14 month recovery program.

33 Teen Challenge Road

PO Box 98

Rehrersburg, PA 19550

YMCA of Reading and Berks County

Phone: 610-378-4736

Group home settings for chemically dependent, homeless men and women.

Transitional and permanent housing. Must be a Berks County resident for at least 90 days prior to admittance. Individuals with a history of arson, child abuse, sex and violent crimes are not permitted. Also assists with transportation to loved ones outside Berks County.

631 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

YMCA Camp Joy Program

20 bed program for men with a history of substance abuse and involvement in the Criminal Justice system on the Berks Heim campus. This program has the same admittance requirements as the other YMCA programs and uses the same application.

Single Room Occupancy Units – at the YMCA

Rooms for rent to men and women. Residents are exempt from program requirements and eligibility.

Food

Soup Kitchens

Serves hot meals to the hungry and homeless.

**Holy Trinity Church of God/C.A.R.E
C.A.R.E.**

Phone: 610-374-0790

Phone: 610-374-1880

130 W. Buttonwood Street
Reading, PA 19601

Kennedy House

Phone: 610-378-1947

532 Spruce Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Monday's through Saturday's from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

New Journey United Methodist Church

Phone: 610-375-2662

138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm

Mobile Faith Kitchen

Phone: 610-621-5227

Meeting at 5th & Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month starting at 5:30 pm

Kitchen cupboard: Wed. 10-1

Phone: 610-375-3310

Food Pantries

Provides groceries or ingredients to those in need who then take these items away to prepare themselves.

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Inc.

Phone: 610-367-6957

Provides services such as Meals on Wheels, Medical Transport help and case management to individuals in Boyertown School District – townships of Amity, Oley, Hereford, District and Pike. Please call for appointments.

200 W. Spring Street
Boyertown, PA 19512

City Reach Church's Faith

Phone: 610-621-5227

1011A Cotton Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hours: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month starting at 11:30 am

Friend, Inc.

Phone: 610-683-7790

Serves as the Northeastern Berks Food Pantry. Individuals must be a citizen of Fleetwood, Kutztown, Topton, Albany, Greenwich, Longswamp, Maiden creek, Maxatawny, Richmond, Rockland and Ruscombmanor. Also provides case management and budgeting.

658D Noble Street
Kutztown, PA 19530

Hours: Food distribution is usually the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. Call for appointment.

Greater Berks Food Bank

Phone: 610-926-5802

Provides food to local pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. Call to get information on the food pantry closest to you.

117 Morgan Drive
Reading, PA 19608

Kennedy House

Phone: 610-378-1947

532 Spruce Street
Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: Food Pantry – Wednesday 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Soup Kitchen- Saturday, Sunday 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

New Journey United Methodist Church

Phone: 610-375-3310

138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: Kitchen Cupboard on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12pm (Bring ID)
Lunch served: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30am-12:30pm**

Salvation Army

Phone: 610-373-5208

PO Box 1099
301 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Must have ID - Emergency Food is also available
2nd and last Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm
Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am**

St. James Chapel Church of God and Christ

Phone: 610-375-7537

11 S. 9th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: 4th Wednesday of the Month – 10:00am to 12:00pm (Need ID for Food Bank)

Women Infants & Children

Phone: 610-939-8353

Provides vouchers for healthy foods for pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women with infants and children less than 5 years of age.

Maternal & Family Health Services

555 Raymond Street

Reading, PA 19605

Clothing

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-376-7144

Assists with boots and shoes necessary for employment.

400 Washington Street; Suite 100

Madison Building

Reading, PA 19601

City Thrift Shop

Phone: 610-376-3320

Clothing for men and women available at a discounted price.

314 Penn Street

Reading, PA 19602

Goodwill

Phone: 610-777-5250

Clothing for men, women and children available at a discounted price.

602 East Lancaster Avenue

Shillington, PA 19607

Hispanic Center

Phone: 610-376-3748

Provides information, referrals and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.

+60 interpreters for medical appointments.

501 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

New Journey Community Outreach, Inc.

Phone: 610-375-2662

Clothing Center available at no cost to the public.

Central Park United Methodist Church

138 S. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm, eligible to come 2x month

***"Back to Work" Clothing Program provides interview clothing, business casual wear or shoes by appointment only. Call Sue at above number to schedule.*

Spring Valley Church of God

Phone: 610-929-7969

Free clothing for women, men and children. (Boutique Ministry)

2727 Old Pricetown Road

Temple, PA 19560

Hours: 1st Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm

(Call first to confirm open)

Hope Rescue Mission Thrift Store

Phone: 610-741-1641

Sells used clothing, shoes and furniture at affordable prices.

745 N. 6th St.

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm

Transportation

Bus Service

BARTA

Phone: 610-921-0601

BARTA provides local bus service throughout Reading and Berks County. A map of the routes and general information can be found at most libraries, city halls, hospitals and many businesses, and also on their website here:

www.bartabus.com

You can use cash (exact change) or a BARTA Pass or Ten Trip Ticket. Passes are sold for One Day, 31 Days or 10 Trips and can be purchased at the BARTA Transportation Center at 1700 N. 11th Street in Reading and other locations. Some passes can be purchased on the bus when you board – consult the BARTA website for more information.

The current Standard Fare (as of May, 2011) is \$1.70, plus \$0.25 to transfer or ride between different route Zones. A One Day Pass is \$4.00 when purchased on the bus and \$3.00 if purchased ahead of time. See the website for more information.

1700 N. 11th Street
Reading, PA 19604

www.bartabus.com

Inter-City Bus Terminal

Phone: 610-374-3182

The Inter-City Bus Terminal provides bus transportation between Reading and surrounding cities such as Philadelphia, New York, Lancaster and Harrisburg. More information about the individual companies and their routes can be found at the Terminal.

20 N. 3rd Street
Reading, PA 19601

Taxi Cab Service

Reading Metro Taxi

Phone: 610-374-5111

615 Elm Street
Reading, PA 19601

Grab-A-Cab

Phone: 610-478-1111

La Mexicana Express

24 hour service, door to door.

www.lamexicanaexpresstransportation.com

Phone: 610-375-3333

610-375-2828

610-375-3222

610-374-8393

Relocation Services

YMCA Reconnection Program

Phone: 610-378-4700

This program provides out of county, one-way bus tickets for at-risk individuals in the Berks County area that need assistance in relocating home. Individuals should call or walk-in to receive services. Service times are typically Monday-Friday from 10am-3:30pm. Identification with photo, name and date of birth is required to receive assistance.

631 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

Community Supervision

Pennsylvania State Parole

PA State Parole – Reading Sub-Office

Phone: 610-378-4331

Reading State Office Building
625 Cherry Street
Reading, PA 19602

Berks County Probation/Parole

Berks Co. Adult Probation & Parole Office

Phone: 610-478-3400

Berks County Services Center
633 Court Street, 7th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Berks Co. Juvenile Probation Office

Phone: 610-478-3200

633 Court Street, 10th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Berks County Domestic Relations

Berks County Domestic Relations Section

Phone: 610-478-2900

Berks County Services Center
633 Court Street, 6th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Employment

Employment Programs

Pennsylvania CareerLink Berks County **Phone: 610-988-1300**

CareerLink is the government “one stop” location for employment-related assistance. CareerLink services are generally available to all Pennsylvania residents. The Berks County location has help specifically for ex-offenders. Services include:

- Resume writing
- Job search assistance
- Screening and referral to job openings
- Federal bonding for employers
- Classes and workshops
- Reentry Success Workshop – a workshop dedicated to ex-offenders that are reentering the work force. Informs ex-offenders about programs that are available because they have a criminal background.

1920 Kutztown Road, Suite F

Reading, PA 19604

www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

Berks Connections / Pretrial Services **Phone: 484-260-3860**

Provides employment referrals and assistance for residents of the Berks Community Reentry Center, Berks County Treatment Courts and referred clients from the Department of Corrections.

19 N. 6th Street

4th Floor

Reading, PA 19601

Berks Personnel Network / Threshold **Phone: 610-288-1448**

Employment support services including career exploration, resume assistance, job interview skills training, job placement and coordination, on-the-job training and follow-up services. Available to individuals with disabilities and/or barriers to employment.

1041 Rockland Street

Reading, PA 19604

Berks Community Action Program

Phone: 610-376-6571

Work Ready Program.
645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

**Community Skills Program®
Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.**

**Phone: (877) 728-5616
(610) 376-3380**

Provides vocational/psychological testing, job development/placement/coaching, case management and cognitive rehabilitation therapy to persons with brain injuries and neurological impairments. Referrals come through OVR or private insurance.
1150 Berkshire Boulevard; Suite 210
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hispanic Center

Phone: 610-376-3748

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.
501 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Phone: 610-621-5800

OVR provides vocational evaluation, training, placement and support services for individuals with a disability. Applications are taken by calling the office or online at:
www.cwds.state.pa.us
3602 Kutztown Road, Suite 200
Reading, PA 19605

United Community Services

Phone: 610-374-3319

YouthBuild Program is available for individuals between the ages of 17-24 that do not have a GED or High School Diploma. Program provides individuals with GED and vocational education, work readiness, on-site construction experience and job placement. Must have forms of identification upon referral.
1251 North Front Street
Reading, PA 19601

Temporary Employment Agencies

Aerotek-Reading

999 Berkshire Blvd; Suite 180
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.aerotek.com

Phone: 610-750-8360

@Work Personnel Services

130 N. Kenhorst Boulevard
Shillington, PA 19607
www.@work.com

Phone: 610-375-2773

Berks and Beyond

926 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.berksandbeyond.com

**Phone: 610-376-9675
610-370-3569**

Champion Personnel

3607 Pottsville Pike
Reading, PA 19605
www.championpersonnel.net

Phone: 610-927-5221

Ever Staff LLC

103 Lancaster Avenue
Reading, PA 19611
www.everstaff.com

**Phone: 610-374-5678
610-374-5677**

Gage Personnel

101 N. 7th Avenue
West Reading, PA 19611
www.gagepersonnel.com

Phone: 610-376-1771

People Ready

722 Cherry Street Suite 2
Reading, PA 19601
www.peopleready.com

Phone: 610-372-5575

Mack Employment

2834 Shillington Road
Reading, PA 19608
www.mackemployment.com

Phone: 610-670-2464

Manpower, Inc.

3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
www.manpower.com

Phone: 610-678-1701

PeopleShare

2001 State Hill Rd. Suite 106
Reading, PA 19601
www.peopleshareworks.com

Phone: 610-372-2727

The Performance Group

824 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.tpgworks.com

Phone: 610-378-7818

Express Pros

840 N. Park Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa

Phone: 610-750-7898

TempStar Staffing

4411N. 5th Street Highway
Temple, PA 19560
www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/

Phone: 610-921-4560

Spherion Staffing Agency

4 Park Plaza, Suite 300
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.spherion.com

Phone: 484-335-1000

HTSS Inc.

860 Broad Street, Suite 111
Emmaus, PA 18049
www.htss-inc.com

Phone: 610-432-4161

Government Benefits

Public Assistance / Food Stamps / Medical Assistance

Berks County Assistance Office

Phone: 610-736-4211

All applicants can apply in person at the Reading State Office Building or they can apply online at www.compass.pa.gov. Outcome varies to individual circumstances but eligibility is based on household income, citizenship/alien status, resources, employability and value of property.

625 Cherry Street 3rd Floor
Reading, PA 19602

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSD)

Social Security Administration

Phone: 866-274-5960

Administers the Supplemental Social Security Income, Social Security Disability and Medicare programs. Individuals must be aged, blind, disabled or Medicare eligible through employment in order to apply.

201 Penn Street, 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Veteran's Assistance

Berks VA Clinic

Phone: 484-220-2572

Provides primary care, nurses, lab, social work, psychiatric care, psychological care and group therapy. Provides support, counseling, assessments, treatments and referrals to Honorably Discharged Veterans who served military time and their spouse or dependents through the CHAMP program.

St. Joseph Campus
2752 Century Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Berks County Veterans Affairs**Phone: 610-378-5601**

Submits claims pertaining to service connected benefits, pension, burial, death benefits and state veterans benefits to Veterans of Berks County and their dependents, widows and orphans.

County of Berks Government
726 Cherry Street
Reading PA 19602

Lebanon VA Medical Center**Phone: 717-272-6621****Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Program****800-409-8771**

Medical Center: Provides hospital based treatment and specialists.

Provides substance abuse treatment, vocational and independent living skills programs, Community Transitional Residence Programs, ongoing support and case management, coordination of treatment with local, state and federal probation and parole agencies and referrals to VA programs and community resources. Must call to determine eligibility.

1700 South Lincoln Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

Opportunity House**Phone: 610-374-4696**

Provides veteran's assistance.

430 N. 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hope Rescue Mission**Phone: 610-375-4224**

On site social/resource center for veterans.

Single occupancy rooms for homeless veterans.

Food, clothing, and toiletries available for veterans.

645 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Substance Abuse Treatment

Referral Agencies

Treatment Access & Service Center

Phone: 610-375-4426

TASC provides intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. If you do not have private insurance and want to be evaluated for alcohol and/or drug abuse, you can schedule an appointment with TASC. TASC will then refer you to appropriate providers in the community. If you do have private insurance, you must schedule an evaluation thru your insurance provider.

19 N. 6th Street Suite 300
Reading, PA 19601

Council on Chemical Abuse

Phone: 610-376-8669

The Council on Chemical Abuse is the Single County Authority for Berks County – dispersing government and other funding to appropriate agencies in the community. You can learn more about the services that the Council funds on their website at: www.councilonchemicalabuse.org

Educational Resources available on website.
601 Penn Street, Suite 600
Reading, PA 19601

Treatment and Counseling Services

ADAPPT

Phone: 610-478-8800

Alcohol Drug Addiction Probation Parole Treatment – An intensive drug and alcohol program for state parolees with a maximum stay of 90 days where the parolees are provided with treatment services.

428 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Berks Counseling Center

Phone: 610-373-4281

Provides outpatient and intensive outpatient counseling services for chemically dependent individuals.

645 Penn Street 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Caron Foundation**Phone: 610-678-2332**

Provides inpatient and outpatient services to patients 13 years of age and up. Offers life enrichment workshops that include anger management, relapse intervention, relationship building, relationship healing for couples and spirituality.

243 N. Galen Hall Road
PO Box 150
Wernersville, PA 19565

Family Guidance Center**Phone: 610-374-4963**

Outpatient mental health and drug and alcohol therapy. Bilingual services available.

1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00pm
Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm

New Directions Treatment Services**Phone: 610-478-0646**

Provides dual diagnosis treatment, methadone maintenance and chemical dependency services.

20-22 N. 6th Avenue
West Reading, PA 19611

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday – Sunday, 7:00am to 10:00am

Pennsylvania Counseling Services**Phone: 610-478-8088****Reading Psychiatric**

Outpatient and intensive outpatient drug and alcohol counseling (includes dual diagnosis treatment).

125 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Reading Hospital Medical Center**Phone: 610-988-8070**

Operates a drug and alcohol center which offers detoxification, short-term residential care, individual and group counseling and aftercare groups.

401 Buttonwood Street
West Reading, PA 19611

Recovery Communities

Easy Does It, Inc.

Phone: 610-373-2463

Provides space for 12 step meetings, drug and alcohol free social events. Also holds meetings for AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, Alateen and social events.

Recovery Community Center

1300 Hilltop Road

Leesport, PA 19533

Easy Does It, Inc. (Reading Facility)

Phone: 610-373-9550

Provides space for 12 step meetings, drug and alcohol free social events. Also holds meetings for AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, Alateen and social events.

647 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

Residential Facilities

ADAPPT

Phone: 610-478-8800

Group home residency that is designed to assist clients in acquiring basic life skills to cope in society.

428 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

Easy Does It – Leesport

Phone: 610-373-2463

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Transitional and permanent housing.

1300 Hilltop Road

Leesport, PA 19533

Easy Does It – Reading Facility

Phone: 610-373-9550

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free.

647 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

Freedom Gate Ministries

Phone: 610-750-5685

Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners.

131-133 S. 9th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hogar Crea**Phone: 610-372-8410**

18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for males.
302 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

New Person Ministries**Phone: 610-777-2222**

Transitional residence for men coming out from prison. This private Christian faith-based 3 month program screens candidates with an application process. Program fees require some assistance and/or employment.
PO Box 223
Shillington, PA 19607

Oxford House - Reading**Phone: 610-372-0631**

Group Home for recovering male substance abusers. New members must be approved by existing members.
1045 N. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Oxford House –East Reading

1806 Perkiomen Avenue
Reading, PA 19602

Teen Challenge Training Center, Inc.**Phone: 717-933-4181****Phone: 717-673-4219**

Long-term residential drug and alcohol treatment center.
33 Teen Challenge Road
PO Box 98
Rehrrsburg, PA 19550

YMCA of Reading and Berks County**Phone: 610-378-4736**

Group home settings for chemically dependent, homeless men and women. Must be a Berks County resident for at least 90 day prior to admittance and individuals with a history of arson, child abuse, sex and violent crimes are not permitted.
631 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Mental Health Treatment

Referral Agencies

Berks County MH/DD Program

Phone: 610-478-3271

Subcontracts with SAM to provide mental health and mental retardation programs to individuals eligible for services. Also subcontracts Community Care Behavioral Health and administers oversight with the Health Choices program.

633 Court Street; 8th Floor
Berks County Services Center
Reading, PA 19601

Service Access Management, Inc.

Phone: 610-236-0530

SAM provides intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. If you do not have private insurance and want to be evaluated for mental health services, you can schedule an appointment with SAM. SAM will then refer you to appropriate providers in the community. If you do have private insurance, you must schedule an evaluation thru your insurance provider SAM also provides case management services based on the assessment.

19 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance

Phone: 610-775-3000

Provides referral information and advocates for parents and children and those affect by mental health by asserting and protecting their rights. Provides peer support services and assists those on disability with managing their money and paying their bills.

1234 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Treatment Providers

Berks Counseling Center

Phone: 610-373-4281

Has mental health counseling and related services for children, adolescents and adults.

645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Child & Family Support Services, Inc.**Phone: 610-376-8558**

Provides therapy for adults, couples and families. Services include psychiatric evaluation/assessment, medication and stress and anger management.

4 South 4th Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Family Guidance Center**Phone: 610-374-4963**

Provides psychiatric services and medication management. Bilingual Services.

1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00pm
Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm

New Directions Treatment Services**Phone: 610-478-0646**

Licensed psychiatric outpatient services for adults and children. Provides psychiatric evaluation, medication management, psychotherapy and mental health services

20-22 N. 6th Avenue

West Reading, PA 19611

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday – Sunday, 7:00am to 10:00am

Mosaic House**Phone: 610-375-7840**

Psycho/Social rehabilitation center. Assists individuals with a MH/MR diagnosis with education and employment services for the purpose of job retention.

Provide independent living skills and socialization.

525 Franklin Street
Reading, PA 19601

Pennsylvania Counseling Services**Phone: 610-685-2188****Reading Psychiatric**

Provides outpatient mental health counseling as well as psychiatric and medication management services. Spanish-speaking services are available.

125 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Pennsylvania Counseling Services**Phone: 610-670-7270****Reading-Wyomissing**

Provides mental health counseling. Medical assistance is not accepted.

1733 Penn Avenue
Reading, PA 19609

Progressions

Phone: 610-375-7454

Outpatient MH/MR therapy for adults, family and children.

144 N. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Reading Hospital Medical Center

Phone: 610-988-8070

Provides inpatient and outpatient services as well as partial hospitalization programs for individuals experiencing psychiatric, emotional or behavioral health problems.

6th and Spruce Streets

West Reading, PA 19611

Health and Dental Services

Berks County State Health Center

Phone: 610-378-4377

Services include: tuberculosis treatment and diagnosis, communicable disease control and investigation and public information on PKU, SIDS, Animal Bite and Childhood Lead Poisoning Programs.

625 Cherry Street; Room 401
Reading, PA 19602

Berks Community Health Center

Berks Community Health Center offers a full array of primary and preventive health care services. Patients of all ages – from newborns through senior citizen – are seen by appointment by one of our board-certified family physicians or nurse practitioners. Clients should call or walk-in to schedule intake appointments to become patients. Clients can also walk in during urgent appointment hours for which are Monday-Thursday, 5pm-9pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm at the Penn Street location.

838 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

Phone: 610-988-4838

1040 Liggett Ave
Reading, PA 19611

Phone: 484-220-2955

430 North 2nd Street (in Opportunity House)
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-463-3263

Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Phone: 610-685-4520

TTY: 610-685-4525

Services include interpreting services, sign language classes and information regarding hearing aids and hearing aid assistance.

2045 Centre Avenue
Reading, PA 19605

Co-County Wellness Services**Phone: 610-375-6523**

Provides services that address risk behaviors for HIV/STD/HCV prevention, risk reduction, counseling, planning, testing and screening in addition to services for HIV positive individuals.

429 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: STD screenings are now by walk-ins on Mondays; appointments required Tuesdays and Thursdays. HIV testing is a walk-in clinic open Tuesdays from 11am to 7pm and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm.

Farias Health Care**Phone: 610-898-0766**

Medical services include new patient office visits, physicals, stick visits, follow-up appointments and injection. Payment is based on household income.

525 Penn Street

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Mondays-Fridays 8:30-4:30**Hispanic Center****Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.

501 Washington Street 1st Floor

Reading, PA 19601

Planned Parenthood of Northeast PA**Phone: 610-376-8061**

Provides education about safe sex, STD care and prevention, birth control and pregnancy tests to clients under the age of 18 (fee based on household income).

48 S. 4th Street

Reading, PA 19601

St. Joseph Medical Center**Phone: 610-378-2445**

Dental Clinic

145 N. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Salvation Army**Phone: 610-373-5208**

Assistance available for prescriptions when there are funds.

301 S. 5th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Western Berks Free Medical Clinic

Phone: 610-693-6207

www.wbfmc.net

Clinic is held at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church and meets the minor acute healthcare needs of people in the community who are uninsured and do not have financial means to pay for their medical care.

480 Big Spring Road
Robesonia, PA 19551

Hours: Open Wednesdays beginning at 6pm by appointments only – services available to the uninsured and under-insured in the Western part of Berks County. Women's Clinic: 3rd Tuesday of every month by appointment only.

Educational Resources

GED/ESL Related Assistance

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-376-7144

Provides GED and job training.
400 Washington Street Suite 100 Madison Bldg.
Reading, PA 19601

Even Start Family Literacy Program

Phone: 610-370-8540 ext. 60218

(Offered under the Reading Area School District) 484 258-7000

Offers ESL, Parenting skills, PACT and Child Development classes for residents in the Reading School District with children between the ages of 0-8.

ESL Class Locations

St. Mark UCC

211 W. Greenwich Street Reading
12:00pm

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-

Redeemed Christian Church

851 N. 11th Street Reading

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Hispanic Center

Phone: 610-376-3748

Provides list of appropriate agencies that offer ESL classes for people who would like to learn English as a second language.

501 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Literacy Council of Reading / Berks

Phone: 610-670-9960

Provides workplace foundation skills training as well as support, materials and linkage services for clients. Also offers ESL classes and one to one trainings to improve literacy skills and GED classes.

35 South Dwight Street
West Lawn, PA 19609

Reading Area Community College (RACC)

Phone: 610-372-4721

Provides ABE/GED/ESL classes and GED testing.

Extension: 5322

11 Riverfront Drive
Reading, PA 19602

United Community Services**Phone: 610-374-3319**

YouthBuild Program is available for individuals between the ages of 17-24 that do not have a GED or High School Diploma. Program provides individuals with GED and vocational education, work readiness and on-site construction experience and job placement. Individuals will need proper identification.

1251 N. Front Street
Reading, PA 19601

Wisdom 31**Phone: 610-373-5777**

Offers beginning intermediate and advanced ESL classes as well as citizenship classes.

640 Centre Avenue
Reading, PA 19601

Reading Opportunity Center**Phone: 484-258-7107 Ext. 60940**

Provides educational counseling on finding technical, training or college programs, finding financial aid and scholarships, career planning or obtaining your GED. Must be a United States citizen or legal resident of Reading or receive services in Reading. Must be 18 years or older.

800 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

Trade and Technology Schools/Programs**Berks County Career & Technology Center****Phone: 610-374-4073**

Areas of Study: Graphic Imaging Technology, Advertising, Photo Imaging, Building Construction Occupations, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Drafting Design Technology, Electrical Occupations, HVAC, Masonry, Painting & Decorating, Plumbing & Heating, Dental & Health Occupations, Information Technology, Welding, Robotics & Automation Technology, Computerize Machining Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Protective Services, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Heavy Equipment Technology, Automotive Collision Repair

1057 County Road
Leesport, PA 19533

Eligibility Requirements: Cannot accept anyone in day-time curriculum with a criminal record due to high school youth attendance during the day.

Berks Technical Institute**Phone: 610-372-1722**

Areas of Study: CDL Training/Class A Tractor Trailer, Internet/Networking Engineering, Network Internet Professional, Drafting Technology, Paralegal, Medical Assisting Training Programs, Massage Therapy, Business Administration, Graphic Design, Criminal Justice, Dental Assisting Programs, Health & Medical Records Management, Medical Billing & Coding, Medical Office Assistant

2205 Ridgewood Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610

I-Lead**Phone: 610-624-3712**

Provides Associates Degree in Human Services.

401 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Reading Area Community College (RACC)**Phone: 610-372-4721**

See website for complete listing of programs offered.

www.racc.edu

10 S. 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19603

RACC Schmidt Training and Technology Center Phone: 610-372-4721

Areas of Study: A variety of manufacturing technology programs including SimWelding Program, Electrical Machines Systems, CNC Operators and Milling, Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Robotics and Automated Systems, Water and Waste Management Treatment Programs, Information Technology Programs and Business Solutions

10 S. 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19603

Family and Parenting Resources

Berks Community Action Program

Phone: 610-376-6571

Fatherhood Initiative Program – Fathers learn values and responsibility. Family Center and parenting classes also available.

645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

BCIU – Berks County Intermediate Unit

Phone: 610-987-2248

Phone: 610-926-8454

Provides subsidized childcare for those who are unable to afford it. Call to get on the waiting list. Comprehensive Preschool Education Center Based Program for children between 3-5 years of age.

1111 Commons Boulevard
PO Box 16050
Reading, PA 19605

Even Start Family Literacy Program

Phone: 484-258-7000

Offers ESL, Parenting skills, PACT and Child Development classes for residents in the Reading School District with children between the ages of 0-8.

Second Street Learning Center (Opportunity House)

Phone: 610-374-4696, ext. 242

Accepts childcare subsidies and assists with subsidy enrollment paperwork. Accepts children age 6 weeks to 13 years of age with special needs (depending on the severity).

430 N. 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19601

Mary's Shelter

Phone: 610-376-1973

Offers pre-natal care and child care. Also provides parenting, relational and housekeeping skills. Partnering with the diaper bank.

(Register through the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness.)

736 Upland Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-376-7144

Assist with adoption services.
400 Washington Street Suite 100
Madison Bldg.
Reading, PA 19601

Community Support

New Road Ministry

Phone: 610-373-3907

Conducted by churches of Berks in partnership with Reading Berks Conference of Churches. Anyone is invited who has had a detour through the justice system and seeks to rebuild their life. Family members are welcome for support. Each week participants take part in interactive coaching centering of life topics and fellowship around a family-style meal. There is a focus on healthy relationships with family, others and God. This is a safe place to learn, grow and become part of a community.

Meeting Location:

Hopewell Mennonite Church

6th & Cherry Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Thursday's beginning at 5:45pm

Family & Friends Coping with Incarceration Support Group (FFCI)

BCPS staff and volunteers lead a monthly support group specifically for the families and friends of individuals who are incarcerated, on probation or parole or currently involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system. FFCI is designed to provide mutual support in a non-judgmental, confidential environment. Members will have a safe place to discuss frustrations and concerns with others who are struggling with similar issues. For many, navigating the criminal justice system can be overwhelming. Hearing others share about their experience can offer greater understanding and clarification.

FFCI meets the 1st Thursday of each month from 7-9pm. For more information and meeting location, please contact Michelle at 610-478-6920 ext. 3926.

Domestic Violence Resources

SAFE BERKS

Phone: 610-373-1206

24/7 Bilingual Hotline: (844) 789-SAFE (7233)

TEXT 24/7@ SAFE BERKS to 20121

Domestic and sexual violence center providing individual counseling, advocacy services, case management, shelter and safety to victims of abuse and their families. Also offers a Safe House for 26 women and children for up to 30 days.

255 Chestnut Street
Reading, PA 19602

Commonwealth Clinical Group

Phone: 717-393-3900

Offers evaluation and treatment to adults and adolescents. Program provides group, individual and family counseling.

450 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Legal Assistance

Berks County Bar Association

Phone: 610-375-4591

Lawyer Referral Service
544 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.BerksBar.com

Berks County Clerk of Courts

Phone: 610-478-6550

Access your record and pay criminal case fines and costs.
Berks County Courthouse – 4th Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.co.berks.pa.us

Hispanic Center

Phone: 610-376-3748

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.
501 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Mid-Penn Legal Services

Phone: 1-800-326-9177

Provides legal services in the following areas: Barriers to Employment, Custody, Domestic Violence, Debt Collection, Housing (including landlord/tenant issues and utility issues), SSI/SSD, unemployment, wage claims and welfare issues. New clients call the above number between 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Existing clients should call 610-376-8656 to inquire about their case.
501 Washington Street – 4th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Pennsylvania Prison Society

Phone: 215-564-4775

Reviews prison conditions and provides assistance with inmate rights and advocacy services.
245 N. Broad Street; Suite 200
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Financial and Budgeting Assistance

Berks Community Action Program

Phone: 610-376-6571

Occasionally offers budgeting assistance/credit repair and tax assistance.

645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Register to Vote

As an ex-offender you are generally legally eligible to vote in Pennsylvania unless you have been convicted of a felony AND are under Court-ordered supervision because of the felony conviction. You can find more information about your voting rights and how to vote on the Pennsylvania Department of State's Votes PA website at:

www.VotesPA.com

You can pick up voting materials at most libraries and post offices and can receive additional information and assistance at the Berks County Election Services Department:

Berks County Election Services

Phone: 610-478-6490

Berks County Services Center – 1st Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.co.berks.pa.us

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