

Bridgeport Reentry Resource Guide



**Bridgeport
Reentry Collaborative
Fourth Edition**

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.

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Bienvenidos a Casa!

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

Ostros 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.

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Reentry Points

Career Resources/Reentry Works

350 Fairfield Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203) 610-6209

www.careerresources.org

Job leads, education, work readiness. Preparing youth and adults in SW Connecticut to gain employment and progress in their careers.



Dress For Success

350 Fairfield Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203) 334-5627

www.careerresources.org

Gently used professional attire for women only. STRIVE job readiness program.



The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport CO-OP Center

1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A,
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Phone: (203) 367-8441

www.ccgb.org/coop.htm

Monday-Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm

Short/long term reentry services for DOC/EOS referrals for men women.



Family Reentry

75 Washington Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 362-2452

www.familyreentry.org

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



- **Fresh Start Reentry Program:**

Employment counseling, case management, basic needs support and mentoring.

- **Beacon Mentoring Program:**

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

- **Behavioral Health Program:**

Substance abuse, anger management and mental health treatment.

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

- **Women of Change**

Preparing incarcerated women for life after release.

1. FOOD

Golden Hill United Methodist Church

210 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 336-0152

www.gbgm-umc.org

Serves Wednesdays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm



The Salvation Army

30 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203)334-0995

www.salvationarmy.org

Serves: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; Kitchen-Sun & Tues-Thurs, no specific times, please call.



Bridgeport Rescue Mission

1088 Fairfield Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Phone: (203) 333-4087

www.bridgeportrescuemission.org

Serves: Kitchen, Mon-Sat, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm;

Pantry, Mon-Thurs, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm;

Mobile, Mon-Sat, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm



The Thomas Merton Family Center

43 Madison Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 367-9036

Serves: Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm; Sat, 11:00 am to Noon



2. CLOTHING

The Salvation Army

30 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203)334-0995

www.salvationarmy.org

Gently used clothing.



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Bridgeport, CT 06605
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Life Bridge

475 Clinton Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605
Phone: (203) 368-4291
www.lifebridgect.org
Gently used clothing.



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3. HOUSING

YMCA-Central Connecticut Coast Alpha House

387 Clinton Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605
Phone: (203) 366-2809
www.cccymca.org



Emergency family shelter through the Families-in-Transition program.

Homes for the Brave

655 Park Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 338-0669

www.homesforthebrave.org

Transitional living program for homeless veterans.



Operation Hope

50 Nichols Street

Fairfield, CT 06824

Phone: (203) 254-2935

www.operationhopect.org

Homeless shelter for men, women, and women with children.



Bridgeport Rescue Mission

1088 Fairfield Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Phone: (203) 333-4087

www.bridgeportrescuemission.org

Overnight emergency shelter for men; new life discipleship program for men and women.



Prospect House

329 Prospect Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 576-9041

Transitional homeless shelter for single men and women.



4. TRANSPORTATION

CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A

Bridgeport, CT 06610

Phone: (203) 367-8441

www.ccgb.org/coop.htm

Bus tokens and train fares.



Family Reentry

75 Washington Ave. #3

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 576-6924

www.familyreentry.org

Bus tokens and train fares.



5. EDUCATION

Housatonic Community College

900 Lafayette Blvd.,

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 332-5000

www.hctc.commnet.edu

2-year associate degree, certificate-based programs.



Bridgeport Adult Education Department

Central High School

1 Lincoln Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06606

Phone: (203) 576-7374

www.bridgeportedu.com

GED classes and testing center.

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CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A

Bridgeport, CT 06610

Phone: (203) 367-8441

www.ccgb.org/coop.htm

GED prep classes, computer training, assistance for local community college courses.

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Career Resources

STRIVE

350 Fairfield Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 334-5627

www.careerresources.org

GED/ ABE classes, DIGITAL LITERACY courses, and STRIVE 3-week intensive employment readiness program.

ALL
ROUTES

Mercy Learning Center

637 Park Ave.

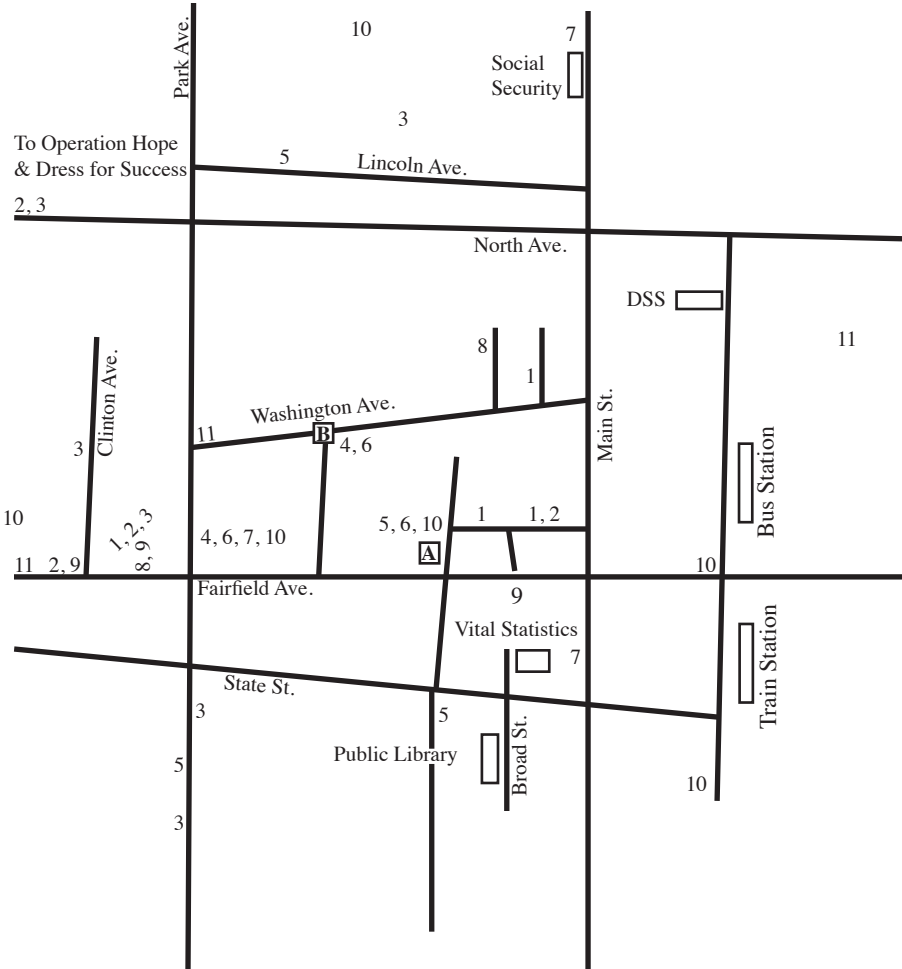
Bridgeport, CT 06604

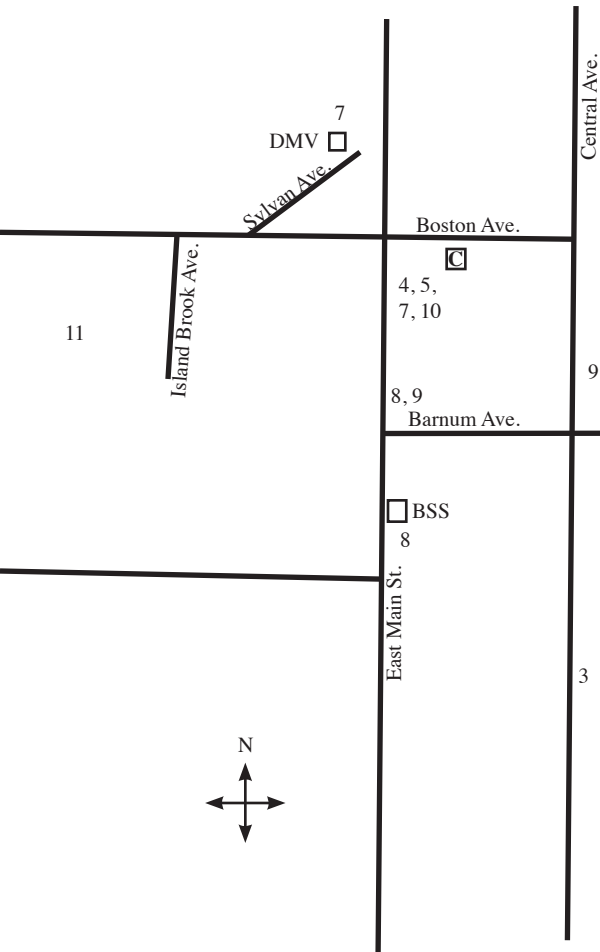
Phone: (203) 334-6699

www.mercylearningcenter.org

Life skills/education programs for women only.

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 Career Resources
 350 Fairfield Ave.

B.
 Family Reentry/ FreshStart/
 Women of Change
 75 Washington Ave.

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

6. EMPLOYMENT

CT Works One Stop Career Center

2 Lafayette Square
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Phone: (203) 455-2700
www.ctdol.state.ct.us



A comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of workers and employers.

CT DOL/Office for Veterans' Workforce Development

2 Lafayette Blvd.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203) 455-2711
www.ctvets.org



All veterans' needs including training and employment.

Family Reentry

75 Washington Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203) 362-2452
www.familyreentry.org



Vocational/educational planning.

7. IDENTIFICATION

CO-OP Center/ The Council of Churches

1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A

Bridgeport, CT 06610

Phone: (203) 367-8441

www.ccgb.org/coop.htm

Assistance in obtaining legal identification, essential to entitlements.



Department of Motor Vehicle

95 Sylvan Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06606

Phone: (860) 263-5700

www.ct.gov/dmv/

CT state driver's license and identification card.



Vital Statistics

999 Broad St.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 576-7477

Bridgeport, CT birth, death, and marriage records.



Social Security Department

3885 Main St.

Bridgeport, CT 06606

Phone: (203) 365-8452

Social Security card, SSI, SSD entitlements.



8. HEALTH CARE

Bridgeport Department of Social Services Health Department

752 East Main St.

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Phone: (203) 576-7680

Health insurance application through SAGA
and food stamps.



Americares

115 Highland Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 333-9175

www.americares.org

Free clinic. Delivering medicine and health care to those in
need.



Southwest Community Health Center

968 Fairfield Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Phone: (203) 330-6000

www.swch.org

Community outreach, health education/disease, mental health,
prevention programs, and entitlement enrollment services.



OPTIMUS

982 East Main St.
Bridgeport, CT 06608-2409
Phone: (203) 696-3260
www.bridgeportchc.org



Outpatient health care for the entire family, pre-natal through geriatric services, and mental health.

9. MENTAL HEALTH

Bridgeport Mental Health

1635 Central Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Phone: (203) 551-7400
www.ct.gov



Outpatient and inpatient mental health services for insured and uninsured.

CT Renaissance

1120 Main St.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203) 367-6827
www.ctrenaissance.com



Treatment of psychiatric disorders and/or co-occurring substance abuse and psychiatric disorders.

Life Bridge

475 Clinton Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Phone: (203) 368-4291

www.lifebridge.org

Group and individual counseling, self-support skills and economic self-sufficiency.



Recovery Network of Programs

425 Grant St., Suite A

Bridgeport, CT 06610

Phone: (203) 416-1915

www.recovery-programs.org

Detoxification, Methadone Maintenance, Suboxone, Residential/Intensive Out-Patient.



Bridgeport Recovery Community Center

49 Cannon Street (rear courtyard)

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone/Web: (203) 332-3303 www.ccar.us

Recovery community center, Telephone Recovery Support, Recovery coaching, Recovery housing database, smoking cessation.



DMHAS

97 Middle St.

Bridgeport, CT 06610

Phone: (203) 579-7444

CT Offender Reentry Program (CORP), mental health diagnosis at Garner, Osborne, and York CI.



10. CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCES

DCF-Family and Children Association

180 Fairfield Ave # 1

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (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 Ave., Bldg 5A

Bridgeport, CT 06610

Phone: (203) 367-8441

www.ccgb.org/janushouse.htm

Assists youth facing serious problems with their families, schools, or the juvenile court.



The Center for Family Justice

753 Fairfield Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 334-6154

www.centerforfamilyjustice.org

Domestic Violence and sexual assault services for women.



Fathers for Life/ Families for Life

Career Resources

350 Fairfield Ave., 3rd Floor

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Phone: (203) 953-3269

www.careerresources.org

Separate group sessions for parenting and life skills for couples and parents.



Catholic Charities of Fairfield County

238 Jewett Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06606

Phone: (203) 416-1322

www.bridgeportdiocese.com/catholiccharities

Direct services/case management, mental health, family counseling to needy people of all faiths.



Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition

2470 Fairfield Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06605

Phone/web: (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 Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06606

Phone: (203) 696-1323

Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC)

Services for people referred by the courts, probation and parole only. Services include employment assistance, cognitive restructuring, and substance abuse groups.



STRIDE

742 Upper Maple Street/ Quinebaug Valley CC

Danielson, CT 06239

Phone: (860) 412-7320

www.qvcc.comment.edu/STRIDE/index.html

STRIDE is a transitional support workforce development program that serves a targeted group of incarcerated men and women both pre- and post-release from Bridgeport Correctional Center.

The CT Pardon Team, Inc.

Toll Free Phone (866) 251-3810

www.connecticutpardonteam.org

Provides information and step-by-step assistance to individuals incompleting and filing a CT pardon application.

ABCD, Inc.

1070 Park Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

www.abcd.org

Energy Assistance

All applicants must apply in person.

Appointments can be made by calling (203) 384-6904.

All applicants must provide proof of income for all household members for the four weeks immediately prior to application date.



Additional resources can be located through:

- www.211ct.org
- INFOLINE, Phone: 2-1-1
- www.ct.gov
- Any public library branch

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