

Resource Guide



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THE FRESH START @ YOUR LIBRARY PROGRAM

Citizens returning to communities from incarceration face numerous challenges to reconnecting with community resources after release. In response to these challenges and between 2019-2021, the New Jersey State Library, an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University, operated *Reconnecting Returning Citizens with their Communities at Public Libraries* (later renamed Fresh Start @ Your Library). The program was built on a solid service model developed and implemented by New Jersey's Long Branch Public Library, the original Fresh Start @ Your Library location. A collaborative project, it brings together library staff, the New Jersey State Parole Board, local Reentry Task Forces, local nonprofits, government agencies and businesses to address the needs of returning citizens.

Project staff provided assistance to returning citizens in pursuing educational goals and in job search and application at six public library locations in New Jersey. This **Resource Guide** grew out of the implementation of *Reconnecting Returning Citizens*; it offers housing, clothing and food support resources together with valuable information on how to utilize the resources.

The project was supported in part by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services with in-kind contributions from eight library partners, the New Jersey State Parole Board, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The program owes its success to the finely tuned model developed by the Long Branch Public Library.

PATERSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

IN-PERSON

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER offers a variety of programs, all FREE of charge. If you think you could benefit from help in English as a second language (ESL), family literacy, reading or basic math, or job and career services, contact Alex D'Yan at 973-321-1223 ext. 2296 or Dyan@patersonpl.org.

ONLINE

TUTOR.COM provides one-on-one, online, real-time tutoring for adult learners and students from K-12. Tutors are available from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. every day. All other resources are available 24/7. A Paterson library card is necessary to access this resource.

LEARNINGEXPRESS LIBRARY offers online tutorials for learning computer skills, job readiness, personal success, and academic success skills.

ROSETTA STONE allows you to learn over 30 languages for free!

GENERAL SUPPORT

NJ 2-1-1 is a database that has over 10,000 local programs and services that are available to you.

Phone: 1-877-652-1148

Website: <https://www.nj211.org>



*Text your zip code to 898211

NJHELPS will help you find out if you are eligible for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health insurance (Medicaid/NJ Family Care). See below for information about applying for each of these programs.

For more information, visit: <https://www.njhelps.org>.



VISIT YOUR LOCAL FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER

Cost: \$0

What to Bring: Identification

Where to go:

New Destiny
79 Ellison Street
Paterson, NJ 07505
Phone: 973-278-0220
Email: info@newdestinyfsc.org
Website:
<https://newdestinyfsc.org>

Straight & Narrow
101 Cedar Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
Phone: 973-333-6240
Email: info@ccpaterson.org
Website: <https://www.ccpaterson.org/FSC>

What they offer:

- Access to information on child, maternal, and family health services, economic
- Housing services
- Parent education
- Parent-child activities
- Information and referral services (connection to off-site public and private resources)

self-sufficiency, and job
readiness

- Advocacy

- Life skills training

IDENTIFICATION

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Cost: \$25

What to bring: Photo identification (release papers are acceptable); names of both parents, including mother's maiden name; clear photocopy of your I.D.

Where to go:

Office of Vital Statistics
176 Broadway
Paterson, NJ 07505

Phone: 973-321-1277 ext. 2699

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Cost: \$25

What to bring: Photo identification (release papers are acceptable); names of both parents, including mother's maiden name; clear photocopy of your I.D.

Where to go:

Office of Vital Statistics
176 Broadway
Paterson, NJ 07505

Phone: 973-321-1277 ext. 2699

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OR CITIZENSHIP

Cost: \$0

What to bring: Completed Form N-565

Where to go:

Application Support Center
116 Kansas Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Phone: 1-800-375-5283

Immigration & American Citizenship
Association

651 Main Avenue

Passaic, NJ 07055

Phone: 973-472-4648

*Before going to immigration, if you have any questions of your citizenship status, call Legal Services of New Jersey at 1-888-576-5529. For online requests, visit: <https://www.vitalchek.com/>.

*The City of Paterson uses an outside company to process birth certificate requests online.

GREEN CARD/ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD

Cost: \$260 for green card replacement

What to bring: Completed I-90 Form

Where to go:

US Citizenship & Immigration Service
Peter Rodino Federal Building

DRIVER'S LICENSE

To request a copy of your driving record (abstract), visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/>

Cost: \$15 abstract; \$11 license replacement fee; \$100 license restoration fee

What to Bring: Birth certificate, passport or current license and 2 other forms of identification, including: social security card, bank statement, ATM card, expired license, veteran affairs photo I.D.

Where to go:

125 Broadway, Suite 201
Paterson, NJ 07505

Phone: 609-292-6500

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (closed Mondays)

What they offer: Driver conferences, driver records (issuances and inquiries), points and surcharge (inquiries), suspensions and restorations.

MVC suspension and restoration hotlines:

Phone: 609-292-7500

Website: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/suspension.htm>

970 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

VETERANS' SERVICES

MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS & VETERAN'S BENEFITS

To request personnel records, visit: www.vetrecs.archives.gov

Cost: \$0

What to bring: Completed Form SF-180

Where to go:

Veterans Benefit Administration &
Essex County Veterans Service Office
20 Washington Pl., 3rd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: 973-297-3336

S.O.S. Veterans Drop-In Center
173 Ramsey Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
Phone: 973-279-7100

HEALTHCARE

Paterson Outpatient Clinic

11 Getty Ave
Paterson, NJ 07503
Phone: 973-247-1666

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

VISIT YOUR ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER

Cost: \$0

What to Bring: List of education, work and volunteer experience, or resume draft.

Where to go:

Passaic County One Stop Center

Memorial Drive

Paterson, NJ 07505

Phone: 973-340-3400

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Website: <http://pcwdc.org>

What they offer: Job search assistance, training and education assistance, an on-site resource rooms.

VISIT POPULAR JOB SEARCH WEBSITES

- Indeed: www.indeed.com
- Monster: www.monster.com
- Google Careers: <https://careers.google.com/jobs>

National H.I.R.E. (Helping Individuals with Criminal Records Reenter through Employment)

Network: www.hirenetwork.org

- State and local community resources
- Information on improving your employment prospects
- Updates on laws and practices that affect you

* You must register on their website for a free membership to access many of the resources.

70 Million Jobs: <https://www.70millionjobs.com/>

This site was created by a formerly incarcerated person to help returning citizens find jobs.

- Job listings
- Resume help
- Apply for jobs directly through site

Help for Felons: <https://helpforfelons.org/temp-agencies-that-hire-felons>

Listings of employers who have a history of hiring people with criminal records.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Passaic County Business Resource Guide

This guide includes the contact information for agencies and organizations that are focused on helping people start and grow small businesses. <https://ucedc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PASSAIC-COUNTY.pdf>

BANKING

OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT OR PREPAID DEBT ACCOUNT

Cost: \$0

What to Bring: Picture I.D., proof of address, birth certificate, and a social security card.

Where to go: Any local bank. Below are banks that have special accounts that might appeal to returning citizens.

PREPAID DEBIT ACCOUNTS (no credit check required):

- Bluebird: <https://bluebird.com>
- Chime: <http://chimebank.com>
- Walmart Money Card Visa: <https://walmartmoneycard.com>

BANK OF AMERICA – SAFE BALANCE BANKING® ACCOUNT

- Open account with \$25
- \$4.95 monthly service fee
- No overdraft fees, decline transactions
- No check writing privilege

TD BANK – TD SIMPLE CHECKING

- No minimum deposit to open
- No minimum balance
- \$5.99 monthly service fee

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Cost: \$0

What to Bring: varies by location

HOT MEALS

Eva's Kitchen

393 Main Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-279-0783

Hours: Sunday – Saturday 11:30 a.m.

Oasis: A Haven for Women & Children

59 Mill Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-754-4575

*Breakfast and lunch served daily.

Coffee Pot Ministry - St. Phillip's

9 North 1st Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-720-9127

Hours: Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.,

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.,

Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRIES

CUMAC/Echo

223 Ellison Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-742-5518

Father English Food Pantry (The People's Choice)

435 Main Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-881-0127

Hours: Monday – Friday,

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

God's Holiness & Righteousness Church

55 17th Avenue, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-278-8365

Hours: Once a month, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

& 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Call for date of the month.

True Witness Church of Jesus Christ

234 Godwin Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-333-5054 or 973-569-3417

Hours: Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 pm

Deliverance Holy Tabernacle Food Pantry

2 Barnet Place, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-595-1624

Hours: Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.,

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday,

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Must bring I.D., proof of income, address, and children.

Concerned Parents for Head Start

87-99 Clinton Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-754-7417

Hours: Monday – Friday,

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Creech Community Food Pantry

221 Hamilton Avenue, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 201-757-7516

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday,

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,

reopens 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Salvation Army

550 Main Street, Passaic, NJ

Phone: 973-779-1155

Hours: Monday – Friday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

Catholic Family and Community Services

24 De Grasses Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-279-7100

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

*By appointment only.

New Christian Missionary Baptist Food Pantry

16-18 Bridge Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-279-4118

Hours: Every 2nd Saturday

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SPCDC Food Pantry

456 Van Houten Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-754-4575

Congregation of Yahweh Temple Shalom

586 Main Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-931-7324

Hispanic Multi-Purpose Center

911 East 23rd Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-684-3320

Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
1:00p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Love of Jesus Food Pantry

385 Broadway, Paterson, NJ

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Madison Avenue Cross Roads Food Pantry

498 Madison, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-278-5627

Hours: Monday – Friday,
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Proof of income & address, I.D. and all documents must be current.

Madison Park Epworth

66 Bloomfield Avenue, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-279-9446

Hours: Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Community Outreach Service Inc.

185 6th Avenue, Suite 11, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-341-9985

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

NJ HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

Find rentals, temporary housing, and homes for sale.

Website: <https://www.state.nj.us/njhrc/>

Cost: \$0

What to Bring: Identification

TEMPORARY HOUSING

MEN

Good Shepherd Mission
336 Broadway, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-742-9244

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Referrals only

St. Paul's Shelter
449-456 Van Houten Street, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-278-7900

Eva's Sheltering Program (for Men)
389 Main Street, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-247-0143
Hours: 24/7

FAMILY

Hispanic Multi-Purpose Service Center
911 E. 23rd Street, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-684-3320

Hilltop Haven Family Shelter
36-38 Circle Avenue, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-279-2333

WOMEN

Eva's Women's Shelter
31 Jackson Street, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-279-1004

WOMEN & CHILDREN

Passaic County Women's Center
P.O. Box 244, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-881-1450
*24/7 hotline

Eva's Hope Residence for Mothers & Children
25 Jackson Street, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-742-2302

Mother's Vineyard
33 Holsman Street, Paterson, NJ
Phone: 973-720-9127
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Strengthen Our Sisters
198 Lincoln Avenue, West Milford, NJ
Phone: 973-728-2506
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, &
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

RENT & HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Housing Authority of Paterson

60 Van Houten Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-345-5080

The Place of Promise Permanent Supportive Housing Program

64 Clinton Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-720-9127

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Men & Women with disabilities only.

Passaic County Public Housing Agency

100 Hamilton Plaza, Suite 510, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-881-4369

YWCA of Paterson

128 Ward Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-684-2320 ext. 23

Hispanic Multi-Purpose Service Center

911 East 23rd Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-684-3320

HEALTHCARE

APPLY FOR TANF/SNAP/GA OR MEDICAID

Cost: \$0

What to Bring: Photo I.D., social security number, proof of any income, proof residence, proof of financial resources (bank statement, credit card statement, etc.), Visa, green card or immigration papers if you are not a citizen.

Where to go:

Passaic County Board of Social Services
80 Hamilton Street, Paterson, NJ 07505

Phone: 973-881-0100

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Website: <http://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us>

What they offer: Debit cards to purchase food, cash assistance for eligible adults and families, and Medicaid enrollment.

*If you were convicted of an offense involving distribution or sale of drugs after August 22, 1996, you cannot receive cash benefits under GA or TANF.

HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE

If you are not eligible for Medicaid, visit the Healthcare Marketplace to find affordable health insurance options.

Phone: 1-800-318-2596

Website: www.healthcare.gov

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

Paterson Community Health Center

32 Clinton Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-790-6594

What they offer: obstetrics & gynecology, pediatrics, adult medical & dental services

Cost: Sliding scale depending on income; Medicaid, private insurance

Paterson Community Health Center

227 Broadway, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-278-2600

What they offer: obstetrics & gynecology, pediatrics, adult medical & dental services

Cost: Sliding scale depending on income; Medicaid, private insurance income

Planned Parenthood

680 Broadway, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-345-3883

What they offer: men's healthcare & women's healthcare, pregnancy and abortion testing services, HIV testing, birth control.

Cost: sliding scale, Medicaid, payment plans, private insurance

St. Joseph's Health Outpatient Clinic

11 Getty Avenue, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-753-4200

What they offer: men's healthcare & women's healthcare, pediatrics

Cost: sliding scale, Medicaid, payment plans, private insurance

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ReachNJ: 24/7 helpline for New Jersey residents affected by a substance abuse addiction

Phone: 844-732-2465

Passaic County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services

401 Grand Street, Room 417, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-881-2834

What they offer: mental health counseling and addiction treatment

Recovery Center at Eva's Village

393 Main Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-754-6784

What they offer: addiction treatment

Options Counseling Center

9 West Broadway, 3rd floor, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-345-1883

What they offer: mental health counseling and addiction treatment

Turning Point, Inc.

680 Broadway, Suite 104, Paterson, New Jersey

Phone: 973-841-4128

What they offer: addiction treatment

True Care Mental Health Clinic

9 W Broadway, Floor 2, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-977-2000

What they offer: mental health counseling

Paterson Counseling Center

319 Main Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-523-8316

What they offer: mental health counseling

St. Joseph's Hospital (Harbor House)

122 Barclay Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-3415-2830

What they offer: mental health counseling

Straight & Narrow

508 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-345-6000

What they offer: addiction treatment

St. Joseph's Hospital Mental Health Clinic

56 Hamilton Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-754-4750

What they offer: mental health counseling

C-Line Counseling Center

680 Broadway Suite 514, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-782-4828

What they offer: mental health counseling and addiction treatment

Care Plus NJ Inc.

680 Broadway, Suite 104, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-278-4870

What they offer: mental health counseling

EDUCATION & TRAINING

HIGHER EDUCATION

Passaic County College

1 College Boulevard

Paterson, NJ, 07505

Phone: 973-684-6464

What they offer: Free tuition to earn an associate's degree for eligible students via the Community College Opportunity Grant:

Thomas Edison State University (TESU)

111 W. State Street

Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: 609-777-5680

What they offer: Earn a bachelor's or master's degree through online or distance learning.

TRAINING

Paterson Taskforce for Community Action

109 Washington Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-279-2333

What they offer: computer & technology, commercial driver's license, culinary skills

Passaic County One Stop Center

Memorial Drive, Paterson, NJ 07505

Phone: 973-340-3400 **What they offer:** customized trainings, occupational skills training, pre-vocational training, on-the-job training programs

Greater Paterson OIC

175 Market Street, Suite 400, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-881-0540

What the offer: business and technology training, literacy and GED training, workshops such as parenting and mentoring, dress for success, transportation assistance

Culinary School at Eva's Village

393 Main Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-523-6220 ext. 253

What they offer: introduction to culinary arts/breakfast cookery, buffet prep/short order cooking, introduction to baking and pastry arts

Next Step Workforce Development

St. Paul's Community Development Corporation
301 Main St Center City Mall, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973- 232-1339

What they offer: training in efficient building maintenance, carpentry/construction, culinary arts

Paterson Adult & Continuing Education Center

151 Ellison Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-321-0760

Hispanic Multi-Purpose Service Center

911 East 23rd Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-684-3320

What they offer: employment services, mentoring

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Passaic County Legal Aid Society

175 Market Street, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-345-7171

What they offer: help with legal issues related to expungement, housing, family and public benefits

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services

Passaic County Office

152 Market Street, 6th Floor, Paterson, NJ

Phone: 973-523-2900

What they offer: help with legal issues related to expungement, housing, family and public benefits

REENTRY SERVICES

NJ Reentry Corporation

66 Hamilton Street, Suite 201
Paterson, New Jersey 07505
Phone: 551-256-9062

Kintock Adult Community Resource Center (CRC)

219 Ellison Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
Phone: 973-825-7040

Another Chance Mentor Project

200 Memorial Drive, Room 125,
Paterson, NJ 07505
Phone: 973-345-7537

The Reentry Program at St. Luke - CDC

305 Broadway
Paterson, NJ 07501
Phone: 973-345-4309 ext. 18

H.O.P.E. CENTER

326 Ellison St
Paterson, NJ 07501
Phone: 201-646-1995

YOUR CHECKLIST FOR A FRESH START

	I DON'T NEED IT	I NEED IT	I HAVE IT
Email Account			
Social Security Card			
Birth Certificate			
Driver's License or State I.D.			
Green Card			
Military Discharge Papers			
Bank Account			
SNAP/TANF/GA			
Employment			
Health Insurance			
Housing			
Planner or Calendar App			
Library Card			
High School Diploma/GED			