

Fair Shake Mission

Fair Shake is dedicated to reducing the recidivism rate through personal and community focused ownership and engagement opportunities for inmates and former felons in connection with families, employers, property managers, corrections and the community.

Why Fair Shake?

Walking away from prison and returning to the community is just the first step in restarting your life after incarceration. From there any number of overwhelming challenges may occur. This could include finding employment and securing housing, paying restitution or fines, and developing and restoring relationships. Central to all of these challenges, and all too often overlooked or ignored, is developing and sustaining your self-confidence, your motivation and your determination, and discovering or maintaining a positive outlook. The challenges can then amplify when coupled with adjusting from the low-tech isolation of prison into today's often overwhelming, yet essential, electronic world!

Fair Shake sees the value in all of these pursuits and has developed an interactive blend of electronic tools combined with reentry, education and employment resources, to help you develop your reentry plan. We offer non-traditional assistance focusing on responsibility, tenacity, positive and realistic thinking and self-empowerment to support your pro-social commitments to engage in society, technology and employment. Fair Shake encourages formerly and currently incarcerated people, and related stakeholders, to participate in your successful reentry.



Other Stakeholders Important to Reentry

Check out the resources and benefits we've pulled together for other stakeholder groups who can also support your reentry success!

- Family and Friends
- Community
- Corrections and Reentry Professionals
- Employers
- Property Managers

Learn more!

www.fairshake.net

Find Fair Shake Online

Step 1:

Find a computer. Public libraries have free computers with internet access. Restaurants, cafes, and many other businesses offer free internet access for customers who bring their own computers.

Step 2:

Open Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Step 3:

Move the arrow to the address bar (the http:// area). Click once, press backspace and type www.fairshake.net. Then press the Enter key.



Write to us to request a Free Reentry Packet

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National Web-based Reentry Resource Center



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Prisoner Reentry Affects Us All
It's Time to Stop The Revolving Door

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Fair Shake offers the following FREE Benefits

Transition Considerations

Reentry Checklists

Ownership Manual

Document and Photo Storage

Member Card

Personal Web Page

Resource Directory

Building Computer Skills

Education Support

Employment Support

Transition Considerations

- ▶ Preparing for Release Checklists
- ▶ Ownership Manual
- ▶ Culture Shock!
- ▶ Developing Relationships
- ▶ Resisting Influence by Dr. Philip Zimbardo
- ▶ Tips for dealing with:
 - Transition
 - Depression
 - Motivation
 - Rejection
 - Frustration
 - Anger

Free Fair Shake Member Tools

- ▶ Resource Directory
 - Employment links, job training programs, housing assistance, family services, health care, food assistance, voting rights, volunteer opportunities and more.
- ▶ Office in the Clouds:
 - Personal Web Page
 - Member Card
 - Email
 - Document and Photo Storage
- ▶ Tutorials for Our Tools
 - Member Email
 - Resource Directory
 - Documents and Photos
 - Personal Web Page
 - Website Quick Start Guide

Employment and Education Support

- ▶ Employment Support
 - Including resume writing, sample interview questions, interview questions for you to ask, accomplishment and skills worksheet, and other employment tips.
- ▶ Educate Yourself
 - Education Basics
 - Life Skills
 - Higher Education
 - Employment Skills
- ▶ Build Computer Skills
- ▶ Information for Employers - Help Them Hire You!
 - Links to Bonding and Tax Credit Information
 - Value of the Personal Web Page
- ▶ Employment and Training Resources