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Employment	Birth Certificate	You need your birth certificate to get your driver's license. Apply for yours while you are incarcerated, if possible, as it may take a few weeks to process.	Contact the courthouse in the city where you were born or find it through the Centers for Disease Control directory.	www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm
	Social Security Card	Necessary for employment. You can apply for this while you are still incarcerated.	Write to: Social Security Administration Office of Public Inquiries Windsor Park Building 6401 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21235	www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/
	English Literacy	Now is a great time to brush up on your English skills. Practice speaking without prison slang.	Build your vocabulary by reading books, magazines and newspapers!	www.fairshake.net/educate-yourself/
	Fair Shake Reentry Packet	Review employment-related documents including: sample job application, interview questions and tools for building your resume.	Family, friends and/or corrections folks can create your unique packet on the Fair Shake website.	www.fairshake.net/reentry-resources/reentry-packet/
	Resume	You never get a second chance to make a first impression.	Use Fair Shake's resume guide to prepare your resume.	www.fairshake.net/pdf/resume_guide.pdf
Housing	A bed with a roof	Will you be able to stay with family or friends?	Not Available	Not Available
	Salvation Army	Salvation Army programs vary with local needs, from overnight lodging and family assistance to educational services.	For information on specific programs contact your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center through our Resource Directory!	www.salvationarmyusa.org
Family and Friends	Parenting	Be the best parent you can be!	Find information about spending time with your children and providing child support.	www.child-support-laws-state-by-state.com/
	Support Circle	Consider your relationships deeply. Be grateful!	Reflecting.	Not Available

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Food	Fresh produce, whole grains, lots of water!	You are what you eat! Fresh and whole foods play an important role in gaining and maintaining mental and physical health.	Check out the health, diet and cooking sections in your library.	Just one of many healthy recipe websites: www.eatingwell.com/recipes_menus/collections/healthy_budget_friendly_recipes
	Food Stamp Eligibility	Any help with saving money is beneficial!	Your case worker should know if you are eligible.	www.fairshake.net/search
Finances	Gate money	Find out what reentry support you may get from your state.	Talk with the reentry support person prior to release.	americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/hardtime/gatemoney/index.html
	Prepare a budget	How much money do you need to make to live?	Build a budget worksheet.	www.fairshake.net/pdf/build_a_budget_worksheet.pdf
Mentally Prepare	Fair Shake Culture Shock! Document	A primer to consider the many differences, for better and worse, between institutional living and living in society.	Corrections folks and family or friends can print these from the Fair Shake website, or we can send one directly to you .	www.fairshake.net/culture-shock
	Fair Shake Ownership Manual	Little reminders to help you stay centered and on your path!	same as above	www.fairshake.net/ownership-manual
	Fair Shake Relationships - Proceed with Caution Document	Considerations about relationships. We live in society; we are always relating to others.	same as above	www.fairshake.net/proceed-with-caution