

## Illinois Statewide Resources (Many are only available online.)

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### **“MAPPING YOUR FUTURE: A GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL REENTRY”**

178 pages of information

You can request guides via mail, phone, email, or online form. RGI mail guides to incarcerated people and their families free of cost.

Reentry Guide Initiative / EJP  
1001 S. Wright St  
Champaign, IL 61820

### **ReEntry Illinois - Resource Map**

County-by-county comprehensive and extremely valuable resource including shelter, food, and a variety of services. :

[http://www.venturecd.net/ResourceDirectory/dirDisplay\\_Map.asp?ref=1234](http://www.venturecd.net/ResourceDirectory/dirDisplay_Map.asp?ref=1234)

**Find Help** Our network features more than 300,000 free and reduced-cost programs in all 50 U.S. states, territories, and Puerto Rico.  
[www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)

### **Birth Certificate**

Find a way to get a copy of your legal birth certificate in the state of Illinois by following this link.  
<http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/default.htm>

### **IL Dept. of Public Health**

Division of Vital Records  
Illinois Department of Public Health 925 E Ridgely Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702  
<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/birth-death-other-records/birth-records.html>

### **Illinois DMV**

Springfield office:  
2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy.  
Springfield, IL 62723  
217-782-6212  
<https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/home.html>

### **Re-entry Employment Service Program**

The Re-Entry Employment Service Program (RESP) (English and Spanish) is an employment program dedicated to the formerly incarcerated or any individual with a criminal conviction who may

need help finding employment. 33 South State Street Chicago, IL 60603 312-793-1107 or 312-793-1597

**Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation Professional Licensing Information** for the state of Illinois. <http://www.idfpr.com/>  
State of Illinois Workforce Portal

Explore virtual job fairs, resources, available services, & register to receive alerts to the latest info on finding a job. Find training programs as well as local work support services to develop skills for high demand roles. [www.illinoisworknet.com/](http://www.illinoisworknet.com/)

### **Child Care Assistance Program**

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services Child Care Assistance Program provides low-income, working families with access to quality, affordable child care that allows them to continue working and contributes to the healthy, emotional and social development of the child.  
[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30355](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30355)

### **IL Dept of Healthcare and Family Services**

All services can be found on the website.  
[www2.illinois.gov/hfs/Pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/Pages/default.aspx)

### **AA Meetings in Illinois**

AA Illinois, a state-wide recovery resource devoted to supporting the men and women of Illinois. AA Illinois helps individuals struggling with alcoholism find the help they need on a local basis. Discover Illinois Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per county or city, and take the next step to overcome alcohol addiction.

### **Aunt Marthas Health & Wellness Locator**

Aunt Marthas Health & Wellness Locator 19990 Governors Highway Olympia Fields, IL 60461 (708) 747-7100  
Aunt Marthas is a health and wellness not-for-profit organization serving over 105,000 children and adults throughout over 600 communities in Illinois. Through our Integrated Care Model, we provide primary and family health care, including behavioral health, pediatrics, family planning, parent support, and womens health. We are also a licensed child welfare provider with foster care and intact family services. Our Integrated Care Center serves to stabilize DCFS involved youth and

prepare them for long term placement.  
[www.auntmarthas.org/](http://www.auntmarthas.org/)

### **Illinois Food Pantries**

Find local pantries, soup kitchens, food shelves, food banks and other food help.  
<https://www.foodpantries.org/st/illinois>

**Illinois 211** 211 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government services in your area. If you want personal assistance call the three-digit number 211 or 877-947-2211. A friendly voice to talk with you 24/7/365.  
[www.unitedwayillinois.org/211-2/](http://www.unitedwayillinois.org/211-2/)

### **Home Weatherization**

The State of Illinois offers services to help you weatherize your home.  
<http://www.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/HomeWeatherization/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Illinois Low Income Housing**

Find low income apartments in Illinois along with non profit organizations that help with low income housing along with HUD apartments, public housing apartments, public housing authorities, and housing assistance agencies.  
<https://www.lowincomehousing.us/IL.html>

### **Illinois Shelters**

We provide an online directory of shelters in Illinois. <https://www.shelterlist.com/state/illinois>

**Illinois Transitional Housing** 1-855-860-3119  
Transitional, sober housing provides supportive housing along with drug and alcohol treatment for selective locations  
[www.transitionalhousing.org/state/illinois](http://www.transitionalhousing.org/state/illinois)

### **Illinois Disability Resources**

Government agencies and disability rights organizations in Illinois.  
<https://www.olmsteadrights.org/self-help/tools/advocacy-resources/item.6563->

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### **Illinois Department of Aging**

Many programs and benefits including: Community Care Program, Older American Services, Elder Rights, Community Services, and Communications and Training. The Illinois Department on Aging does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with appropriate State and Federal Statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have a right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department on Aging. For information, call the Senior HelpLine: 1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY).

One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271  
1-800-252-8966  
[www.illinois.gov/aging/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/aging/Pages/default.aspx)

### **IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs**

To assist veterans in navigating the complex web of services and benefits available, IDVA offices are staffed by Veteran Service Officers (VSOs), fellow veterans who are experts on federal, state and local veteran resources.  
[www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/ServiceOffices.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/ServiceOffices.aspx)

**InCharge Debt Solutions** - a nonprofit offering confidential and professional credit counseling, debt management services, bankruptcy education, housing counseling and free online courses.  
[www.incharge.org](http://www.incharge.org)

### **National Foundation for Credit Counseling**

Free Credit Counseling! 800.388.2227 Our mission is to help all Americans gain control over their finances. [www.nfcc.org/](http://www.nfcc.org/)

**FREE CREDIT REPORT** Federal law allows you to get a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each credit reporting company.  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

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### Veterans Reentry Guide

Incarcerated Veterans Re-entry Guides contain information on resources and how to plan a successful reentry.

Web: [http://www.va.gov/homeless/reentry\\_guides.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/reentry_guides.asp)

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### Illinois CareerOneStop Centers

Locations all around the state!

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### Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services - 2017 Guide

To connect you to more than 300 agencies in Chicago!

Web: [https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/fs/supp\\_info/DepartmentGuide/residentguide.pdf](https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/fs/supp_info/DepartmentGuide/residentguide.pdf)

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### Mapping Your Future: A Guide to Successful Reentry

Illinois Resources and Reentry Information. Put together by the Education Justice Project (EJP). EJP is a vibrant academic community of incarcerated students, educators, formerly incarcerated individuals, family members of the incarcerated, and others who are committed to more just and humane world, achieved through education and critical awareness. We believe that providing opportunities for quality postsecondary education within American prisons is an important step towards that vision. Accordingly, EJP offers educational programming at Danville Correctional Center through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Web: <http://www.educationjustice.net/>

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### Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

The Re-entry Employment Service Program (RESP) serves Illinoisans who are currently, or have in the past been, subject to any stage of the criminal justice process and who require assistance in overcoming barriers to employment resulting from a record of arrest or conviction. RESP brochure in English.

Web: [https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Re-Entry\\_Employment\\_Service\\_Program.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Re-Entry_Employment_Service_Program.aspx)

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### Legal Aid's Re-entry resources for prisoners and former prisoners

If you are or were recently in jail, you might be looking for help. Below are many programs in Illinois that can help you find housing, a job, or other services.

Web: <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/re-entry-resources-prisoners-and-former-prisoners>

### Education Justice Project's Online Reentry Directory

As of 8.9.21 they have "1227 resources in Illinois for Housing, Food, Employment Support, Health Resources, Legal Assistance, Re-Entry Programs, Get Involved in Advocacy" for "Immigrants, Veterans, Currently Incarcerated, Parents, Women, Men".

Web: <https://reentryillinois.net/resources/#/?type=housing,food,employment,health,legalassistance,reentry,advocacy&=>

### Programa de servicios de reincorporación laboral

Si es así, el Departamento de Seguridad Laboral de Illinois (IDES) ofrece asistencia a través del Programa de Servicio de Reincorporación Laboral (RESP, por sus siglas en inglés) un programa de servicio de empleo diseñado para que los infractores superen este obstáculo. RESP brochure en Español

Web: [https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Re-Entry\\_Employment\\_Service\\_Program.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Re-Entry_Employment_Service_Program.aspx)

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## Chicago

### Guide to Workforce Development Services for Ex-Offenders

Chicagos Community Re-Entry Support Centers provide a central location where any Chicago resident who has served time for a felony conviction can receive the support services needed to transition back into their communities and the workforce. Our services provide participants with training to move forward and succeed in life. We offer the following services: Education and Training, Mentoring and support groups, Linkage to counseling for substance use and mental health issues, Linkage to housing assistance, emergency housing and food assistance, Employment assistance, Strategies for presenting criminal backgrounds to employers, Information on sealing or expunging criminal records, Family reunification and child-support assistance

Web: [https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/fs/provdrs/workforce\\_development/svcs/guide-to-workforce-development-services-for-ex-offenders.html](https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/fs/provdrs/workforce_development/svcs/guide-to-workforce-development-services-for-ex-offenders.html)

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### Guide to Workforce Development Services for Ex-Offenders - en Español

Los Centros de apoyo de ingreso a la comunidad de la Ciudad de Chicago proveen una ubicación central donde cualquier residente de Chicago que ha pasado tiempo encaerado por un delito mayor puede recibir los servicios de apoyo necesarios para hacer la transición de regreso a su comunidad y a la fuerza laboral. Nuestros servicios proveen a los participantes la capacitación para seguir adelante y tener éxito en la vida. Ofrecemos los siguientes servicios: Educación y Entrenamiento, Orientación y Grupos de Apoyos, Vinculación para consejería por Abuso de Sustancias y Problemas de salud mental, Enlace para la Asistencia de Vivienda, Vivienda de Emergencia y Asistencia de Alimentos, Asistencia de Empleo, Estrategias para Presentar Antecedentes Criminales para los Empleadores, Información Sobre Sellado o Borrado de Registros Criminales, Reunificación Familiar y Asistencia de Manutención Infantil

Web: [https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/fs/supp\\_info/WorkforceDevelopment/ReentryFlyerSpanish011717.pdf](https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/fs/supp_info/WorkforceDevelopment/ReentryFlyerSpanish011717.pdf)

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### Ban The Box Guide by Safer

Everything you need to know about the City of Chicago Ban the Box Ordinance

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### RED: Re-Entry Directory

A free re-entry directory to help connect incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people with service providers in the Chicago area.

Web: <https://underthedoorg/red-chicago/>

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### Chicago - Southside: Teamwork Englewood

Teamwork Englewood 815 W. 63rd Street, Suite 2 Chicago, IL 60621 773.488.6600 The RE-ENTRY RESOURCE CENTER serves the South Side of Chicago, but is headquartered in Englewood where the program began. We assist formerly incarcerated individuals find employment through workshops and direct job placement.

Web: <https://www.teamworkenglewood.org/>

## National Resources for Everyone!

**Everyone On** connects low-income people to affordable internet service and computers; including delivering digital skills training. [www.everyoneon.org/](http://www.everyoneon.org/)

**LibriVox Free Audio Books** LibriVox has a huge selection of free audiobooks that you can listen to for free. [www.librivox.org/](http://www.librivox.org/)

**Open Culture Free Audio Books**  
Free cultural and educational media access.  
[www.openculture.com/freeaudiobooks](http://www.openculture.com/freeaudiobooks)

**University of The People (free!)** 100% online, tuition-free degree programs that are designed to fit into your life. Programs include: Business Administration, Computer Science, Health Science, Education. Associate, Bachelor & Master Degrees available.  
[www.uopeople.edu](http://www.uopeople.edu)

**Modern States - Freshman Year for Free**  
Modern States Education Alliance is dedicated to making a high quality college education free of cost and accessible to any person who seeks one. Freshman Year for Free is intended to let students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense. [www.modernstates.org](http://www.modernstates.org)

**National Urban League Jobs Network**  
We are dedicated to helping you find your next career! The National Urban League is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to elevating the standard of living in historically underserved urban communities.  
[www.nuljobsnetwork.com](http://www.nuljobsnetwork.com)

**America Works**  
America Works includes work readiness training, vocational training, career placement, career advancement, and employment retention services.  
[www.americaworks.com](http://www.americaworks.com)

**PeopleReady** has re-imagined and simplified the path that connects people and work. Whether you need workers or you're looking for new job opportunities, we're ready to deliver results for you today.  
[www.peopleready.com](http://www.peopleready.com)

**Once Fallen**  
2211 County Road 400 Tobias, NE 68453  
Once Fallen is a leading reference & resource site for Registered Citizens. It also provides useful information to those seeking to reform or abolish the sex offense laws. Once Fallen provides information and support FREE of charge. [www.oncefallen.com](http://www.oncefallen.com)

**Career Gear** for men [www.careergear.org](http://www.careergear.org)  
**Dress For Success** for women [dressforsuccess.org](http://dressforsuccess.org)

**Parents Anonymous - now called Raising the Future**  
**855-427-2736** English and Spanish 8 am - 8 pm pst.  
[www.raisingfuture.org](http://www.raisingfuture.org)

**National Parent Helpline** 1-855-427-2736  
Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm pst  
The National Parent Helpline is here for you and is open to parents and caregivers of children and youth of all ages. [www.nationalparenthelpline.org](http://www.nationalparenthelpline.org)

**Why Hunger Hotline: 866-348-6479**  
Find food pantries, soup kitchens, summer meals sites, government nutrition programs and grassroots organizations. [www.whyhunger.org/find-food](http://www.whyhunger.org/find-food)

**Feeding America** Find a food bank near you! The Feeding America nationwide network of food banks secures and distributes more than 3 billion meals each year. Contact your local community food bank to find food. [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)

**Assurance Wireless Lifeline Program (Free Phone)**  
P.O. Box 5040 Charleston, IL 61920-9907  
1-888-321-5880 [www.assurancewireless.com](http://www.assurancewireless.com)  
Assurance Wireless provides eligible consumers with free monthly data, unlimited texting, free monthly minutes plus a free Smartphone.

**Freecycle** People who are giving and getting stuff for free to keep good stuff out of landfills.  
[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

**National Emergency Hotlines**  
Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233  
Strong Hearts Native Helpline 1-844-762-8483  
Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888  
Child Abuse Hotline - 1- 800-422-4453  
Sexual Assault Hotline - 800-656-4673  
Suicide Prevention Hotline - 800-273-8255

**National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics**  
1,400 Free and Charitable Clinics and Pharmacies provide access to healthcare for uninsured and underinsured people. [www.nafcclinics.org](http://www.nafcclinics.org)

**Free Clinics For Uninsured and Low Income**  
Clinics listed on our website offer services for free or at a reduced rate. Many clinics are operate under a sliding scale schedule. This means that costs to patients are calculated based on income. [www.freeclinics.com](http://www.freeclinics.com)

**Social Security Benefits After Incarceration**  
Individuals released from incarceration may be eligible for Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability benefits. 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778.  
[www.ssa.gov/reentry/benefits](http://www.ssa.gov/reentry/benefits)