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**NEW YORK STATE
BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE**

**RESOURCE
GUIDE:
REENTRY AND
COLLEGE ACCESS
ORGANIZATIONS**

**JOHN JAY COLLEGE
INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE
AND OPPORTUNITY**

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The John Jay College Institute for Justice and Opportunity (the Institute), formerly known as the Prisoner Reentry Institute, is a center of research and action at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY. The Institute is committed to providing opportunities for people to live successfully in the community after involvement with the criminal legal system. Capitalizing on its position within a large public university and recognizing the transformational power of education, the Institute focuses much of its work on increasing access to higher education and career pathways for people with conviction histories. The Institute's comprehensive and strategic approach includes direct service, research, technical assistance, and policy advocacy.

INTRODUCTION

This resource guide is intended for people seeking assistance pursuing college in the community after incarceration. It identifies resources in New York City, as well as the four upstate metropolitan areas to which most people return: Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. This resource also identifies the Re-entry Task Forces in the twenty jurisdictions that have them. Re-entry Task Forces are funded by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to provide stabilization and counseling services to men and women returning home from state prison. Each Task Force includes representatives from human service, faith-based, and criminal justice agencies, who work together to ensure that resources are available to smooth the transition home. Reentry Coordinators assist individuals in meeting their parole conditions as well as accessing employment, housing, cognitive behavioral programs, substance use treatment, and education/training services.

Please note that this information was collected in late 2019 and may have changed since then, but we hope this resource provides you with some leads in continuing your academic journey.

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ALBANY COUNTY

ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

175 Green St
Albany, NY 12202
(518) 447-2003

The Albany County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by the Albany County Department of Health.

CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CEO)

41 State St,
Suite M-109
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 426-0390

CEO is Dedicated to providing immediate, effective and comprehensive employment services to men and women with recent criminal convictions in New York. CEO helps participants regain the skills and confidence needed for a successful transition to a stable, productive life.

BROOME COUNTY

SOUTHERN TIER AIDS PROGRAM

22 Riverside Drive
Binghamton, NY 13905
(607) 743-1790

The Broome County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by the Southern Tier AIDS Program. The ABLE Re-Entry Programs help men and women in Broome County who return from incarceration—either from jail or prison. They provide vital reentry services, so individuals are able to be successful and specialize in employment services.

DUTCHESS COUNTY

EXODUS TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITY

Carlos Valencia
Reentry Coordinator
97-99 Cannon St.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 452-7620

The Dutchess County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by Exodus Transitional Community. Exodus Transitional Community delivers innovative programming tailored to adults and youth affected by the justice system, and advocates for a society in which all can achieve social, economic, and spiritual well-being.

ERIE COUNTY

PEACEPRINTS OF WNY (ALSO OFFERS SUPPORT GROUPS IN THEIR ROCHESTER OFFICE)

Cindi McEachon
Executive Director
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peaceprintswny.org

660 Smith St.
Buffalo, NY, 14210
(716) 856-6131

Peaceprints provide services to people returning from incarceration, including higher education, housing (Transitional Residence Program, Supportive & Independent Living, Housing Coordination), case management, youth programming, support groups, workforce development, and a food pantry. Peaceprints receives and responds to mail from incarcerated people.

**SPECTRUM
HUMAN SERVICES**

Glenn Mrgich
Coordinator

1280 Main St, 3rd floor
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 539-5409

The Erie County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by Spectrum Human Services. Spectrum Human Services is designed to assist with the transition of re-entering into the community. Program begins while in incarceration and continues through release and while on parole. Assessment with care coordinator is done upon release. Assessment will cover areas including addiction, health, finances, legal issues, self-help, community participation, spirituality, mental health, family, education and employment, and housing. Serving planning begins at the facility of incarceration and is carried out with Spectrum and Parole upon release. Participants will complete an individual Service Plan (ISP) identifying goals and needs.

**CENTER FOR
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES
(CEO)**

170 Franklin St,
Suite 300
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 842-6320

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**WESTERN NEW YORK
PRISONER RE-ENTRY
COALITION INC.**
(WNYPRC)

852 Kensington Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716) 308-2062

WNYPRC's mission is to work with formerly incarcerated individuals, incarcerated individuals, and the community to: unite service providers to facilitate comprehensive services; reduce civil, social, and legal barriers; ensure accountability of both the individual and the community; promote safe communities; and enhance the quality of life for both the individual, and the community.

**THE OSBORNE
ASSOCIATION**

34 Benwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214
(929) 239-5943

The Osborne Association works in partnership with individuals, families, and communities to create opportunities for people affected by the criminal justice system to further develop their strengths and lead lives of responsibility and contribution. We design, implement, and advocate for solutions that prevent and reduce the damage caused by crime and incarceration.

MONROE COUNTY

DELPHI RISE

Darnell Rhodes
Coordinator

drohdes@delphirise.org,
(585) 730-2253

835 West Main Street,
Rochester, NY 14611

The Monroe County Reentry Task Force services are provided by Delphi Rise. Delphi Rise also provides reentry case management services and outpatient and inpatient substance use treatment services.

CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CEO)

Sarah Fletcher, Director
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6 East Main Street,
Suite 700
Rochester, NY 14614
(585) 362-4080

CEO is dedicated to providing immediate, effective and comprehensive employment services to men and women with recent criminal convictions in New York. CEO helps participants regain the skills and confidence needed for a successful transition to a stable, productive life. CEO provides work readiness training, transitional employment and job placement to people on parole. Transitional employment provides paid work immediately after release. Formal referrals come from Parole Officers.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES (CCA)

803 West Ave. Ste. 196
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 328 8232

CCA provides various services to people with criminal justice system involvement including employment-related services. Many programs include case management that can link individuals to other services and organizations that meet their needs and interests. Recovery support services are offered in Syracuse and Rochester; it is a peer-led program that offers a wide range of supports and activities for formerly incarcerated people who want to maintain sobriety from drugs and alcohol. CCA also offers Recovery Support in their Rochester office.

NEW YORK CITY

COLLEGE & COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

475 Riverside Drive,
Suite 1626
New York, NY 10115
(646) 380-7777
info@collegeandcommunity.org

College & Community Fellowship (CCF) enables women with criminal justice involvement to earn their college degrees so that they, their families, and their communities can thrive. CCF's programs address individual, institutional, and systemic change through our three main program areas: College & Career Programs (Academic Support, Uplift Mentoring, and Career Advancement), Policy & Advocacy (Turn on the Tap, #EquityisJustice, Justice Votes NY, WISH, and Theater for Social Change), and THRIVE Technical Assistance.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES (CCA)

25 Chapel Street,
7th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 858-9658 ext. 401
ccany@communityalternatives.org

CCA provides various services to people with criminal justice system involvement including employment-related services. Many programs include case management that can link individuals to other services and organizations that meet their needs and interests.

CCA has offices in Brooklyn, Rochester, and Syracuse.

CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CEO)

384 East 149th Street,
#300
Bronx, NY 10455
(646) 603-3020

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CEO has offices in Albany, the Bronx, Buffalo, Manhattan (National Headquarters), and Rochester, and several other cities nationwide.

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THE DOE FUND

345 East 102nd Street,
#305
New York, NY 10029
(212) 628-5207
info@doe.org

The Doe Fund is a national nonprofit organization which provides economic opportunity, transitional and supportive housing, and comprehensive social services to underserved populations including the formerly homeless and incarcerated, disconnected youth, veterans, and people living with AIDS.

EAC NETWORK (EMPOWER. ASSIST. CARE.)

2271 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10035
(917) 492-0990

EAC Network is a diverse social service agency that empowers, assists, and cares for people in need across Long Island and New York City. Our objective is to reach individuals within our community through innovative programs that improve quality of life. We help people within five service areas: Children & Youth, Family & Community, Behavioral Health & Criminal Justice, Senior & Nutrition Services, and Vocational Services.

EAC Network has offices in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Nassau County, Manhattan, Rockland County, Staten Island, Suffolk County, and Queens.

**EXODUS
TRANSITIONAL
COMMUNITY**

2271 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10035
(917) 492-0990

Exodus Transitional Community delivers innovative programming tailored to adults and youth affected by the justice system, and advocates for a society in which all can achieve social, economic, and spiritual well-being.

Exodus has offices in East Harlem, Newburgh, and Poughkeepsie.

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**THE FORTUNE
SOCIETY**

29-76 Northern Blvd
Long Island City, NY
11101
(212) 691-7554
info@fortunesociety.org

The Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry from prison and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities. They accomplish this by believing in the power of individuals to change; building lives through service programs shaped by the needs and experiences of our clients; and changing minds through education and advocacy that work to rectify unjust and brutal criminal justice policies.

The Fortune Society has offices in the Bronx, Harlem, and Queens. Walk-ins are only accepted at the main office in Long Island City, Queens.

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(THE INSTITUTE)**

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awald@jjay.cuny.edu

The Institute's College Initiative (CI) is a college preparation program and community for individuals with past criminal legal system involvement who are committed to pursuing higher education. CI provides academic counseling, mentoring, and other supports to enable individuals with past criminal legal involvement in enrolling and succeeding in college. The Institute also offers Tech 101 for individuals seeking to develop basic computer skills and the Navigator Certificate for Human Services and Community Justice for individuals with lived experience in the criminal legal system seeking to gain or advance employment in the human services field.

**THE OSBORNE
ASSOCIATION**

2090 Adam Clayton
Powell Jr. Blvd.
New York, NY 10027
(212) 324-5577

The Osborne Association works in partnership with individuals, families, and communities to create opportunities for people affected by the criminal justice system to further develop their strengths and lead lives of responsibility and contribution. We design, implement, and advocate for solutions that prevent and reduce the damage caused by crime and incarceration.

The Osborne Association has offices in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Manhattan, and Newburgh.

**WOMEN'S PRISON
ASSOCIATION**

110 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003
(646) 292-7740
info@wpaonline.org

Women's Prison Association (WPA) is the nation's first organization for women impacted by incarceration. WPA empowers women to redefine their lives in the face of injustice and incarceration. WPA recognizes that men and women take different paths to the criminal legal system and have diverse experiences before, during, and after incarceration. WPA programs are designed specifically for women.

WPA has offices in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

NIAGARA COUNTY

COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC.

Eric Boerdner,
Community Missions, Inc.
Re-entry Coordinator

1570 Buffalo Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY
14303
(716) 285-3402
ext.2258

The Niagara County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by Community Missions, Inc. The Niagara County Parole Re-Entry Task Force works to help build a safer community as a result of the successful transition of individuals who leave prison and return to our community each year. Its mission is to help bridge gaps within the system; aid in better communication and coordination between community agencies; enhance public safety and knowledge; and aid returning offenders in living a healthy, law abiding life.

ONEIDA COUNTY

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (ONEIDA COUNTY RE-ENTRY TASK FORCE)

209 Elizabeth St.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 798-3644

The Oneida County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by the Workforce Investment Board.

ONONDAGA COUNTY

ONPOINT FOR COLLEGE

Sam Rowser

Executive Director

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onpointforcollege.org

488 W Onondaga St.
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 362-5003

On Point is able to provide services specific to college enrollment (including help with financial aid, college tours, apply, retention, etc.) as well as people interested in obtaining vocational certificates. They have an in-house, 5-week, college preparatory program, SCOPE to enhance math, English, and computer skills. On Point regularly corresponds with incarcerated people.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES (CCA)

Kelly Gonzalez

Deputy Director

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communityalternatives.org

115 East Jefferson Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 422-5638

CCA provides various services to people with criminal justice system involvement including employment-related services. Many programs include case management that can link individuals to other services and organizations that meet their needs and interests. Recovery support services are offered in Syracuse and Rochester; it is a peer-led program that offers a wide range of supports and activities for formerly incarcerated people who want to maintain sobriety from drugs and alcohol. CCA also offers Recovery Support in their Rochester office.

UNCHAINED

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Syracuse, NY 13210
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Unchained is an advocacy organization that promotes policies to reduce reliance on incarceration. While Unchained does not provide direct services it does connect with people leaving incarceration and can offer assistance if finding services to help their reentry as well as opportunities to become involved in campaigns.

NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK/SYRACUSE

Twiggy Billue
President
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(315) 395-2644

NAN receives mail from incarcerated people. NAN does not provide direct services programs but can help people connect to employment-related programs.

**NYCLU CENTRAL
NEW YORK CHAPTER**

499 S. Warren St.,
Suite 430
Syracuse, NY 13202

Yusuf Abdul-Qadir

Director

yabdulqadir@nyclu.org
(315) 471-2821

The NYCLU CNY works to preserve fundamental principles embodied in the Bill of Rights and U.S. Constitution through education, advocacy and litigation. It does not provide direct services but can assist formerly incarcerated people by connecting them to local services.

**DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Marlene Klock
Onondaga County
Re-entry Coordinator

John H. Mulroy
Civic Center
421 Montgomery Street
12th Floor
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 435-2985
x7153

The Onondaga County Re-entry Task Force (OCRTF) services are provided by the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office. The OCRTF seeks to remove existing barriers, in policy and practice, that impact one's ability to access and obtain basic needs and services during the initial transition from prison to the community. Through public outreach, education and community collaboration we provide a fully supported re-entry transition, increasing success and creating overall productive outcomes.

ORANGE COUNTY

EXODUS TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITY, INC.

85 Grand Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 565-2700

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388 Ann Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 345-9845

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RECAP, INC,

201 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 568-3445

The Orange County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by RECAP, Inc.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

80 Second St.
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 270-4002

The Rensselaer County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office.

ROCKLAND COUNTY

BRIDGES

873 Route 45,
Suite 108
New City, NY 10956
(845) 624-1366

The Rockland County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by BRIDGES. This program provides pre and post-release case management for individuals under parole supervision. Participants are involved in the creation of a reentry plan and are encouraged to take ownership in their communities and break the cycle of recidivism. The SAMHSA Reentry Program expands services to justice-involved, adult individuals who struggle with substance use, mental health, or co-occurring disorders. The program supports individuals throughout the stages of their recovery. The process begins pre-release to ensure a successful transition into the community from state and local correctional facilities. BRIDGES' Employment Focused Program assists justice-involved, adult individuals throughout the process of obtaining employment. This program equips participants with the skills to navigate the job market, discover their interests, and understand their rights as a person with prior convictions.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE

144 Barrett St.
Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 346-1281, ext. 22

The Schenectady County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by the Center for Community Justice.

ULSTER COUNTY

FAMILY OF WOODSTOCK, INC.

FAMILY of Woodstock
16 Rock City Rd.
Woodstock, NY 12498
(845) 679-2485

The Ulster County Re-entry Task Force services are provided by FAMILY of Woodstock, Inc.

FAMILY of Ellenville
221 Canal St.
Ellenville, NY 12428
(845) 647-2443

FAMILY of New Paltz
51 North Chestnut St.
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 255-8801

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