Welcome Home!

If you are returning to Bridgeport to start a new life after being in prison, you are not alone.

Many have gone before you, and they have succeeded.

Many others are here to help.

This guide is intended to help you with some common issues and point you to people and places who can help.

Good luck as you begin your journey! It is not always easy and it won’t be quick. But you can make a new future, and there is help.

-Bridgeport Reentry Collaborative

GBT bus routes designated for service providers ( )
Bienvenidos a Casa!

Si ha salido de la prisión, y desea empezar una nueva vida en Bridgeport, usted no esta solo.

Otros que han llegado antes que usted han tenido éxitos.

Estamos aquí para ayudarle.

Esta guía le ayudara con algunos asuntos comunes y lo orientará hacia personas y lugares que pueden ayudar-lo.

Buena suerte en su nueva jornada. No será fácil y probablemente no tendrá resultados inmediatos, pero usted puede hacerse de un nuevo futuro, y hay ayuda disponible.

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RE-ENTRY POINTS

Career Resources, Inc. (ALL ROUTES)

350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203) 333-5129
www.careerresources.org
Job leads, education, work readiness. Preparing youth and adults in SW Connecticut to gain employment and progress in their careers.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport
CO-OP Center
1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Phone: (203) 367-8441
www.ccgb.org
Monday though Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm
Short/long term re-entry services for male/female DOC/EOS referrals.
Family Re-Entry
75 Washington Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 362-2452
www.familyreentry.org
Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Fresh Start Reentry Program:**
Employment counseling, case management, basic needs support and mentoring.

**Beacon Mentoring Program:**
Hours: Mon/Tues/Fri, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm,
Wed/ Thurs, 8:30 am – 8:00 pm

**Behavioral Health Program:**
Substance abuse, anger management and mental health treatment.
Hours: Mon/Tues, 9:00 am
to 8:00 pm, Wed/Thurs/
Fri, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
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1. **FOOD**

**Golden Hill United Methodist Church**

210 Elm Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 336-0152  
[www.qbqm-umc.org](http://www.qbqm-umc.org)  
Serves Wednesdays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**The Salvation Army**

30 Elm Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 334-0995  
[www1.salvationarmy.org](http://www1.salvationarmy.org)  
Serves: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10:00 am to 1:00pm;  
Kitchen Sun & Tues-Thurs, no specific times, please call

**Bridgeport Rescue Mission**

1088 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
(203) 333-4087
www.bridgeportrescuemission.org
Serves: Kitchen, Mon-Sat, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Pantry, Mon-Thurs, 1:30 to 3:00 pm;
Mobile, Mon-Sat, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

The Thomas Merton Family Center
43 Madison Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 367-9036
Serves: Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm;
Sat, 11:00 am to Noon

2. CLOTHING

Salvation Army

30 Elm Street Bridgeport, CT
06604 (203) 334-0995
www1.salvationarmy.org Gently used clothing.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission

1088 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 333-4087 www.bridgeportrescuemission.org
Gently used clothing.

FSW

475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
Tel: 203-368-4291  
www.fswinc.org  
Gently used clothing.

Dress for Success  
240 Fairfield Ave  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 333-6505 www.dressforsuccess.org  
Gently used professional attire for women only.

3. HOUSING

YMCA-Central CT Coast Alpha House  
387 Clinton Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605 (203) 366-2809 www.cccymca.org Emergency family shelter

Homes for the Brave  
655 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 338-0669 www.homesforthebrave.org
Transitional living program for homeless veterans.

Operation Hope
(CL/7)

50 Nichols Street,
Fairfield, CT 06824

(203) 254-2935
www.operationhopect.org Homeless shelter for men, women, and women with children.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission
(CL/5 &7)

1088 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 333-4087
www.bridgeportrescuemission.org
Overnight emergency shelter for men; new life discipleship program for men/women.
Prospect House
392 Prospect Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-9041
Transition homeless shelter/single men-women

4. TRANSPORTATION

The Council of Churches/CO-OP Center
1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A,
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 367-8441
www.ccgb.org/coop.htm
Bus and train fares.

Family Re-Entry
75 Washington Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-6924
www.familyreentry.org
Bus and train fares.

The Center for Family Justice
753 Bridgeport Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6154
www.centerforfamilyjustice.org
Bus and train fares.
5. EDUCATION

Housatonic Community College  (All Routes)

900 Lafayette Blvd.

Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 332-5000
www.hctc.commnet.edu
2-year associate degree, certificate-based programs.

Bridgeport Adult Education Department  (3)

Central High School
1 Lincoln Blvd.
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 275-1508
www.bridgeportedu.com
GED prep classes and GED registration center

The Council of Churches/CO-OP Center  (17)
1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A
Bridgeport CT 06610
(203) 367-8441
www.ccgb.org
GED prep classes, computer training, financial literacy, assistance for local community college courses
Mercy Learning Center
637 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6699
www.mercylearningcenter.org
Life skills/education programs for women only

Career Resources/STRIVE
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 333-5129
TOLL FREE (866) 859-8818
www.careerresources.org
- GED/ABE classes, digital literacy courses
- STRIVE 3 week intensive employment readiness program
Bridgeport Professional Association (BPA) a “Work Readiness” program for released offenders w/hard & soft skills training and job placement
Wed & Fri, 9-Noon, monthly

The Greater Bridgeport OIC, Inc.
510 Barnum Avenue # 104
Bridgeport, CT 06608
(203) 335-0577
www.tgboic.com
The Greater Bridgeport OIC, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides free job training in basic computer and customer service coupled with job placement and referrals for supportive services
Map Key: Numbers on the following map correspond to these categories:

1. Food
2. Clothing
3. Housing
4. Transportation
5. Education
6. Employment
7. Identification
8. Health Career
9. Mental Health
10. Child and Family Resources
11. Other Resources
A. Career Resources
350 Fairfield Ave.
334-6154

C. Center for Women and Families
Women of Change
753 Fairfield Ave.
334-6154

D. The Council of Churches
CO-OP Center
1100 Boston Ave.
3678441

F. Family ReEntry! FreshStart
126 Washington Ave. 362-2452
6. EMPLOYMENT

CT Works One Stop Career Center

2 Lafayette Square

Bridgeport, CT 06610 (203) 455-2700
www.ctdol.state.ct.us
A comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of workers and employers.

CT DOL/Office for Veterans’ Workforce Development

2 Lafayette Blvd.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 455 – 2713
www.ctvets.org
All veterans’ needs including training and employment.

Family Re-Entry

75 Washington Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203) 362-2452
www.familyreentry.org
Vocational /educational planning
The Center for Family Justice (CL/5&7)
753 Bridgeport Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6154
www.centerforfamilyjustice.org
Employment assistance for women through WOC

7. IDENTIFICATION

The Council of Churches/CO-OP Center (17)
1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A
Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203)367-8441
www.ccgb.org/coop.htm
Assistance in obtaining legal identification, essential to entitlements.

The Center for Family Justice (CL/5&7)
753 Bridgeport Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 334-6154
Street www.centerforfamilyjustice.org
Assistance in obtaining legal identification, essential to entitlements.

Department of Motor Vehicle (17)
95 Sylvan Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(860) 263-5700
www.ct.gov/dmv/
CT state driver’s license, identification card.
Vital Statistics (ALL ROUTES)
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-7477
Bridgeport, CT birth, death, and marriage records.

Social Security Department (8)
3885 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606
Tel: (203) 365-8452
Social Security card, SSI, SSD entitlements.

8. HEALTH CARE

Bridgeport Department of Social Services (9)
Health Department
752 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 576-7680
Health insurance application through Medicaid, SNAP

Americares (3)
115 Highland Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 333-9175
www.americares.org
Free clinic. Delivering medicine and health care to those in need.
Southwest Community Health Center  (CL/5&7)
968 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 330-6000
www.swchc.org
Community outreach, health education/disease, mental health, prevention programs, and entitlement enrollment services.

OPTIMUS Health Care  (9,15, 23)
982 East Main Street/other locations
Bridgeport, CT 06608-2409
(203) 696 – 3260
www.optimushealthcare.org
Outpatient health care for the entire family, pre-natal through geriatric services, & mental health.

9. MENTAL HEALTH

Bridgeport Mental Health  (13)
1635 Central Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06610
(203) 551-7400
www.ct.gov
Outpatient and inpatient mental health services for insured and uninsured.
CT Renaissance
1120 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 367-7570
www.ctrenaissance.com/go.php
Programs include mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment

FSW
475 Clinton Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605 (203) 368-5601
www.fswinc.org Group and individual economic self-sufficiency counseling, self-support skills and

Recovery Network of Programs (13)
425 Grant Street, Suite A Bridgeport, CT 06610 (203) 416-1915
www.recovery-programs.org Detoxification, Methadone Maintenance, Suboxone, Residential/Intensive Out-patient

Bridgeport Recovery Community (ALL ROUTES)
49 Cannon Street (rear courtyard)
Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203) 332-3303
www.ccar.us
Recovery community center, Telephone Recovery coaching, Recovery housing database, pardons assistance

**DMHAS**
97 Middle Street Bridgeport, CT 06610 *(ALL ROUTES)*
(203) 579-7444
CT Offender ReEntry Program (CORP), mental health diagnosis at Garner, Osborne, and York CI.

### 10. CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCES

The Child and Family Guidance Center *(ALL ROUTES)*

180 Fairfield Ave # 1
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 394-6529
[www.cgcgb.org](http://www.cgcgb.org)
Protecting children, strengthening families, helping young people reach their fullest potential

**Janus Center/ The Council of Churches** *(17)*

1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A
Bridgeport, CT 200610
(203)334-1121 XT 221
[www.ccgb.org](http://www.ccgb.org)
Assists youth facing serious problems with their families, schools, or the juvenile court.

**The Center for Family Justice**  
753 Bridgeport Avenue  
8 Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 334-6154  
[www.centerforfamilyjustice.org](http://www.centerforfamilyjustice.org)  
Domestic Violence and sexual assault services for women.

**Fathers for Life**  
Career Resources  
350 Fairfield Ave, 3rd Floor Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 953-3269  
[www.careerresources.org](http://www.careerresources.org)  
Assisting non-custodial parents in connecting with their children, parenting, employment, child support, visitation resources
Catholic Charities of Fairfield County (8)

238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 416-1322
www.bridgeportdiocese.com/catholiccharities
Direct services/case management, mental health, family counseling to needy people of all faiths.

Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (CL/5)

2470 Fairfield Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605
(203) 549-0203
www.bcacct.org
Improving the well-being of children through programs combining research, community planning, education, and mobilization.

11. OTHER RESOURCES

Community Solutions, Inc. (17)

255 Island Brook Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 696-1323
Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC) Services for people referred by the courts,
probation and parole only. Services include employment assistance, cognitive restructuring, & substance abuse groups.

**ABCD, Inc (3,4,17)**

1070 Park Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

[www.abcd.org](http://www.abcd.org)

**FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

All applicants must apply in person, appointments can be made by calling (203) 384-6904

**STRIDE**

742 Upper Maple Street/Quinebaug Valley CC Danielson, CT 06239
(860) 412-7320
[www.qvcc.commnet.edu/STRIDE](http://www.qvcc.commnet.edu/STRIDE)

STRIDE is a transitional support workforce development program that serves a targeted group of incarcerated men and women both pre- and post-release from Bridgeport Correctional Center.
Malta Criminal Justice Initiative.
P.O. Box # 481
Southport, CT 06890
(203) 966-6524
www.mpvct.org
MCJI’s mission is to offer in prison and reentry support to convicted persons and to educate the business, faith, and academic communities of opportunities for effective criminal justice reform

Additional resources can be located through:

- www.211ct.org
- INFOLINE, phone: 2-1-1
- www.ct.gov
- Any public library branch
- Reentrysurvivors.com

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Gratitude to Community Partners in Action’s Prison Arts Program

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