

# Bridgeport Reentry Resource Guide



Bridgeport  
Reentry Collaborative  
Fourth Edition

# 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.

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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 éxito.

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](http://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

**(17)**

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

Monday through Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm  
Short/long term re-entry services for male/female  
DOC/EOS referrals.

**Family Re-Entry****(3)**

75 Washington Ave.  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 362-2452

[www.familyreentry.org](http://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**

**(All  
Routes)**

210 Elm Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 336-0152

[www.gbqm-umc.org](http://www.gbqm-umc.org)

Serves Wednesdays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

## **The Salvation Army**

**(All  
Routes)**

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**

**(CL/5 & 7)**

1088 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 333-4087

[www.bridgeportrescuemission.org](http://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**

**(3)**

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

**(All)**

**(Routes)**

[www1.salvationarmy.org](http://www1.salvationarmy.org) Gently used clothing.

### **Bridgeport Rescue Mission**

**(CL/5 & 7)**

1088 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06605

(203) 333-4087 [www.bridgeportrescuemission.org](http://www.bridgeportrescuemission.org)

Gently used clothing.

### **FSW**

**(CL/5 & 7)**

475 Clinton Avenue

**7**



Bridgeport, CT 06605  
Tel: 203-368-4291  
[www.fswinc.org](http://www.fswinc.org)  
Gently used clothing.

**Dress for Success**

**(7)**

240 Fairfield Ave

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 333-6505 [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org)

Gently used professional attire for women only.

### **3. HOUSING**

**YMCA-Central CT Coast Alpha House**

**(CL/5 & 7)**

387 Clinton Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605 (203) 366-2809 [www.cccymca.org](http://www.cccymca.org) Emergency family shelter

**Homes for the Brave**

**(1)**

655 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 338-0669 [www.homesforthebrave.org](http://www.homesforthebrave.org)

Transitional living program for homeless veterans.

**Operation Hope**  
**(CL/7)**

**(CL/7)**

50 Nichols Street,

Fairfield, CT 06824

(203) 254-2935

[www.operationhopect.org](http://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](http://www.bridgeportrescuemission.org)

Overnight emergency shelter for men; new life disciple-  
ship program for men/women.

## **Prospect House**

**(1)**

392 Prospect Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 576-9041

Transition homeless shelter/single men-  
women

## **4. TRANSPORTATION**

### **The Council of Churches/CO-OP Center** **(17)**

1100 Boston Ave., Bldg 5A,

Bridgeport, CT 06610

(203) 367-8441

[www.cccb.org/coop.htm](http://www.cccb.org/coop.htm)

Bus and train fares.

**(3)**

### **Family Re-Entry**

75 Washington Ave. Bridgeport, CT

06604

(203) 576-6924

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

Bus and train fares.

### **The Center for Family Justice**

**(CL/5 & 7)**

753 Bridgeport Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 334-6154

[www.centerforfamilyjustice.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.ccg.org](http://www.ccg.org)

GED prep classes, computer training, financial literacy,  
assistance for local community college courses

## **Mercy Learning Center**

**(1)**

637 Park Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 334-6699

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

Life skills/education programs for women only

## **Career Resources/STRIVE**

**(All Routes)**

350 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 333-5129

**TOLL FREE** (866) 859-8818

[www.careerresources.org](http://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.**

**(15/23)**

510 Barnum Avenue # 104

Bridgeport, CT 06608

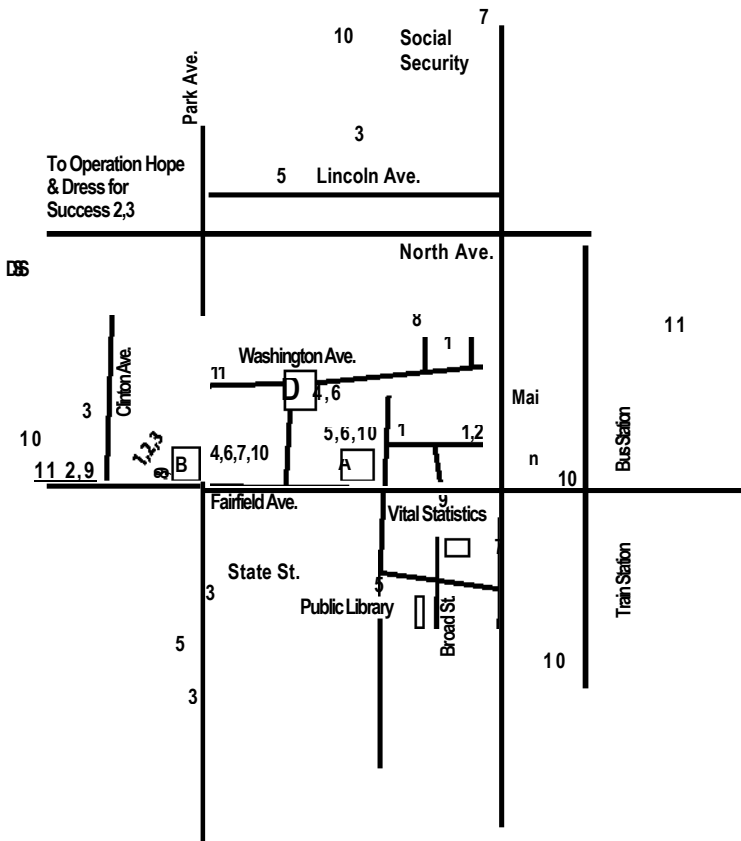
(203) 335-0577

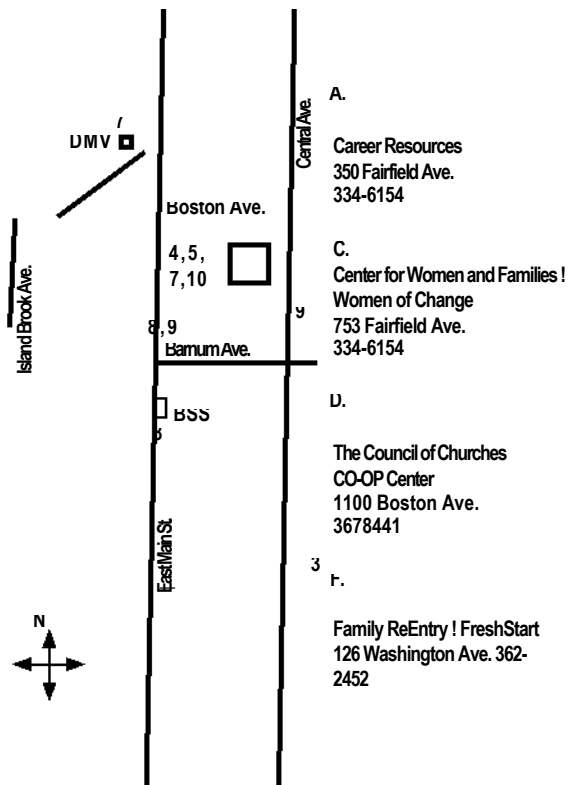
[www.tgboic.com](http://www.tgboic.com)

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







## **6. EMPLOYMENT**

**CT Works One Stop Career Center (ALL**

2 Lafayette Square

**ROUTES)**

Bridgeport, CT 06610 (203) 455-2700

[www.ctdol.state.ct.us](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us) A comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of workers and employers.

**CT DOL/Office for  
Veterans'**

**(ALL ROUTES)**

**Workforce**

**Development 2**

Lafayette Blvd.

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 455 – 2713

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

All veterans' needs including training and employment.

**Family Re-Entry**

**(3)**

75 Washington Ave.

Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203) 362-2452

[www.familyreentry.org](http://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](http://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.cccb.org/coop.htm](http://www.cccb.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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ct.gov)

Outpatient and inpatient mental health services for insured and uninsured.

**CT Renaissance****(ALL ROUTES)**

1120 Main Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 367-7570

[www.ctrenaissance.com/go.php](http://www.ctrenaissance.com/go.php)

Programs include mental health,  
behavioral health, and substance abuse  
treatment

**FSW**

475 Clinton Avenue

Bridgeport, CT

06605 (203) 368-

**(CL/5&7)**

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[www.fswinc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.cgcqb.org](http://www.cgcqb.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.ccqb.org](http://www.ccqb.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.

**(CL/5&7)**

**Fathers for Life**

Career Resources

350 Fairfield Ave, 3rd

Floor Bridgeport, CT

06604

(203) 953-3269

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

[rg](http://www.careerresources.org)

Assisting non-custodial parents in connecting with their children, parenting, employment, child support,

visitation resources

**(ALL ROUTES)**

## **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County (8)**

238 Jewett Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06606  
(203) 416-1322

[www.bridgeportdiocese.com/catholiccharities](http://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](http://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 **23** 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](http://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](http://www.211ct.org)
- INFOLINE, phone: 2-1-1
- [www.ct.gov](http://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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