

# Reentry Guide

A resource guide for returning citizens



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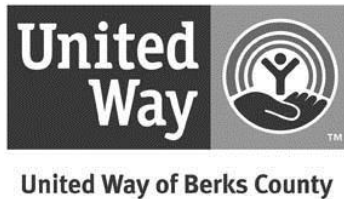
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Returning home can be difficult – we hope that this guide helps you to find resources that make you ready to reenter!

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# Identification

## **Driver's License Reinstatement**

If you want to make sure that you have a valid Pennsylvania Driver's License or you want more information about a suspension, call the **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)**.

If you need to have your license reinstated and you are eligible, you can do this in person at the local driver's license center, but call first to make sure you bring the correct documents. If your license was suspended because you did not pay child support, you must contact **Berks County Domestic Relations Section**.

There is usually a fee to reinstate your license. There is no agency in Berks County that can pay the reinstatement fee.

**Pennsylvania Department of Transportation      Phone: 800-932-4600**

**Berks County Domestic Relations Section      Phone: 610-478-2900**

Berks County Services Center- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Driver's License Renewal or Duplicates**

If you have an expired PA Driver's License, you would want to renew it in person at the local driver's license center. The fee for renewal is \$30.50 and must be paid by a check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

If you are replacing a PA Driver's License because it was lost or stolen, you can also apply in person at the local driver's license center. The fee for replacing your license is \$29.50 and must be paid by a check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

**PennDot Driver's License Center      Phone: 610- 775-7728**

600 East Lancaster Avenue  
Shillington, PA 19607

## **State-Issued ID**

If you had a PA State ID within the past 10 years, you can apply in-person at the driver's license center. No additional documentation is needed.

The fee for an initial State ID is \$30.50, renewal of a State ID is \$30.50, and a replacement copy is \$29.50 and must be paid by a check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

## **Social Security Card**

Individuals can apply for a social security card by completing the application in its entirety and taking it to the Social Security Office along with their State Issued Photo ID or Driver's License.

If you do not have a State Issued Photo ID, the social security office will accept School Records, Medical Records, Employee ID card, Passport, Military Record, School ID Card, Marriage or Divorce Record, Adoption Record, Health Insurance Card (not a Medicare Card) or Life Insurance Policy as proof as your identity.

### **Social Security Administration**

**Phone: 1-866-274-5960**

201 Penn Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Birth Certificate**

Individuals can apply for a birth certificate by completing the application for the state they were born and mailing it to the address listed on the application along with a copy of their State Issued Photo ID. There is a fee involved, but the fee varies state by state.

If you do not have a Valid State Issued Photo ID, a family member can apply for it on your behalf. The family member can be grandparent, parent or child over the age of 18 with a valid ID. They must complete the application and mail it in with a copy of their photo ID. Birth certificate applications are available online.

For Pennsylvania, the fee for a Birth Certificate is \$20.

# Housing

## **Berks Coalition to End Homelessness**

**Phone: 610-372-7222**

831 Walnut Street  
Reading, PA 19601

Provides oversight and governance to local agencies receiving HUD funding.

## **Housing Referrals**

### **Berks Community Action Program**

**Phone: 610-376-6571**

Homeless Assistance, Mortgage Assistance and Weatherization.  
645 Penn St.  
Reading PA 19601

## **Shelters**

### **Hope Rescue Mission**

**Phone: 610-375-4224**

Offers food, clothing and shelter to men on a daily basis. Men are provided a single bed and a lockable wardrobe in a dormitory setting. There is also access to computer lab to create resumes and job search.

645 N. 6th Street  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Mary's Shelter**

**Phone: 610-376-1973**

Pregnant Women and Children Only. Must schedule intake interview and meet qualifications. Assist with formal education and budget counseling. Assist in registering online with Berks Coalition to End Homelessness to obtain a month's worth of diapers every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday for \$5.

736 Upland Ave.  
Reading, PA 19607

### **Opportunity House**

**Phone: 610-374-4696**

Provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing.

Also provides meals.  
430 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**Catholic Charities****Phone: 610-376-7144**

Provides emergency shelter, rental assistance and mortgage utilities.

400 Washington St. Suite 100

Madison Building

Reading, PA 19601

**Housing Programs****ADAPPT****Phone: 610-478-8800**

Group home residency for state parolees that is designed to assist clients in acquiring basic life skills needed to cope in society.

428 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Berks Counseling Center****Phone: 610-373-4281**

Provides transitional and permanent housing at various locations where residents are able to develop necessary skills to become self-sufficient. Also has forensics housing program for parolees with nowhere else to go. Access to Bilingual Services. Provides prevention intervention program for moms and families.

645 Penn Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Reading, PA 19601

**Berks County Housing Authority****Phone: 610-370-0822**

Provides subsidized housing assistance to low-income and elderly individuals. Apply at berksha.org

1803 Butter Lane

Reading, PA 19606

**Bridge of Hope – Berks County****Phone: 610-568-1250**

2 year holistic program that assists single mothers with self-sufficiency. Must be 20 years of age or older. Individuals must also have a GED and 12-24 months of sobriety. Rental assistance available on decreasing basis while mom is in school or job training. Being motivated and teachable is a plus. A referral from another agency is preferred.

300 Church Street

Reading, PA 19601

**City of Reading Housing Authority****Phone: 610-372-3933**

Provides housing assistance to low income families through public housing and section 8 programs. Must be a Reading resident.

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

835 Franklin St.

Reading, PA 19602

**Easy Does It – Leesport****Phone: 610-373-2463**

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Emergency shelter, Transitional and Permanent Housing. Intensive case management, food and transportation provided.

1300 Hilltop Road

Leesport, PA 19533

**Easy Does It- Reading Facility****Phone: 610-373-9550**

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Assist with 12 step program.

647 Walnut St.

Reading, PA 19601

**Family Promise of Berks County****Phone: 610-373-3323**

Provides housing and case management for low income homeless families in Berks County. Provides 3 meals and private spaces for whole family units with children.

Assist with employment, education, rent and utility resources.

325 N. 5th St. #1

Reading, PA 19601

**Freedom Gate Ministries****Phone: 610-750-5685**

Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners. Provides shelter, food, clothing and counseling.

131 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Hogar Crea****Phone: 610-372-8410**

18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for males.

302 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602



**Mary's Home****Phone: 610-603-8010**

Provides up to 2 years of transitional housing for single mothers with newborns.  
Provides life skills, education, budgeting, parenting and counseling.  
736 Upland Avenue  
Reading, PA 19607

**Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks Inc. Phone: 610-372-8433**

Educates returning citizens on their rights and responsibilities.  
Provides home ownership education and credit/budget counseling.  
213 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street; Suite 1030  
Reading, PA 19601

**New Person Center****Phone: 610-777-2222**

Transitional residence for men coming out from prison. This private Christian faith-based 3 month program screens candidates with an application process. Program fees require some assistance and/or employment.  
(Primarily Sexual Offenses)  
730 Philadelphia Avenue  
Reading, PA 19607

**Oxford House - Reading****Phone: 610-372-0631**

Group Home for recovering male substance abusers. New members must be approved by existing members.  
1045 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**Oxford House –East Reading**

1806 Perkiomen Avenue  
Reading, PA 19606

**Salvation Army****Phone: 610-373-5208**

Provides assistance with electric and gas bills.  
PO Box 1099  
301 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**PA Adult & Teen Challenge****Phone: 717-933-4181****Phone: 717-673-4219**

Medical detox, 30 day rehab. 14 month recovery program.

33 Teen Challenge Road

PO Box 98

Rehrrsburg, PA 19550

**YMCA of Reading and Berks County****Phone: 610-378-4736**

Group home settings for chemically dependent, homeless men and women.

Transitional and Permanent Housing. Must be a Berks County resident for at least 90 day prior to admittance and individuals with a history of Arson, Child Abuse, Sex and Violent Crimes are not permitted. Also assist with transportation to loved ones outside Berks County.

631 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

**YMCA Camp Joy Program**

20 bed program for men with a history of substance abuse and involvement in the Criminal Justice system on the Berks Heim campus. This program has the same admittance requirements as the other YMCA programs and uses the same application.

**Single Room Occupancy Units – at the YMCA**

Rooms for rent to men and women. Residents are exempt from program requirements and eligibility.

# Food

## Soup Kitchens

Serves hot meals to the hungry and homeless.

**Holy Trinity Church of God/C.A.R.E  
C.A.R.E.**

130 W. Buttonwood Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**Phone: 610-374-0790**

**Phone: 610-374-1880**

**Kennedy House**

532 Spruce Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Phone: 610-378-1947**

**Hours: Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**New Journey United Methodist Church**

138 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Phone: 610-375-2662**

**Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm**

**Mobile Faith Kitchen**

Meeting at 5th & Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**Phone: 610-621-5227**

**Hours: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month starting at 5:30 pm**

**Kitchen cupboard: Wed. 10-1**

**Phone: 610-375-3310**

## Food Pantries

Provides groceries or ingredients to those in need who then take these items away to prepare themselves.

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service Inc.**

Provides services such as Meals on Wheels, Medical Transport help and case management to individuals in Boyertown School District – townships of Amity, Oley, Hereford, District and Pike. Please call for appointments.  
200 W. Spring Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**Phone: 610-367-6957**

**City Reach Church's Faith****Phone: 610-621-5227**

1011A Cotton Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month starting at 11:30 am****Friend, Inc.****Phone: 610-683-7790**

Serves as the Northeastern Berks Food Pantry. Individuals must be a citizen of Fleetwood, Kutztown, Topton, Albany, Greenwich, Longswamp, Maidencreek, Maxatawny, Richmond, Rockland and Ruscombmanor. Also provides case management and budgeting.

658D Noble St.

Kutztown, PA 19530

**Hours: Food distribution is usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month. Call for appointment.****Greater Berks Food Bank****Phone: 610-926-5802**

Provides food to local pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. Call to get information on the food pantry closest to you.

117 Morgan Drive

Reading, PA 19608

**Kennedy House****Phone: 610-378-1947**

530 Spruce St.

Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: Food Pantry – Wednesday 9:30 am – 11:30 am****Soup Kitchen- Saturday, Sunday 11:30 am – 12:30 pm****New Journey United Methodist Church****Phone: 610-375-3310**138 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: Kitchen Cupboard on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12pm (Bring ID)****Lunch served: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30am-12:30pm****Salvation Army****Phone: 610-373-5208**

PO Box 1099

301 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Must have ID - Emergency Food is also available****2nd and last Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm****Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am**

**St. James Chapel Church of God and Christ**

**Phone: 610-375-7537**

11 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month – 10:00am to 12:00pm (Need ID for Food Bank)**

**Women Infants & Children**

**Phone: 610-939-8353**

Provides vouchers for healthy foods for pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women with infants and children less than 5 years of age.

Maternal & Family Health Services

555 Raymond St.

Reading, PA 19605

# Clothing

## **Catholic Charities**

**Phone: 610-376-7144**

Can help with boots and shoes necessary for employment.

400 Washington Street; Suite 100

Madison Building

Reading, PA 19601

## **City Thrift Shop**

**Phone: 610-376-3320**

Has clothing for men and women available at a discounted price.

314 Penn Street

Reading, PA 19602

## **Goodwill**

**Phone: 610-777-5250**

Has clothing for men, women and children available at a discounted price

602 East Lancaster Avenue

Shillington, PA 19607

## **Hispanic Center**

**Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information, referrals and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.

+60 interpreters for medical appointments.

501 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

## **New Journey Community Outreach, Inc.**

**Phone: 610-375-2662**

Clothing Center available at no cost to the public.

Central Park United Methodist Church

138 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm, eligible to come 2x month**

*\*\*"Back to Work" Clothing Program provides interview clothing, business casual wear or shoes by appointment only. Call Sue at above number to schedule.*

**Spring Valley Church of God****Phone: 610-929-7969**

Free clothing for women, men and children. (Boutique Ministry)

2727 Old Pricetown Road

Temple, PA 19560

**Hours: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm**

**(Call first to confirm open)**

**Hope Rescue Mission Thrift Store****Phone: 610-375-4224**

Sells used clothing, shoes and furniture at affordable prices.

745 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm**

# Transportation

## Bus Service

### **BARTA**

**Phone: 610-921-0601**

BARTA provides local bus service throughout Reading and Berks County. A map of the routes and general information can be found at most libraries, city hall, hospitals and many businesses, and also on their website here:

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

You can use cash (exact change) or a BARTA Pass or Ten Trip Ticket. Passes are sold for One Day, 31 Days or 10 Trips and can be purchased at the BARTA Transportation Center at 1700 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading and other locations. Some passes can be purchased on the bus when you board – consult the BARTA website for more information.

The current Standard Fare is \$1.70, plus \$0.25 to transfer or ride between different route Zones. A One Day Pass is \$4.00 when purchased on the bus and \$3.00 if purchased ahead of time. See the website for more information.

1700 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19604

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

### **Inter-City Bus Terminal**

**Phone: 610-374-3182**

The Inter-City Bus Terminal provides bus transportation between Reading and surrounding cities such as Philadelphia, New York, Lancaster and Harrisburg. More information about the individual companies and their routes can be found at the Terminal.

20 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Reading, PA 19601

## Taxi Cab Service

### **Reading Metro Taxi**

**Phone: 610-374-5111**

615 Elm Street

Reading, PA 19601



**Grab-A-Cab****Phone: 610-478-1111****La Mexicana Express**

24 hour service, door to door.

[www.lamexicanaexpresstransportation.com](http://www.lamexicanaexpresstransportation.com)**Phone: 610-375-3333****610-375-2828****610-375-3222****610-374-8393****Relocation Services****YMCA Reconnect Program****Phone: 610-378-4700**

This program covers transportation costs for homeless individuals and families to help them reconnect with supportive services and loved ones outside the Berks County area.

631 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

## Community Supervision

### Pennsylvania State Parole

#### **PA State Parole – Reading Sub-Office**

**Phone: 610-378-4331**

Reading State Office Building  
625 Cherry Street  
Reading, PA 19602

### Berks County Probation/Parole

#### **Berks Co. Adult Probation & Parole Office**

**Phone: 610-478-3400**

Berks County Services Center  
633 Court Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm**

#### **Berks Co. Juvenile Probation Office**

**Phone: 610-478-3200**

633 Court Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm**

## Berks County Domestic Relations

#### **Berks County Domestic Relations Section**

**Phone: 610-478-2900**

Berks County Services Center  
633 Court Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm**

# Employment

## Employment Programs

### **Pennsylvania CareerLink Berks County**

**Phone: 610-988-1300**

CareerLink is the government “one stop” location for employment-related assistance. CareerLink services are generally available to all Pennsylvania residents. The Berks County location has help specifically for ex-offenders. Services include:

- Resume writing
- Job search assistance
- Screening and referral to job openings
- Federal bonding for employers
- Classes and workshops
- Reentry Success Workshop – a workshop dedicated to ex-offenders that are reentering the work force. Informs ex-offenders about programs that are available because they have a criminal background.

1920 Kutztown Rd, Suite F

Reading, PA 19604

[www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us)

### **Berks Connections Pretrial Services**

**Phone: 610-478-6920**

Provides employment referrals and assistance for residents of the Berks Community Reentry Center, Berks County Treatment Courts and referred clients from the Department of Corrections.

Berks County Courthouse - 16<sup>th</sup> Floor

633 Court Street

Reading, PA 19601

### **Berks Personnel Network / Threshold**

**Phone: 610-288-1448**

Employment support services including career exploration, resume assistance, job interview skills training, job placement and coordination, on-the-job training and follow-up services. Available to individuals with disabilities and/or barriers to employment.

1041 Rockland St.

Reading, PA 19604

**Berks Community Action Program****Phone: 610-376-6571**

Work Ready Program.

645 Penn St.

Reading, PA 19601

**Community Skills Program®****Phone: (877) 728-5616****Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.****(610) 376-3380**

Provides vocational/psychological testing, job development/placement/coaching, case management and cognitive rehabilitation therapy to persons with brain injuries and neurological impairments. Referrals come through OVR or private insurance.

1150 Berkshire Boulevard; Suite 210

Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Hispanic Center****Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.

501 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation****Phone: 610-621-5800**

OVR provides vocational evaluation, training, placement and support services for individuals with a disability. Applications are taken by calling the office or online at:

[www.cwds.state.pa.us](http://www.cwds.state.pa.us)

3602 Kutztown Road, Suite 200

Reading, PA 19605

**United Community Services****Phone: 610-374-3319**

YouthBuild Program is available for individuals between the ages of 17-24 that do not have a GED or High School Diploma. Program provides individuals with GED and vocational education, work readiness and on-site construction experience and job placement.

1251 North Front Street

Reading, PA 19601

## **Temporary Employment Agencies**

### **Aerotek-Reading**

999 Berkshire Blvd; Suite 180  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.aerotek.com](http://www.aerotek.com)

**Phone: 610-750-8360**

### **@Work Personnel Services**

130 N. Kenhorst Boulevard  
Shillington, PA 19607  
[www.@work.com](http://www.@work.com)

**Phone: 610-375-2773**

### **Berks and Beyond**

926 Penn Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.berksandbeyond.com](http://www.berksandbeyond.com)

**Phone: 610-376-9675  
610-370-3569**

### **Champion Personnel**

3607 Pottsville Pike  
Reading, PA 19605  
[www.championpersonnel.net](http://www.championpersonnel.net)

**Phone: 610-927-5221**

### **Ever Staff LLC**

103 Lancaster Avenue  
Reading, PA 19611  
[www.everstaff.com](http://www.everstaff.com)

**Phone: 610-374-5678  
610-374-5677**

### **Gage Personnel**

101 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
West Reading, PA 19611  
[www.gagepersonnel.com](http://www.gagepersonnel.com)

**Phone: 610-376-1771**

### **People Ready**

722 Cherry Street Suite 2  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.peopleready.com](http://www.peopleready.com)

**Phone: 610-372-5575**

**Mack Employment**

2834 Shillington Road  
Reading, PA 19608  
[www.mackemployment.com](http://www.mackemployment.com)

**Phone: 610-670-2464****Manpower, Inc.**

3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608  
[www.manpower.com](http://www.manpower.com)

**Phone: 610-678-1701****PeopleShare**

2001 State Hill Rd. Suite 106  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.peopleshareworks.com](http://www.peopleshareworks.com)

**Phone: 610-372-2727****The Performance Group**

824 Penn Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.tpgworks.com](http://www.tpgworks.com)

**Phone: 610-378-7818****Express Pros**

840 N. Park Road  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa](http://www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa)

**Phone: 610-750-7898****TempStar Staffing**

4411N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Highway  
Temple, PA 19560  
[www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/](http://www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/)

**Phone: 610-921-4560****Spherion Staffing Agency**

4 Park Plaza, Suite 300  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.spherion.com](http://www.spherion.com)

**Phone: 484-335-1000****HTSS Inc.**

860 Broad Street, Suite 111  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
[www.htss-inc.com](http://www.htss-inc.com)

**Phone: 610-432-4161**

# **Government Benefits**

## **Public Assistance / Food Stamps / Medical Assistance**

### **Berks County Assistance Office**

**Phone: 610-736-4211**

All applicants can apply in person at the Reading State Office Building or they can apply online at [www.compass.pa.gov](http://www.compass.pa.gov). Outcome varies to individual circumstances but eligibility is based on household income, citizenship/alien status, resources, employability and value of property.

625 Cherry St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19602

## **Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSD)**

### **Social Security Administration**

**Phone: 866-274-5960**

Administers the Supplemental Social Security Income, Social Security Disability and Medicare programs. Individuals must be aged, blind, disabled or Medicare eligible through employment in order to apply.

201 Penn Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Veteran's Assistance**

### **Berks VA Clinic**

**Phone: (484) 220-2572**

Provides primary care, nurses, lab, social work, psychiatric care, psychological care and group therapy. Provides support, counseling, assessments, treatments and referrals to Honorably Discharged Veterans who served military time and their spouse or dependents through the CHAMP program.

St. Joseph Campus  
2752 Century Blvd.  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Berks County Veterans Affairs****Phone: 610-378-5601**

Submits claims pertaining to service connected benefits, pension, burial, death benefits and state veterans benefits to Veterans of Berks County and their dependents, widows and orphans.

County of Berks Government  
726 Cherry Street  
Reading PA 19602

**Lebanon VA Medical Center****Phone: 717-272-6621****Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Program****800-409-8771**

Medical Center: Provides Hospital based treatment and specialists.

Provides substance abuse treatment, vocational and independent living skills programs, Community Transitional Residence Programs, ongoing support and case management, coordination of treatment with local, state and federal probation and parole agencies and referrals to VA programs and community resources. Must call to determine eligibility.

1700 South Lincoln Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17042

**Opportunity House****Phone: 610-374-4696**

Provides veteran's assistance.

430 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Reading, PA 19601

**Hope Rescue Mission****Phone: (610) 375-4224**

On site social/resource center for veterans.

Single occupancy rooms for homeless veterans.

Food, clothing, and toiletries available for veterans.

645 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Reading, PA 19601



# Substance Abuse Treatment

## Referral Agencies

### **Treatment Access & Service Center**

**Phone: 610-375-4426**

TASC provides intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. If you do not have private insurance and want to be evaluated for alcohol and/or drug abuse, you can schedule an appointment with TASC. TASC will then refer you to appropriate providers in the community. If you do have private insurance, you must schedule an evaluation thru your insurance provider.

19 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 300  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Council on Chemical Abuse**

**Phone: 610-376-8669**

The Council on Chemical Abuse is the Single County Authority for Berks County – dispersing government and other funding to appropriate agencies in the community. You can learn more about the services that the Council funds on their website at:

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

Educational Resources available on website.

601 Penn Street, Suite 600  
Reading, PA 19601

## Treatment and Counseling Services

### **ADAPPT**

**Phone: 610-478-8800**

Alcohol Drug Addiction Probation Parole Treatment – An Intensive drug and alcohol program for state parolees with a maximum stay of 90 days where the parolees are provided with treatment services.

428 Walnut Street  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Berks Counseling Center**

**Phone: 610-373-4281**

Provides outpatient and intensive outpatient counseling services for chemically dependent individuals.

645 Penn Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**Caron Foundation****Phone: 610-678-2332**

Provides inpatient and outpatient services to patients 13 years of age and up. Offers life enrichment workshops that include anger management, relapse intervention, relationship building, relationship healing for couples and spirituality.

243 N. Galen Hall Road

PO Box 150

Wernersville, PA 19565

**Family Guidance Center****Phone: 610-374-4963**

Outpatient mental health and drug and alcohol therapy. Bilingual services available.

1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206

Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00pm**

**Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm**

**New Directions Treatment Services****Phone: 610-478-0646**

Provides dual diagnosis treatment, methadone maintenance and chemical dependency services.

20-22 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

West Reading, PA 19611

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm**

**Saturday – Sunday, 7:00am to 10:00am**

**Pennsylvania Counseling Services****Phone: 610-478-8088****Reading Psychiatric**

Outpatient and intensive outpatient drug and alcohol counseling (includes dual diagnosis treatment).

125 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Reading Hospital Medical Center****Phone: 610-988-8070**

Operates a drug and alcohol center which offers detoxification, short-term residential care, individual and group counseling and aftercare groups.

401 Buttonwood Street

West Reading, PA 19611

## **Recovery Communities**

### **Easy Does It, Inc.**

**Phone: 610-373-2463**

Provides space for 12 step meetings, drug and alcohol free social events. Also holds meetings for AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, Alateen and social events.

Recovery Community Center

1300 Hilltop Road

Leesport, PA 19533

### **Easy Does It, Inc. (Reading Facility)**

**Phone: 610-373-9550**

Provides space for 12 step meetings, drug and alcohol free social events. Also holds meetings for AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, Alateen and social events.

647 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

## **Residential Facilities**

### **ADAPPT**

**Phone: 610-478-8800**

Group home residency that is designed to assist clients in acquiring basic life skills to cope in society.

428 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

### **Easy Does It – Leesport**

**Phone: 610-373-2463**

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Transitional and Permanent Housing.

1300 Hilltop Road

Leesport, PA 19533

### **Easy Does It – Reading Facility**

**Phone: 610-373-9550**

Housing program is designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free.

647 Walnut Street

Reading, PA 19601

### **Freedom Gate Ministries**

**Phone: 610-750-5685**

Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners.

131-133 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Hogar Crea****Phone: 610-372-8410**

18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for males.

302 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**New Person Center****Phone: 610-777-2222**

Transitional residence for men coming out from prison. This private Christian faith-based 3 month program screens candidates with an application process. Program fees require some assistance and/or employment.

PO Box 223

Shillington, PA 19607

**Oxford House - Reading****Phone: 610-372-0631**

Group Home for recovering male substance abusers. New members must be approved by existing members.

1045 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Oxford House –East Reading**

1806 Perkiomen Avenue

Reading, PA 19602

**Teen Challenge Training Center, Inc.****Phone: 717-933-4181****Phone: 717-673-4219**

Long-term residential drug and alcohol treatment center.

33 Teen Challenge Road

PO Box 98

Rehlersburg, PA 19550

**YMCA of Reading and Berks County****Phone: 610-378-4736**

Group home settings for chemically dependent, homeless men and women. Must be a Berks County resident for at least 90 day prior to admittance and individuals with a history of Arson, Child Abuse, Sex and Violent Crimes are not permitted.

631 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

# Mental Health Treatment

## Referral Agencies

### **Berks County MH/DD Program**

**Phone: 610-478-3271**

Subcontracts with SAM to provide mental health and mental retardation programs to individuals eligible for services. Also subcontracts Community Care Behavioral Health and administers oversight with the Health Choices program.

633 Court Street; 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Berks County Services Center  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Service Access Management, Inc.**

**Phone: 610-236-0530**

SAM provides intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. If you do not have private insurance and want to be evaluated for mental health services, you can schedule an appointment with SAM. SAM will then refer you to appropriate providers in the community. If you do have private insurance, you must schedule an evaluation thru your insurance provider. SAM also provides case management services based on the assessment.

19 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance**

**Phone: 610-775-3000**

Provides referral information and advocates for parents and children and those affected by mental health by asserting and protecting their rights. Provides peer support services and assists those on disability with managing their money and paying their bills.

1234 Penn Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

## Treatment Providers

### **Berks Counseling Center**

**Phone: 610-373-4281**

Has mental health counseling and related services for children, adolescents and adults.

645 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Child & Family Support Services, Inc.**

**Phone: 610-376-8558**

Provides therapy for adults, couples and families. Services include psychiatric evaluation/assessment, medication and stress and anger management.

4 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**Family Guidance Center****Phone: 610-374-4963**

Provides psychiatric services and medication management. Bilingual Services.

1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206

Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00pm**

**Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm**

**New Directions Treatment Services****Phone: 610-478-0646**

Licensed psychiatric outpatient services for adults and children. Provides psychiatric evaluation, medication management, psychotherapy and mental health services

20-22 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

West Reading, PA 19611

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm**

**Saturday – Sunday, 7:00am to 10:00am**

**Mosaic House****Phone: 610-375-7840**

Psycho/Social rehabilitation center. Assists individuals with a MH/MR diagnosis with education and employment services for the purpose of job retention. Provide independent living skills and socialization.

525 Franklin Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Pennsylvania Counseling Services****Phone: 610-685-2188****Reading Psychiatric**

Provides outpatient mental health counseling as well as psychiatric and medication management services. Spanish-speaking services are available.

125 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

**Pennsylvania Counseling Services****Phone: 610-670-7270****Reading-Wyomissing**

Provides mental health counseling. Medical assistance is not accepted.

1733 Penn Avenue

Reading, PA 19609

**Progressions****Phone: 610-375-7454**

Outpatient MH/MR therapy for adults, family and children.

144 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Reading Hospital Medical Center****Phone: 610-988-8070**

Provides inpatient and outpatient services as well as partial hospitalization programs for individuals experiencing psychiatric, emotional or behavioral health problems.

6<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets

West Reading, PA 19611

## Health and Dental Services

### **Berks County State Health Center**

**Phone: 610-378-4377**

Services include: tuberculosis treatment and diagnosis, communicable disease control and investigation and public information on PKU, SIDS, Animal Bite and Childhood Lead Poisoning Programs.

625 Cherry St.; Room 401  
Reading, PA 19602

### **Berks Community Health Center**

Berks Community Health Center offers a full array of primary and preventive health care services. Patients of all ages – from newborns through senior citizen – are seen by appointment by one of our board-certified family physicians or nurse practitioners.

838 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Phone: 610-988-4838**

1040 Liggett Ave  
Reading, PA 19611

**Phone: 484-220-2955**

### **Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services**

**Phone: 610-685-4520**

**TTY: 610-685-4525**

Services include interpreting services, sign language classes and information regarding hearing aids and hearing aid assistance.

2045 Centre Avenue  
Reading, PA 19605

### **Co-County Wellness Services**

**Phone: 610-375-6523**

Provides services that address risk behaviors for HIV/STD/HCV prevention, risk reduction, counseling, planning, testing and screening in addition to services for HIV positive individuals.

429 Walnut St.  
Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: STD screenings are now by walk-ins on Mondays; appointments required Tuesdays and Thursdays. HIV testing is a walk-in clinic open Tuesdays from 11am to 7pm and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm.**



**Farias Health Care****Phone: 610-898-0766**

Medical services include new patient office visits, physicals, sick visits, follow-up appointments and injection. Payment is based on household income.

525 Penn St.

Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Mondays-Fridays 8:30-4:30**

**Hispanic Center****Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.

501 Washington Street 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Reading, PA 19601

**Planned Parenthood of Northeast PA****Phone: 610-376-8061**

Provides education about safe sex, STD care and prevention, birth control and pregnancy tests to clients under the age of 18 (fee based on household income).

48 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19601

**St. Joseph Medical Center****Phone: 610-378-2445**

Dental Clinic

145 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Reading, PA 19601

**Salvation Army****Phone: 610-373-5208**

Assistance available for prescriptions when there are funds.

301 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19601

**Western Berks Free Medical Clinic****Phone: 610-693-6207****[www.wbfmc.net](http://www.wbfmc.net)**

Clinic is held at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church and meets the minor acute healthcare needs of people in the community who are uninsured and do not have financial means to pay for their medical care.

480 Big Spring Road

Robesonia, PA 19551

**Hours: Open Wednesdays beginning at 6pm by appointments only – services available to the uninsured and under-insured in the Western part of Berks County.**

**Women's Clinic: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month by appointment only.**

# Educational Resources

## GED/ESL Related Assistance

### **Catholic Charities**

**Phone: 610-376-7144**

Provides GED and job training.  
400 Washington St. Suite 100 Madison Bldg.  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Even Start Family Literacy Program**

**Phone: 610-370-8540 ext. 60218**

**(Offered under the Reading Area School District) 484 258-7000**

Offers ESL, Parenting skills, PACT and Child Development classes for residents in the Reading School District with children between the ages of 0-8.

### **ESL Class Locations**

St. Mark UCC

211 W. Greenwich St. Reading

*Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm*

Redeemed Christian Church

851 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Reading

*Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm*

### **Hispanic Center**

**Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides list of appropriate agencies that offer ESL classes for people who would like to learn English as a second language.

501 Washington St.

Reading, PA 19601

### **Literacy Council of Reading / Berks**

**Phone: 610-670-9960**

Provides workplace foundation skills training as well as support, materials and linkage services for clients. Also offers ESL classes and one to one trainings to improve literacy skills and GED classes.

35 South Dwight Street

West Lawn, PA 19609

### **Reading Area Community College (RACC)**

**Phone: 610-372-4721**

Provides ABE/GED/ESL classes and GED testing.

**Extension: 5322**

11 Riverfront Dr.

Reading, PA 19602

**United Community Services****Phone: 610-374-3319**

YouthBuild Program is available for individuals between the ages of 17-24 that do not have a GED or High School Diploma. Program provides individuals with GED and vocational education, work readiness and on-site construction experience and job placement.

1251 N. Front St  
Reading, PA 19601

**Wisdom 31****Phone: 610-373-5777**

Offers beginning intermediate and advanced ESL classes as well as citizenship classes.

640 Centre Avenue  
Reading, PA 19601

**Trade and Technology Schools/Programs****Berks County Career & Technology Center****Phone: 610-374-4073**

Areas of Study: Graphic Imaging Technology, Advertising, Photo Imaging, Building Construction Occupations, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Drafting Design Technology, Electrical Occupations, HVAC, Masonry, Painting & Decorating, Plumbing & Heating, Dental & Health Occupations, Information Technology, Welding, Robotics & Automation Technology, Computerize Machining Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Protective Services, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Heavy Equipment Technology, Automotive Collision Repair

1057 County Road  
Leesport, PA 19533

**Eligibility Requirements: Cannot accept anyone in day-time curriculum with a criminal record due to high school youth attendance during the day.**

**Berks Technical Institute****Phone: 610-372-1722**

Areas of Study: CDL Training/Class A Tractor Trailer, Internet/Networking Engineering, Network Internet Professional, Drafting Technology, Paralegal, Medical Assisting Training Programs, Massage Therapy, Business Administration, Graphic Design, Criminal Justice, Dental Assisting Programs, Health & Medical Records Management, Medical Billing & Coding, Medical Office Assistant

2205 Ridgewood Road  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

**I-Lead****Phone: 610-624-3712**

Provides Associates Degree in Human Services.

401 Penn St.

Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm**

**Reading Area Community College (RACC)****Phone: 610-372-4721**

Areas of Study: See website for complete listing of programs offered.

10 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19603

**RACC Schmidt Training and Technology Center Phone: 610-372-4721**

Areas of Study: A variety of manufacturing technology programs including SimWelding

Program, Electrical Machines Systems, CNC Operators and Milling, Hydraulics and

Pneumatics, Robotics and Automated Systems, Water and Waste Management

Treatment Programs, Information Technology Programs and Business Solutions

10 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19603

## Family and Parenting Resources

### **Berks Community Action Program**

**Phone: 610-376-6571**

Fatherhood Initiative Program – Fathers learn values and responsibility. Family Center and parenting classes also available.

645 Penn St.

Reading, PA 19601

### **BCIU – Berks County Intermediate Unit**

**Phone: 610-987-2248**

**Phone: 610-926-8454**

Provides subsidized childcare for those who are unable to afford it. Call to get on the waiting list. Comprehensive Preschool Education Center Based Program for children between 3-5 years of age.

1111 Commons Boulevard

PO Box 16050

Reading, PA 19605

### **Even Start Family Literacy Program**

**Phone: 484-258-7000**

Offers ESL, Parenting skills, PACT and Child Development classes for residents in the Reading School District with children between the ages of 0-8.

### **Second Street Learning Center (Opportunity House)**

**Phone: 610-374-4696, ext. 242**

Accepts childcare subsidies and assists with subsidy enrollment paperwork. Accepts children age 6 weeks to 13 years of age with special needs (depending on the severity).

430 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19601

### **Mary's Shelter**

**Phone: 610-376-1973**

Offers pre-natal care and child care. Also provides parenting, relational and housekeeping skills. Partnering with the diaper bank. (Register through the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness.)

736 Upland Ave.

Reading, PA 19607

### **Catholic Charities**

**Phone: 610-376-7144**

Assist with adoption services.

400 Washington St. Suite 100

Madison Bldg.

Reading, PA 19601

# Community Support

## **New Road Ministry**

**Phone: 610-373-3907**

Conducted by churches of Berks in partnership with Reading Berks Conference of Churches. Anyone is invited who has had a detour through the justice system and seeks to rebuild their life. Family members are welcome for support. Each week participants take part in interactive coaching centering of life topics and fellowship around a family-style meal. There is a focus on healthy relationships with family, others and God. This is a safe place to learn, grow and become part of a community.

Meeting Location:

Hopewell Mennonite Church

6<sup>th</sup> & Cherry St.

Reading, PA 19602

**Hours: Thursday's beginning at 5:45pm**

## **Family & Friends Coping with Incarceration Support Group (FFCI)**

BCPS staff and volunteers lead a monthly support group specifically for the families and friends of individuals who are incarcerated, on probation or parole or currently involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system. FFCI is designed to provide mutual support in a non-judgmental, confidential environment. Members will have a safe place to discuss frustrations and concerns with others who are struggling with similar issues. For many, navigating the criminal justice system can be overwhelming. Hearing others share about their experience can offer greater understanding and clarification.

**FFCI meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 7-9pm. For more information and meeting location, please contact Michelle at 610-478-6920 ext. 3926.**

## **Domestic Violence Resources**

### **SAFE BERKS**

**Phone: 610-373-1206**

**24/7 Bilingual Hotline: (844) 789-SAFE (7233)**

**TEXT 24/7@ SAFE BERKS to 20121**

Domestic and sexual violence center providing individual counseling, advocacy services, case management, shelter and safety to victims of abuse and their families. Also offers a Safe House for 26 women and children for up to 30 days.

255 Chestnut St.

Reading, PA 19602

### **Commonwealth Clinical Group**

**Phone: 717-393-3900**

Offers evaluation and treatment to adults and adolescents. Program provides group, individual and family counseling.

450 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Reading, PA 19601



# Legal Assistance

## **Berks County Bar Association**

**Phone: 610-375-4591**

Lawyer Referral Service  
544 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.BerksBar.com](http://www.BerksBar.com)

## **Berks County Clerk of Courts**

**Phone: 610-478-6550**

Access your record and pay criminal case fines and costs.  
Berks County Courthouse – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.co.berks.pa.us](http://www.co.berks.pa.us)

## **Hispanic Center**

**Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.  
501 Washington Street  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Mid-Penn Legal Services**

**Phone: 1-800-326-9177**

Provides legal services in the following areas: Barriers to Employment, Custody, Domestic Violence, Debt Collection, Housing (including landlord/tenant issues and utility issues), SSI/SSD, unemployment, wage claims and welfare issues. New clients call the above number between 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Existing clients should call 610-376-8656 to inquire about their case.  
501 Washington Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Pennsylvania Prison Society**

**Phone: 215-564-4775**

Reviews prison conditions and provides assistance with inmate rights and advocacy services.  
245 N. Broad Street; Suite 200  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

## Financial and Budgeting Assistance

### **Berks Community Action Program**

**Phone: 610-376-6571**

Occasionally offers budgeting assistance/credit repair and tax assistance.

645 Penn St.

Reading, PA 19601

## Register to Vote

As an ex-offender you are generally legally eligible to vote in Pennsylvania unless you have been convicted of a felony AND are under Court-ordered supervision because of the felony conviction. You can find more information about your voting rights and how to vote on the Pennsylvania Department of State's Votes PA website at:

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

You can pick up voting materials at most libraries and post offices and can receive additional information and assistance at the Berks County Election Services Department:

### **Berks Co. Election Services**

**Phone: 610-478-6490**

Berks County Services Center – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

633 Court Street

Reading, PA 19601

[www.co.berks.pa.us](http://www.co.berks.pa.us)

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