This resource guide was created by Berks Connections/Pretrial Services with assistance from local agencies and government departments that participate in Berks County Community Resources Network.

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

Berks Connections/Pretrial Services
19 N. 6th Street
4th Floor
Reading, PA 19601
484-260-3860

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Identification

Driver’s License Reinstatement
If you want to make sure that you have a valid Pennsylvania’s 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’s 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- 6th 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 have 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**
201 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

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

**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
336 South 18th 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. Assists in registering online with Berks Coalition to End Homelessness to obtain a month’s worth of diapers every 3rd Tuesday for $5.
736 Upland Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Opportunity House  Phone: 610-374-4696
Provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing.
Also provides meals and other services.
430 N. 2nd 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 2nd 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
Clare of Assisi House    Phone: 484-869-5483
Provides transitional residential housing and life skills training for non-violent women coming out of prison. 12-bed facility. Applications should be submitted prior to release with the treatment department of the incarcerating facility.
325 South 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602

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
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 also 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
610-373-3323

Freedom Gate Ministries    Phone: 610-750-5685
Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners. Provides shelter, food, clothing and counseling.
131 S. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19602
Hogar Crea  Phone: 610-372-8410
18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for males.
302 S. 5th 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 training on 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. 5th 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. 5th 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. 5th 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
Rehrersburg, 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 days prior to admittance. Individuals with a history of arson, child
abuse, sex and violent crimes are not permitted. Also assists 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
Hours: Monday’s through Saturday’s from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Phone: 610-378-1947

**New Journey United Methodist Church**
138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm
Phone: 610-375-2662

**Mobile Faith Kitchen**
Meeting at 5th & Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601
Hours: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month starting at 5:30 pm
Kitchen cupboard: Wed. 10-1
Phone: 610-375-3310
Phone: 610-621-5227

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
1011A Cotton Street
Reading, PA 19602
Hours: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month starting at 11:30 am

Friend, Inc.
Serves as the Northeastern Berks Food Pantry. Individuals must be a citizen of Fleetwood, Kutztown, Topton, Albany, Greenwich, Longswamp, Maiden Creek, Maxatawny, Richmond, Rockland and Ruscombmanor. Also provides case management and budgeting.
658D Noble Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
Hours: Food distribution is usually the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. Call for appointment.

Greater Berks Food Bank
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
532 Spruce Street
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
138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602
Hours: Kitchen Cupboard on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12 pm (Bring ID)
Lunch served: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Salvation Army
PO Box 1099
301 S. 5th 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. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19602
Hours: 4th 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 Street
Reading, PA 19605
Clothing

**Catholic Charities**  Phone: 610-376-7144
Assists with boots and shoes necessary for employment.
400 Washington Street; Suite 100
Madison Building
Reading, PA 19601

**City Thrift Shop**  Phone: 610-376-3320
Clothing for men and women available at a discounted price.
314 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

**Goodwill**  Phone: 610-777-5250
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. 6th 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\textsuperscript{st} Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Call first to confirm open)

Hope Rescue Mission Thrift Store
Phone: 610-741-1641
Sells used clothing, shoes and furniture at affordable prices.
745 N. 6\textsuperscript{th} 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 halls, hospitals and many businesses, and also on their website here: 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. 11th 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 (as of May, 2011) 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. 11th Street
Reading, PA 19604
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. 3rd Street
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

Relocation Services

YMCA Reconnection Program
Phone: 610-378-4700
This program provides out of county, one-way bus tickets for at-risk individuals in the Berks County area that need assistance in relocating home. Individuals should call or walk-in to receive services. Service times are typically Monday-Friday from 10am-3:30pm. Identification with photo, name and date of birth is required to receive assistance.
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, 7th Floor
Reading, PA 19601
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Berks Co. Juvenile Probation Office Phone: 610-478-3200
633 Court Street, 10th 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, 6th 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 Road, Suite F
Reading, PA 19604
www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

Berks Connections / Pretrial Services        Phone: 484-260-3860
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.
19 N. 6th Street
4th Floor
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 Street
Reading, PA 19604
Berks Community Action Program
Work Ready Program.
645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Community Skills Program®
Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.
Phone: (877) 728-5616
(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
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, on-site construction experience
and job placement. Must have forms of identification upon referral.
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Reading, PA 19601
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2834 Shillington Road
Reading, PA 19608
www.mackemployment.com

Manpower, Inc.  Phone: 610-678-1701
3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
www.manpower.com

PeopleShare  Phone: 610-372-2727
2001 State Hill Rd. Suite 106
Reading, PA 19601
www.peopleshareworks.com

The Performance Group  Phone: 610-378-7818
824 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.tpgworks.com

Express Pros  Phone: 610-750-7898
840 N. Park Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa

TempStar Staffing  Phone: 610-921-4560
4411N. 5th Street Highway
Temple, PA 19560
www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/

Spherion Staffing Agency  Phone: 484-335-1000
4 Park Plaza, Suite 300
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.spherion.com

HTSS Inc.  Phone: 610-432-4161
860 Broad Street, Suite 111
Emmaus, PA 18049
www.htss-inc.com
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. Outcome varies to individual circumstances but eligibility is based on household income, citizenship/alien status, resources, employability and value of property.
625 Cherry Street 3rd 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, 2nd 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. 2nd Street
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. 6th Street
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. 6th 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 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601
Caron Foundation  
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  
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  
Provides dual diagnosis treatment, methadone maintenance and chemical dependency services.  
20-22 N. 6th Avenue  
West Reading, PA 19611  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday – Sunday, 7:00am to 10:00am  

Pennsylvania Counseling Services  
Reading Psychiatric  
Outpatient and intensive outpatient drug and alcohol counseling (includes dual diagnosis treatment).  
125 S. 5th Street  
Reading, PA 19602  

Reading Hospital Medical Center  
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. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19602
**Hogar Crea**
Phone: 610-372-8410
18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for males.
302 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

**New Person Ministries**
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. 5th 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
Rehrersburg, 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; 8th 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. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance  Phone: 610-775-3000
Provides referral information and advocates for parents and children and those affect 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 4th Street; 2nd 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. 6th 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. 5th 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\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{th} and Spruce Streets
West Reading, PA 19611
Health and Dental Services

Berks County State Health Center
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 Street; Room 401
Reading, PA 19602
Phone: 610-378-4377

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. Clients should call or walk-in to schedule intake appointments to become patients. Clients can also walk in during urgent appointment hours for which are Monday-Thursday, 5pm-9pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm at the Penn Street location.

838 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602
Phone: 610-988-4838

1040 Liggett Ave
Reading, PA 19611
Phone: 484-220-2955

430 North 2nd Street (in Opportunity House)
Reading, PA 19601
Phone: 610-463-3263

Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services
Services include interpreting services, sign language classes and information regarding hearing aids and hearing aid assistance.
2045 Centre Avenue
Reading, PA 19605
Phone: 610-685-4520
TTY: 610-685-4525
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 Street  
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, stick visits, follow-up appointments and injection. Payment is based on household income.  
525 Penn Street  
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 1st 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. 4th Street  
Reading, PA 19601

St. Joseph Medical Center  Phone: 610-378-2445  
Dental Clinic  
145 N. 6th Street  
Reading, PA 19601

Salvation Army  Phone: 610-373-5208  
Assistance available for prescriptions when there are funds.  
301 S. 5th Street  
Reading, PA 19601
Western Berks Free Medical Clinic        Phone: 610-693-6207
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: 3rd 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 Street 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 Street Reading Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Redeemed Christian Church
851 N. 11th Street 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 Street
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
Extension: 5322
Provides ABE/GED/ESL classes and GED testing.
11 Riverfront Drive
Reading, PA 19602
United Community Services  
**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. Individuals will need proper identification.

1251 N. Front Street  
Reading, PA 19601

Wisdom 31  
Offers beginning intermediate and advanced ESL classes as well as citizenship classes.

640 Centre Avenue  
Reading, PA 19601

Reading Opportunity Center  
Provides educational counseling on finding technical, training or college programs, finding financial aid and scholarships, career planning or obtaining your GED. Must be a United States citizen or legal resident of Reading or receive services in Reading. Must be 18 years or older.

800 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Trade and Technology Schools/Programs**

Berks County Career & Technology Center  

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 Street
Reading, PA 19601
Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Reading Area Community College (RACC)  Phone: 610-372-4721
See website for complete listing of programs offered.
www.racc.edu
10 S. 2nd 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. 2nd 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 Street
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. 2nd 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 Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Catholic Charities  Phone: 610-376-7144
Assist with adoption services.
400 Washington Street 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
6th & Cherry Street
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 1st 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 Street
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. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601
Legal Assistance

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

**Berk's County Clerk of Courts**  
Access your record and pay criminal case fines and costs.  
Berk's County Courthouse – 4th Floor  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.co.berks.pa.us](http://www.co.berks.pa.us)

**Hispanic Center**  
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**  
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 – 4th Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**Pennsylvania Prison Society**  
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
Occasionally offers budgeting assistance/credit repair and tax assistance.
645 Penn Street
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
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 County Election Services
Berks County Services Center – 1st Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.co.berks.pa.us
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2-1-1 provides information on a broad range of services, including child care, after-school programs, food banks, elderly care, basic needs, health services and much more

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