

REENTRY PACKET

Your Customized Guide to Support your Successful Transition



National Web-based Reentry Resource Center

www.fairshake.net

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More information can be found at fairshake.net/different-abilities



National Federation of the Blind nfb.org

200 East Wells Street at Jernigan Place
Baltimore, MD 21230

410-659-9314



National Disability Rights Network ndrn.org

820 First St. NE, Suite 740

TDD/TTY: 202-408-9521

Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 202-408-9514

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities



Int'l Center for Disability Resources on the Internet icdri.org/legal/CAP.htm

The Client Assistance Program (CAP) is funded by taxpayers. It provides assistance, information and advocacy to people with disabilities who are getting or applying for services under the Rehabilitation Act. Programs include: Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living Services and more. Each State has its own programs.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI & SSI) ssa.gov/benefits/disability
Social Security Administration Office of Public Inquiries and Communications Support
1100 West High Rise
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235

TTY 800-325-0778
800-772-1213



Write for information to start your application before release! It's included in the Fair Shake software: fairshake.net/fici.
Your supporters can find information at this link, too: ssa.gov/reentry/benefits.htm.



Social Security Disability Resource Center www.ssdrcc.com

Private website created to "provide information about how Social Security Disability and SSI work" Nationally, and in NC specifically. Online only.



Vision Aware visionaware.org

An amazing website, loaded with information, webinars, support groups including special support for elders, veterans, children and much more. "VisionAware is a

free, easy-to-use informational service for adults with vision loss, their families, caregivers, healthcare providers, and social service professionals."

Expanding Employment Possibilities for People with Vision Loss! aphcareerconnect.org

The Arc thearc.org

The Arc of the United States
1825 K Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington DC 20006

202-534-3700
800-433-5255



The Arc serves as a bridge between the criminal justice and disability communities. We promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetime.



Olmstead Rights olmsteadrights.org

Our mission is to help low-income people navigate complexities by providing information and resources for self-advocates, family and friends of people with disabilities, and legal advocates alike. Self-help Tools! Legal Advocacy Tools! Links to resources in every state! (web-based only)

EDUCATE YOURSELF!

Once you have learned to ask questions - relevant and appropriate and substantial questions – you have learned how to learn and no one can keep you from learning whatever you want or need to know.

- Neil Postman

You either learn your way towards writing your own script in life, or you unwittingly become an actor in someone else's script.

- John Taylor Gatto

College Correspondence Courses: Be sure to ask about the Pell Grant!

Adams State University

Correspondence Education Program
208 Edgemont Blvd., Suite 3000
Alamosa, CO 81101
719-587-7671

<https://www.adams.edu/academics/print-based/prison-college-program/>

Free non-credit courses!

College Guild

P.O. Box 696
Brunswick, ME 04011

Colorado State University-Pueblo

Division of Extended Studies

2200 Bonforte Blvd
Pueblo, CO 81001-4901
719.549.2100
csupueblo.edu/extended-studies

Ohio University Correctional Education

Haning Hall 102
1 Ohio University Dr.
Athens, OH 45701
800.444.2420
ohio.edu/online/programs/print/correctional

Freshman Year For Free!

www.modernstates.org

MODERN STATES

MODERN STATES and the CLEP exam - Modern States' program: Freshman

Year For Free, is intended to let students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense. They provide recorded courses, and the cost of testing, using CLEP exams (see below). Free to all who qualify! You can start studying for the courses below now!



Get college credit with what you already know!

CLEP offers 33 exams in five subject areas at over 1,800 college test centers, covering material generally taught in the first two years of college. By passing a CLEP exam, you can earn 3 to 12 college credits. Exams cost \$80. There are text exams for you to use to prepare.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

P.O. Box 6600
Princeton, NJ 08541-6600
Phone: 800-257-9558 or 212-237-1331

clep.collegeboard.org

List of CLEP Exams: Match with OpenCourseWare Classes!

American Literature	Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present
College Composition and Modular English Literature	Science and Mathematics
Humanities Foreign Languages	Biology
French Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Calculus
German Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Chemistry
Spanish Language (Levels 1 and 2)	College Algebra
History and Social Sciences	College Mathematics
American Government	Natural Sciences
Human Growth and Development	Pre-calculus
Intro to Educational Psychology	Business
Introduction to Psychology	Financial Accounting
Introduction to Sociology	Introductory Business Law
Principles of Macroeconomics	Information Systems and Computer Applications
Principles of Microeconomics	Principles of Management
Social Sciences and History	Principles of Marketing
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	
History of the United States II: 1885 to the Present	

THE FAIR SHAKE WEBSITE ALSO LISTS MANY FREE ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!



MODERN STATES Freshman Year Free™!!!

MODERN STATES + CLEP exam

Modern States Education Alliance is a non-profit dedicated to making a high-quality college education free of cost and accessible to any person who seeks one. Its founding principle is that access to affordable education is fundamental to any philosophy that respects all individuals, and fundamental to the American dream.

Modern States' program, *Freshman Year for Free™*, is intended to let students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense.

Modern States is partnering with edX, the leading online learning platform founded by Harvard and MIT. Modern States has given edX the money to complete the development of more than 30 high quality freshman college courses, taught by some of the world's leading universities and professors. Each course includes online lectures, quizzes, tests, and other features. Textbooks and materials will also be provided online, free of charge.

The courses are designed to prepare students for the major "Advanced Placement" (AP)* or "College Level Examination Program" (CLEP)* tests offered by the College Board, including subjects such as History, Computer Science, Math, English and Economics.

According to the College Board, more than 2,000 traditional colleges and universities already offer credit to students who pass AP and CLEP tests. Students can take one course or many courses from Modern States, and then – by passing the AP or CLEP exams – can begin with up to a full year's worth of credit after they enroll in traditional college, making Modern States an "on-ramp" to college. Modern States hopes to provide links for students to tutoring, mentoring and college advising groups as well.

Modern States

787 Seventh Avenue 49th Floor
New York, New York 10019

Open to Everyone

In short, Modern States works like a global digital public library of great college courses. Enrollment in Modern States courses will be "massively open" to all people without regard to age, location, family income, nationality, prior credits or other factors. The courses may also provide a critical "road back" for students who have left the traditional US college system. Modern States is not in opposition to any traditional college and recognizes that a four-year residential experience at an established university is the preferred alternative. However, such an opportunity is out of reach for many people, given the high cost of tuition and other factors.

Modern States was initially conceived and funded by businessman and philanthropist Steve Klinsky (the CEO of Modern States), but has grown as an alliance with the guidance and support of other education and foundation leaders. College systems with over two million students have affiliated with Modern States Education Alliance, including systems in New York, Texas, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee.

Working closely with Klinsky is Pulitzer Prize winner David Vise, Executive Director of Modern States. The author of four books, Vise was a reporter at The Washington Post for more than 20 years before joining the investment firm New Mountain Capital as a Senior Advisor.

Modern States is a philanthropy intended to increase global access to high quality education and seeks to partner with others who share its goals.

www.modernstates.org



As of this writing, CLEP tests are not offered in prisons.

Let's change that!

PRE-RELEASE INVENTORY

Additional items to add to your list!

1. List the gifts that you bring with you!

- Include your courage, determination and authenticity.
- Your ability to listen well and offer the greatest gift a person can give: your attention.
- The special tools and skills you've developed to share with employers, coworkers, customers and clients.
- Expanded knowledge, compassion and commitment to those who are close to you.
- The unique perspective, and pro-social community-building skills that you have to construct the future with others!



2. Prepare for tough times. Write down book titles, articles, names of friends and family, and community resources you can turn to when things are tough; or when you feel down or vulnerable. When it's difficult to reach out to people; books may be a good place to start.

3. Check for "Over-Confidence". It's crucial to be confident...but foolish to be over-confident! Here are a couple of ideas to locate and address possible points of overconfidence:

- + Play "Devil's Advocate". Be critical and pessimistic. If possible, solicit the help of a friend or a young person. (In general, the young are better at this than adults.)
- + Resist comparing yourself to others. Everyone does things differently!
- + Listen to, and address, concerns or criticisms from others. This doesn't mean you need to argue with them or change course. Just check to see if you are fully considering their perspective.
- + Mix modesty and humility with enthusiasm.

4. Remember: you've got a lot of choices ahead! There's always more than one option, and almost always more than two. Try to find at least 4 options from which you can build or blend options to create your best opportunities!

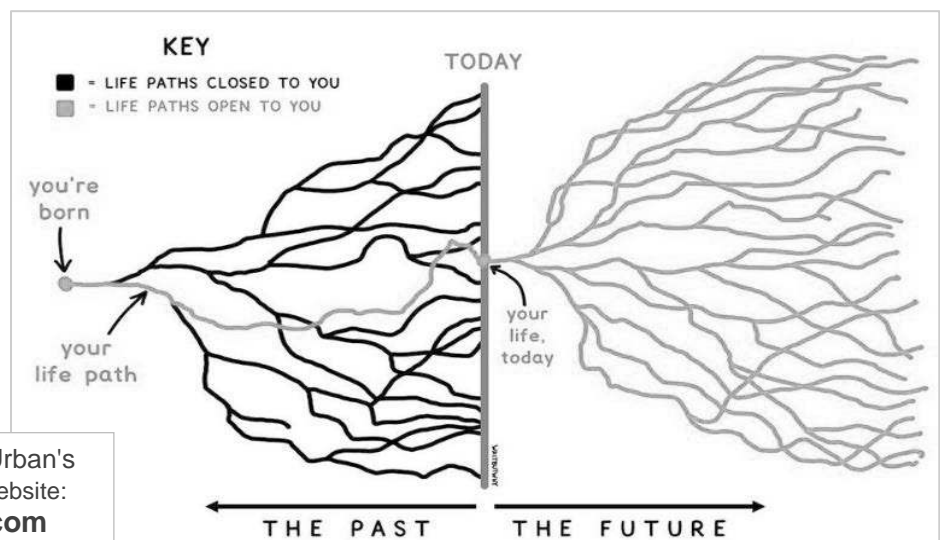


Image from Tim Urban's
Wait But Why website:
waitbutwhy.com

AGENCY and ACTION

What can we do,
with what we have,
where we are,
right now ?

*** We can get ready for change; ready to build what comes next; ready for the unknown! We can read, write, plan, draw, and think – as a strategic problem solver and community building collaborator.

*** We can stay flexible...mentally and physically...so that whatever comes, we will be ready and able to adjust and contribute.

*** We can reflect, and deepen our understanding and compassion.

*** We can consider the things that we would most love to give our deep attention to and consider how our unique gifts could bring strength to the areas we are most passionate about.

*** We can gather tools and build skills that we will need such as attending to issues with anxiety, depression, loneliness, self-doubt; or deepening skills we already have and which are so hard to find such as listening and caring.

*** We could learn something important for community building, so we can share it with any community we join.

*** Feel free to reach out to Fair Shake to see if we can connect you with a group of people who are working in the area where you would like to invest your efforts: outreach@fairshake.net.

Wishing you all the best through your transitions to come! Your success is important to me...and to our future together. **Ubuntu!**

Employment - Employment Services

Canon City CO 81212

Phone: 719-275-3860

<http://www.selectstaffing.com/SelectStaffing/main.cfm?nlvl=1>