

REENTRY PACKET

Your Customized Guide to Support your Successful Transition



National Web-based Reentry Resource Center

www.fairshake.net

This Reentry Packet has been customized for: A Chance 4 Change Outreach Center

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WELCOME TO FAIR SHAKE! ➔ www.fairshake.net

PRINT THIS PAGE to guide you as you explore the Fair Shake Do-It-Yourself Reentry Resource Center. There is a lot of information on the website! This guide will help you get find your way around.

3 important items for you to remember:

1. If you ever get lost on the website (or any website), click on the logo to return to the home page.
2. Words in blue are links to pages on our website, other websites or documents that you can also print.
3. Icons you will see:
 -  Available off-line and on-line
 -  Available on-line only
 -  Documents available off-line and on-line



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Fair Shake Website Home Page: ➔ www.fairshake.net



Do It Yourself!

- You are unique! No one knows what you need better than you do
- Explore new opportunities!
- No tracking, nudging, or monitoring



Fair Shake Reentry Tool Kit

- [Resource Directory](#)
- [Reentry Packet](#)
- [Ownership Manual](#)
- [Building Computer Skills](#)
- [Find a Job](#)
- [Become a Member!](#)
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Find RESOURCES:

Resource Directory – search our huge data base!
Resource Guides – local, regional, and national brochures, books, and interactive websites

Find EMPLOYMENT

Prepare For Work
Find A Job (also includes Start Your Own Business)
Help an Employer Hire You!

Explore LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Formal, Informal, Non-formal
Higher Ed, Life Skills, Lifelong Learning

And Improve COMPUTER SKILLS!

Step-by-Step Tutorials and Internet Safety Tips

SEARCH the entire Fair Shake WEBSITE

It is like a REENTRY, DEVELOPMENT and COMMUNITY-BUILDING LIBRARY!

You can find all the pages on our website from almost any location on our website! By hovering over the four menu tabs on the left side of our home page, you will activate the menu bar to reveal links to pages organized under headings.

STEP BY STEP:

Look to the left side of any page and you will see a dark purple column. Do you see the words: Reentry Resources, Information Center, Member Menu and About Fair Shake? Hover your cursor (don't click) over the words Reentry Resources at the top of the column. To 'hover', move the cursor – which usually looks like an arrow – over a tab. You will see the cursor switch to the image of a hand. The Menu Title will then change to light-purple and the Menu will appear to the right. Next, you can move your cursor over the words in the menu. Hover over any of the titles and the color will change to orange and a line will be added underneath. Click on the title that interests you, and you will go to that page on the website.



Most websites work like Fair Shake:

- Click on the logo to return to the home page
- Find the sitemap at the bottom of almost every page
- Words that change color are often links
- Learn about an organization's Mission and Vision by visiting the "About Us" page.

Found at the bottom of each webpage, the Sitemap also shows all of the pages on the website:

Home / Sitemap / Privacy Policy / Help / Contact Us / Back to Top

The Fair Shake Resource Directory

The Resource Directory is a n easy-to-use information clearing house! We gather and maintain links and addresses to services for all 50 states. Just enter your state, city and/or zip code, and distance you are able

to travel. The search tool will then look through the data base for goods, services and information at the national, state and local level.

Resource Directory features include:

- Over 14,000 Entries!
- Resources on every level; from National to Local
- Build a printable document to print by **+Save-**ing resources
- Members can create their own Resource Directory
- The directory is constantly growing and is well-maintained

Search

State: <input type="text"/> City or Zip Code: <input type="text"/> Within: <input type="text" value="5 Miles"/> <input type="button" value="v"/> <input type="button" value="Search Resources"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>	Guide to our Resource Directory: Click here to see the list of categories. Click here to find out where resources can be found. (Under the local, state or national heading) Resource Directory Tutorial Click to see State and Local Reentry Guides
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Categories and Sub-Categories

Citizenship Birth Certificate Community Development Community Involvement Consumer Services Expungement Dept. of Motor Vehicles Licensing Information Legal Assistance Protection from Discrimination Voting Rights Clothing Free Clothes Thrift Stores Interview and Career Clothing	Employment Employment Services Second Chance Employers Job Training Licensing Information Employment Programs Temp and Permanent Staffing Agency Department of Labor Workforce Development Family Family Services Child Care Child Support Mentoring Dept. of Human Services Parenting Food Food Pantry	Food Food Stamps Free Meals Soup Kitchens Free Free Stuff Health Addiction Recovery American Red Cross Counseling Services Mental Health Support Rehabilitation Center Free/Sliding Scale Clinic Free/Sliding Scale Dental HIV/AIDS Services Homeless Health Care Dept. of Human Services Substance Abuse	Money Finances / Budgeting Reentry Resources Reentry Resources Reentry Programs Multiple Resources Available Shelter Energy Assistance Homelessness Assistar Homeless Shelter Low-Income Housing Shelters for Specific Gr Transitional Housing	Special Considerations Disability Support Veterans Youth Elders Sex Offense Reentry Volunteer Volunteer opportunities Your Leisure Time Leisure Activities
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Where to Find Resources

Local Community Development Community Involvement Legal Assistance Interview and Career Clothing Free Clothes Licensing Information Job Training Temp and Permanent Staffing Agency Child Care Child Support Dept. of Health and Human Services Family Services Food Pantry Soup Kitchen Free Stuff Dept. of Human Services Counseling Services	Local Free/Sliding Scale Clinic Free/Sliding Scale Dental HIV/AIDS Services Homeless Health Care Mental Health Support Substance Abuse Finances/Budget Help Reentry Resources Reentry Programs Energy Assistance Homeless Assistance Low-income Housing Shelters for Specific Groups Transitional Housing Disability Support Elders Veterans Volunteer Opportunities Your Leisure Time	State Birth Certificate Consumer Services Department of Motor Vehicles Licensing Information Sex Offense Reentry Voting Rights Employment Services Workforce Development Child Care	State Child Support Dept. of Health and Human Services Food Stamps HIV/AIDS Services Low-Income Housing Reentry Resources Reentry Programs Energy Assistance Transitional Housing Disability Support Elders Veterans Your Leisure Time	Nationwide Sex Offense Reentry Voting Rights Free Stuff Finances / Budget Help Reentry Resources Reentry Programs Veterans Your Leisure Time
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Introducing the **FREE Personal Web Page** and Member Card!

When a former felon arrives at an interview with a Fair Shake Member Card, employers and property managers can see that s/he has taken additional measures to demonstrate a commitment to successful reentry. The interviewer may then be able to see beyond the 'felon' stereotype to take a deeper look at the applicant through their Personal Web Page.

Personal Web Page benefits:

- ✓ Members differentiate themselves from other applicants!
- ✓ Members share information easily. No need to carry documents; they are stored in their account.
- ✓ Shows dedication to reentry success and provides a place to demonstrate interest in taking a proactive approach by sharing skills, character traits, and intentions.
- ✓ Employers and property managers can get to know members comfortably, reducing likelihood of auto-dismissal based on felony history.
- ✓ Fair Shake Member Card provides member information, url and password to the member's page.
- ✓ Member Web Page password is changeable! Access only given to current password holders.
- ✓ Fair Shake can verify references, even for volunteer work.



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REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

Information on hiring or renting to a former felon
Employers page
Property Managers page

Alex Wikstrom

ABOUT ME
I have been working in kitchens my whole adult life. One year a family member gave me an old computer, once I started using it I found I was talented in it. About 10 years later and married I still learn new things about computers every day and enjoy them because they provide me with education, employment and the ability to contact my family in remote locations! I'm 28 and happily married to my beautiful wife Angela. We plan on having kids some day but for now just love having dogs!

EMPLOYMENT
Work / Experience History

- Tungsten Grill**
Grill Chef
2002-2004
My second kitchen. Hard work and being on time moved me from washing dishes, through food preparation and finally to grill chef.
- Eben Pizza Grill**
Head Grill/Pizza Chef (Management Position)
2004-2005
Temporary work for me after I moved to another state. Hard work with good people, I changed that kitchen by raising the cleaning and prep standards.

SKILLS

- Restaurant/Cooking skills**
Grilling, Sauteing, Jullennening, Roasting, Bringing food to temp, Proper cooling, Managing ticket orders, Keeping inventory, Managing staff and their vacation/sick days.
- Computer Skills**
Operating system support Windows 2000, xp, vista, 7. Driver management. Clerical/Networking software - Word processing, data management, backup software, virus software. Web Software/Coding - Html, css, javascript, php (LEARNING), mysql, server web-admin panel, vector imaging, photo imaging, and layered imaging.

Special Recognitions

- Employee of the month award - Received two, one for kitchen improvements and another for low sick day record at Eben Pizza.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Sue Kastensen
Previous Employer
She is a reference to my computer skills and my work ethic. She can also vouch for my team work skills.

Brian Wikstrom
Father
My father is a good judge of my character. He knew me growing up, when I got into trouble and also the good space I'm in now. He can tell you I'm a changed man.

MY DOCUMENTS
Resume.doc

HOBBIES
Hiking
Programming
Dog Training
Reading
Cooking

INTERESTS
Local History
Technology
Programming Languages
Speaking Languages
World Culture
Former Felon Reentry.

FAVORITE QUOTE
When you judge another, you do not define them, you define yourself.
Wayne Dyer

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View Additional Photos

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Fair Shake supports employers and property managers directly through stakeholder pages that provide links to bonding programs, tax incentives, vouchers and more.

Member Card



FairShake
Supporting Successful Reentry

Fair Shake Member
Alex Wikstrom
Phone: 123-123-1234
alexwikstrom@fairshake.net

Personal Web Page
fairshake.net/member/?user=alexwikstrom
Password: free

For details about the Personal Web Page, please see other side

Questions from the Personal Web Page

Fair Shake members can create their own web page at www.fairshake.net! Membership is FREE for anyone who has spent time in prison or jail.

Personal Information

About Me
Interests
Hobbies
Favorite Quotation

Work/Experience - Add as many as you wish

Work Experience: can include employment (paid or not), work you volunteered to do in the prison, or anywhere you committed time and effort to something that includes service to others. Include the name of the organization, your position, time you worked with the organization and a description of the work you did while with them.

Skill Sets: include what you can do! Include types of skills and specific skills learned, for instance: if you want to work on a computer and you have the skills, list Computer Skills under type of skill and the programs you are familiar with in the specific skills section.

Special Recognition: use this section to list (efforts) where you have been recognized, such as Employee of the Month, Safety Certificate, Most Dedicated, etc. Share any public recognition you are proud of! Please include a description of the recognition.

Education - Add as many as you wish

Education: Includes traditional schools, non-traditional schools, workshops and other learning opportunities. Please list type of education, organization where you had the learning experience, time spent in program and also describe what you learned.

Training: this includes time spent learning a trade or skill from a knowledgeable person. Include type of training, time spent in learning, and describe what you learned.

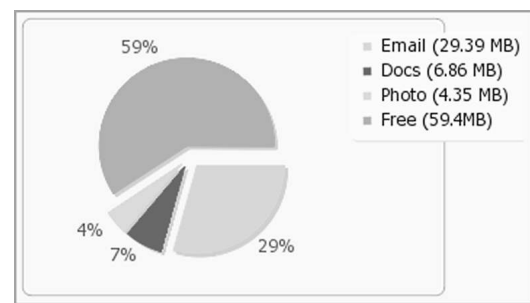
Photos and Documents

Greet visitors to your page with a smile! Share a photo of you spending time with your family or enjoying your favorite hobby. Adding photos to your Personal Web Page is perhaps the most personable aspect of the member area.

Fair Shake members receive 100 MB of storage in their free account. Members can upload as many photos or documents as they please, but the space is shared with email as well.

Data Manager

We have created this unique tool for you to manage your account. You can see what areas take up valuable space and consider removing unnecessary files or emails to make more room. We also teach image- and file-size reduction techniques in our tutorials for space conservation.



The Fair Shake Resource Directory

The directory is a dynamic, expanding Do-It-Yourself resource-finding tool that is only available online or in the free Fair Shake software app.

It is FREE! It's EASY!

And it's like a phone book, where **YOU decide what's right for YOU.**

Everyone is welcome to search freely through more than 15,000 resources, located in all states. Just enter your state, city and/or zip code, and the search tool will find local, state and national resources. Select the ones that are right for you! The results go into a .pdf to print or save.

If you are in an institution that does not utilize the free Fair Shake software, please ask a friend, family member, case manager, housing unit support staff, reentry coordinator, church support group, activist, advocate, or mentor to use our FREE DIRECTORY to locate your resources! Be sure to also let them know there are Reentry Guides below the form, too!

Search

State:
City or Zip Code:
Within: 5 Miles

Guide to our Resource Directory:
[Click here to see the list of categories.](#)
[Click here to find out where resources can be found.](#)
 (Under the local, state or national heading)
[Resource Directory Tutorial](#)
[Click to see State and Local Reentry Guides](#)

National, State and Local Reentry Guides

Choose Your State ▶
 Florida

Florida
 South Florida Reentry Guide
 File: south_florida_reentry_guide_2011.pdf
 Veterans Reentry for Florida and Southern Georgia

Categories and Sub-Categories found in the Resource Directory

Citizenship

Birth Certificate
 Community Development
 Expungement
 Legal Assistance
 Social Security Card
 Voting Rights

Clothing

Free Clothing
 Interview and Career Clothing

Education

Continuing Education
 Employment Education
 Free Education
 GED programs
 Life Skills

Employment

Employment Programs
 Employment Services
 Job Training
 Staffing Agency
 Workforce Development

Family

Child Care
 Family Counseling
 Parenting

Food

Food Pantry
 Free Meals

Free Stuff

Health

Counseling Services
 Free / Sliding Scale Clinic
 Free / Sliding Clinic w/ Dental
 Free / Sliding Dental Clinic
 Reduced Cost Medication

Money

Free Credit Report
 Financial Literacy

Reentry Resources

Multiple Resources Available
 Programs
 Rights and Roadblocks

Shelter

Energy Assistance
 Homeless Shelter
 Low-Income Housing
 Transitional Housing.

Special Considerations

Disability Support
 Elders
 Registrants
 Veteran Support

Support Groups

Support Circles

Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunities

Your Leisure Time

Leisure Activities

Benefits of Fair Shake Membership

Bridges to working and networking in today's electronic world

The Member area of the website is exclusively for formerly incarcerated people and exists to provide access to and training in useful technological tools that can build opportunities. It includes free online tools such as a Personal Web Page, data storage area, and a Personal Resource Directory with tutorials to learn more about all of the above.

We recommend you engage in every way possible to demonstrate skills and knowledge you have acquired before, during and after incarceration. We believe that if you embrace this section of the website you will be able to put your best foot forward to demonstrate your intentions, your organizational skills, pride in your work, and commitment to the course you are now taking. We also believe that by utilizing these tools you can help others succeed!

Fair Shake offers the following FREE Benefits:

Personal Web Page: Your Personal Web Page is a comfortable environment to disclose the information you would like to share with people you permit to visit. Here you can introduce yourself, list your skills, your education and work history, show your photograph, link to your documents and provide relevant and important information not requested in many job applications.

Some people assume the worst when they hear you have been incarcerated and make incorrect judgments. Your Personal Web Page lets others learn about you at their leisure and provides an opportunity to make a personal connection in a non-threatening way.

Your page is password protected; you decide who has permission to visit. You can change the password at any time to control the amount of people that can view your page or have access to your documents such as your resume, identification, and certificates in education or specific skills.

Data Management: On the Data Management page you can upload documents and photos for storage. You will also see how much of your storage space remains available.

Personal Resource Directory: The Resource Directory is available to everyone, but when you are signed in to your Fair Shake account you can save resources to your own account, and thus create your own Personal Resource Directory. All the contacts you have saved and searches you have performed are here for your quick and easy reference. From this page you can review, delete and print. Printing makes these resources available to you while you are away from your Fair Shake account.

Tutorials: If only the world had a user's manual! This area is full of tutorials that will help you understand how to use your electronic tools. Tutorials we have written explain using all of the tools we give you within Fair Shake, and we also provide links to other tutorials on popular programs you may have access to.

Member Testimonial:

Fair Shake helped me to land the job I currently have. My boss was highly impressed with the array of resources I had at my disposal. What I like best about Fair Shake is that the member tools are restricted solely to inmates released from prison.

Potential employers see the information collected and displayed by and through your site and it gives them just enough pause to consider us as people. And for people like me, that was all I needed. I now have my own place to live, my own job, and I'm getting along just fine. Your site definitely played an integral part in this process.

~ Cody R.

Educate Yourself!

The Internet can be used as a powerful tool for growth; you can teach and learn many things by yourself! Education serves many purposes, among them: to help us understand things and also to understand ourselves, to help us make connections and decisions, to show others we are capable; to name but a few.

Basic academic education is not the key to knowledge. Knowledge involves many facets to learning: academic, experience, learning about yourself and your values, listening, learning to live in society, and more. The key to knowledge works when we integrate all of the aspects to make decisions and set goals.

Fair Shake brings together many free, online self-directed education resources for you to engage in education!

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family. ~ Kofi Annan

Traditional Education

Education Basics

Free support for learners through High School or GED

Higher Education

Free university level or professional development resources.

Non-Traditional

Life Skills

Tools for daily living, including finances, cooking, and creativity!

Employment Skills

Support from resume' building to professional development

Khan Academy: offers a library of over 3,500 videos which covers K-12 math, biology, chemistry, physics, the humanities, finance and history. Each video is approximately 10 minutes long. All materials and resources are free.



GCF Learn Free: Provides quality, innovative online learning opportunities to anyone who wants to be successful in both work and life. They believe there's freedom in the ability to learn what you want, when you want, regardless of your circumstances



Massachusetts Institute of Technology's free courses include materials from more than 2,000 courses, presenting virtually the entire curriculum of the Institute.



Coursera is an education platform that partners with top universities and organizations worldwide, to offer courses online for anyone to take, for free.



Academic Earth provides access to a world-class education and includes curated links to over 750 online courses and 8,500 individual online lectures, giving students of all ages unparalleled access to college courses they may otherwise never experience.



Codecademy is a great place to get started with programming! The lessons are very rewarding as your progress can encourage you with medals or allow you to post your progress on social media websites. The lessons are free; tests that offer certificates are available for purchase.



Acámica es el futuro de la educación superior en línea. A través de lo que llamamos microaprendizaje ramificado, ofrecemos cursos de calidad, accesibles, dinámicos e interactivos, que pueden ser tomados en cualquier lugar, en cualquier momento.



CLEP offers 33 Internet-Based Testing exams in five subject areas at over 1,800 college test centers, covering material taught in courses that you may generally take in your 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.



List of CLEP Exams: Match with OpenCourseWare Classes!

American Literature	Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	
College Composition and Modular English Literature	Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present
Humanities Foreign Languages	Science and Mathematics
French Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Biology
German Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Calculus
Spanish Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Chemistry
History and Social Sciences	College Algebra
American Government	College Mathematics
Human Growth and Development	Natural Sciences
Intro to Educational Psychology	Pre-calculus
Introduction to Psychology	Business
Introduction to Sociology	Financial Accounting
Principles of Macroeconomics	Introductory Business Law
Principles of Microeconomics	Information Systems and Computer Applications
Social Sciences and History	Principles of Management
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	Principles of Marketing
History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present	

Advocacy - Justice Involved Organizations

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a volunteer visitation program to Federal and Military prisoners throughout the United States.

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PVS@afsc.org

<http://www.prisonervisitation.org/>

Advocacy - Justice Involved Organizations

Are you facing a legal issue, or just looking for more information about a specific legal topic? FindLaw's Learn About the Law section is the perfect starting point. Learn About the Law features informational articles about a wide variety of legal topics, as well as specific information about subjects such as how to hire an attorney and understanding your state's unique laws.
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EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the U.S., challenging racial and economic injustice, and protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. EJI is working to end our misguided reliance on over-incarceration.
<https://eji.org/criminal-justice-reform/>