REENTRY PACKET

Your Customized Guide to Support your Successful Transition



National Web-based Reentry Resource Center www.fairshake.net

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Find A Job

Finding employment is one of the top priorities of most people in society. Finding employment after incarceration is not only pivotal for reentry success, it can also be a requirement for parole or a halfway house.

It is important to find satisfaction in our jobs, but sometimes we must temper our wishes with our needs.

When we have to take a job that we are not excited about now, we can leverage the feelings of dissatisfaction to push us toward whatever it is that we need to do to find satisfaction. These things may include: submitting applications for jobs that we really want but may not be available now, or trying to work in an organization that has a similar philosophy to our own so we can move within the organization to a job that is more fulfilling, or perhaps we need to get the education required for certain positions, or maybe what we really want is to start our own business but need to work a 'day job' until our idea provides enough income for us to thrive.

Knowing there are many avenues to employment, Fair Shake offers several ways for you to engage within our website.

Remember: most jobs get filled without ever being listed on a website!

When searching for employment, remember to consider what it is you want to do. What type of business would you like to work in, and in which positions do you think you would dowell? What kind of jobs might you enjoy doing? Keep your eyes on the prize! Even if you must work in a job you don't care for now, remember that you are building character, patience, tolerance and REFERENCES. The image to the right is what our "Get A Job" page looks like today. This page, like all pages on the Fair Shake website, is constantly evolving. Please let us know what you think!

Fair Shake Employment Pages

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or Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jobsforfelonshub We have personally contacted each company for information regarding jobs for felons. https://successfulrelease.com/jobs-for-felons/ Guide to Finding a Job Through Networking https://successfulrelease.com/who-hires-felons-where-to-network-to-find-jobs-for-fe Formerly Incarcerated College Graduate Network https://www.ficgn.org/job-leads Discover career-related jobs that welcome formerly incarcerated applicants and see the value in your lived experience. Toll-Free Number: 1-800-414-5748 If you are looking for employment, Jobline is a free public service available on the telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New jobs are listed on the system each day, and jobs that are filled are removed. All that is required to touch then telephone to establish your personalized job-sears profile. The system do designed for you to use each day during your job **USA Jobs** An official website of the United States government https://www.usajobs.gov/ O*Net Occupation Search! https://www.onetonline.org All of these websites have thousands of jobs available at different employability levels Monster.com Non-profit Job Search Engines: Gary's Job Board: Truck Drivers wanted! Idealist Gary can find you a better truck driving job, with or without a CDL. idealist (2) Website: http:// More information about trucking / driving jobs: Jobs That Help * https://www.fairshake.net/employment-trucking-driving-jobs/ JOBS THAT HELP https://www.jobsthathelp.co WISCONSIN JOB SEEKERS! Looking for a Prepare For Work! WISCONSIN JOB SEEKERS! Looking for a meaningful career that makes a positive difference in your community? Whether you are an experienced professional or an enthusiastic newcomer, you have come to the right place! Resume Writing Ideas
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 and much more! Encore www.encore.org **Employer Support** Jobs for people 50+ yrs of age Philanthropy News Digest Philanthropy News Digest: all levels of non-profit jobs. GIGS: Single or multiple day opportunities For an interesting temp or pulsar to manage and popularities for an interesting temp of the form of th Bonding, WOTC, and EEOC fliers You are bondable in Federal Bonding Flier Mork Opportunity Tax Credit Flier Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Background Checks Keep the author's intent in mind when searching on Craig's list. Beware that some listings are quite sketo ill More on Background Checks: What Applicants Need to Know nttps://newyork.ora/gslist.org/ US Department of Labor CareerOneStop Formerly Incarcerated Reemployment careeronestop Start Your Own Business Watch The Video! It's not easy, but for the creative, courageous and tenacious, is often the right thing to do. Here are a few documents to help you get started. 1-877-348-0502 TTY: 1-877-348-0501 Career Onestop Locations: From the Small Business Administration

Alabama Louisiana

Business Plan Template



Prepare For Work

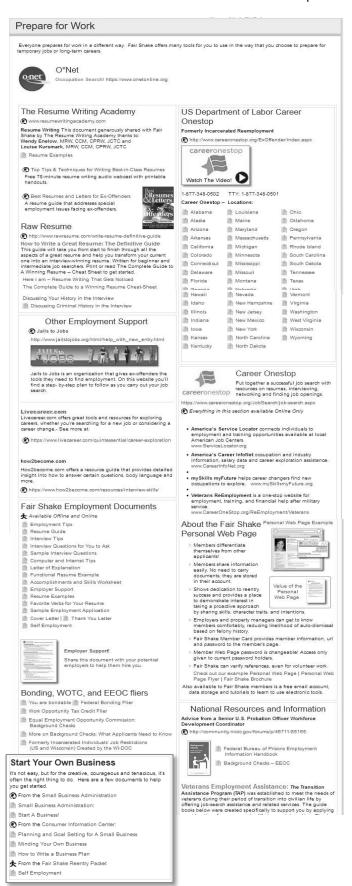
There are many ways to approach employment. Some people 'know somebody', sometimes we get lucky and meet our new boss or coworkers where we volunteer or through a recreational activity...but most of us will write resumes, find available jobs online or through an employment agency, fill out applications and then endure one or many job interviews.

Thanks to the generosity of several resume' writing professionals and job readiness coaches, we've assembled what we've found to support you as you build your resume', your interview skills, and your confidence!

While the information here addresses several of the concerns of job seekers, we want to encourage you to also consider topics from the "Free School" section of this book, the website or the software, to support you through the inevitable challenges that will occur as you create desirable outcomes.

Please remember: many employers want to hear more about how you built yourself up while you were incarcerated than they do about your past. Keep the conversation positive!

They want to know that you care. That you will be a good listener and team member, if you can embrace the company culture, learn, follow through and get things done. They want to know that you are interested and motivated.



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(be sure that your email address is professional)

EXAMPLE of a FUNCTIONAL Resume'

Production Worker and General Laborer Committed to Safety and Quality

(personal branding statement - describes position and a quality that makes you great at it)

Summary of Skills: (make sure the skills are relevant to the job you are applying for - usually found in the job description)

- Sorting, grading, weighing, and inspecting products, verifying and adjusting product weight or measurement to meet specifications.
- Observing machine operations to ensure quality and conformity of filled or packaged products to standards.
- Monitoring the production line, watching for problems such as pile-ups, jams, or glue that isn't sticking properly.
- Attaching identification labels to finished packaged items, or cut stencils and stencil information on containers, such as lot numbers or shipping destinations.
- Stocking and sorting product for packaging or filling machine operation, and replenishing packaging supplies, such as wrapping paper, plastic sheet, boxes, cartons, glue, ink, or labels.
- Packaging the product in the form in which it will be sent out, for example, filling bags with flour from a chute or spout.
- Inspecting and removing defective products and packaging material.
- Starting machine by engaging controls.
- Removing finished packaged items from machine and separate rejected items.
- Counting and recording finished and rejected packaged items.
- Stopping or resetting machines when malfunctions occur, clearing machine jams, and reporting malfunctions to a supervisor.
- Removing products, machine attachments, or waste material from machines.
- Transferring finished products, raw materials, tools, or equipment between storage and work areas of plants and warehouses, by hand or using hand trucks.
- Packing and storing materials and products.
- Helping production workers by performing duties of lesser skill, such as supplying or holding materials or tools, or cleaning work areas and equipment.
- Counting finished products to determine if product orders are complete.
- Measuring amounts of products, lengths of extruded articles, or weights of filled containers to ensure conformance to specifications.
- Following procedures for the use of chemical cleaners and power equipment to prevent damage to floors and fixtures.
- Mixing water and detergents or acids in containers to prepare cleaning solutions, according to specifications.
- Loading and unloading items from machines, conveyors, and conveyances.
- Operate machinery used in the production process, or assist machine operators.
- Placing products in equipment or on work surfaces for further processing, inspecting, or wrapping.

Relevant Production and General Labor Experience

General Laborer (Position while incarcerated)	year - year
State of Wisconsin / Badger State Industries / FBOP (whichever applies)	City, State
Previous Relevant Employment	vear - vear
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Previous Employer	City, State
Other Experience	
Previous Relevant Employment	year - year
Previous Employer	City, State

Education

Relevant Education (Relevant Degree / Diploma)

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Employment - Employment Services

We are dedicated to helping you find your next career! The National Urban League is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to elevating the standard of living in historically underserved urban communities. Founded in 1910, the National Urban League spearheads the effort of its local affiliates through the development of programs, public policy research and advocacy. http://www.nuljobsnetwork.com/

Employment - Employment Services

America Works includes work readiness training, vocational training, career placement, career advancement, and employment retention services. Our mission is to equip each individual who comes to our offices with the right tools so that they are able to provide for themselves and their loved ones. People find employment, and employers find talent! Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, you must contact the office first before you can engage in in-person services. Click on the link above to find the location nearest to you. https://americaworks.com/virtual-contact-info/

Employment - Workforce Development

Department of Development 77 South High Street, 29th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 https://development.ohio.gov/business/workforce-d evelopment

Free - Free Phone

Assurance Wireless P.O. Box 5040 Charleston, IL 61920-9907 1-888-321-5880

Assurance Wireless provides eligible consumers with free monthly data, unlimited texting, free monthly minutes plus a free Smartphone. Lifeline enrollment is available to individuals who qualify based on federal or state-specific eligibility criteria. Residents of homeless shelters, nursing homes and temporary addresses may also be eligible. https://www.assurancewireless.com/lifeline-service s/what-lifeline

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

Search for benefits in Education, Grants, Loans, Social Security, Housing and Utilities, Employment and Career Development, Financial Assistance and more.

https://www.benefits.gov/categories

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources

Scroll down the page to find your state. Titles in the left column will lead you to resources available

If you scroll down the page to find your state name, you can click on that for statewide resources.

https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/index.html

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

Academic Programs

Employment - Employment Services 1115 West High Street

Bryan, OH 43506 Phone: 419-633-2261 Fax: 419-519-3324

Email: bryan.oh@elwoodstaffing.com http://www.elwoodstaffing.com

Employment - Second Chance Employers

1701 Magda Dr,

Montpelier, OH 43543 Phone:(419) 485-1110

When applying for a job with Cascade Engineering a candidate must disclose all felonies on their records.

In our family of companies, a felony conviction, misdemeanors or an arrest record is not an absolute bar to

employment; all qualified candidates will be considered for employment regardless of their criminal record.

http://chi.tbe.taleo.net/chi06/ats/careers/requisitio n.jsp?org=CASCADENG&cws=1&rid=402

Employment - Workforce Development

Useful resources for career seekers and employers, individuals with disabilities, veterans, internship opportunities, and more. Includes information on labor law and unemployment compensation.

https://ohio.gov/jobs/

Free - Free Stuff

We are a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own Towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free.

https://www.freecycle.org/

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

Our findhelp technology powers Americas leading social care network. Our network features more than 300,000 free and reduced-cost programs in all 50 U.S. states, territories, and Puerto Rico, powering social care systems for hundreds of customers nationwide.

https://www.findhelp.org/find-social-services/ohio

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources **Available**

211 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government services in your area. If you want personal assistance call the three-digit number 211 or 877-947-2211. A friendly voice to talk with you 24/7/365. The link is to the national listing; as of 4.1.22, Ohio does not have a unique state listing. https://www.211.org/

Reentry Resource - Reentry Coalition

4545 Fisher Road, Suite D Columbus, OH 43228

The primary goals of the OERC are to reintegrate offenders into society, maintain public safety, and to reduce recidivism across the state of Ohio. The strategic plan offers state and local partners the

Career-Technical Programs
Career Enhancement Programs
Advanced Job Training
Apprenticeship
Library Services
Professional Development
Transitional Educational Program
Distance Learning
Community Education
Reading Rooms
Education Intensive Program Prison (EIPP)
Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System
Offender Workforce Development
https://www.drc.ohio.gov/reentry

ability to recommend changes in reentry policies and practices. In addition, our community partners are afforded the opportunity to develop a work plan to implement those changes and to build statewide support for them. https://drc.ohio.gov/reentry-coalition



Employment Tips

We often have to work our way up to the job we want; either because it is not available when we go to find it or we need more experience, education, preparation or time to get ready. Although we will spend time working at jobs that are not our preference, we can enjoy the interim more when we stay focused on our goals.

Start by asking yourself:

- What kind of job or career do I want?
- What am I willing to do, learn or sacrifice to get that job or career?

Before venturing out into the world of work you will have to obtain necessary documents.

The most frequently requested documents are:

- Birth Certificate
- Driver's license or Basic Identification
- Social Security Card

The birth certificate and driver's license forms offered in our Employment Documents are samples. You can find links to the applications that you need in our Resource Directory!

Next, ask yourself the following questions

- What occupations or industries in your area are in need of employees?
- What are your employment limitations due to your particular crime?
- What is the income you need in order to pay for housing, food, energy, phone, child support, restitution, transportation, etc? (check out our <u>Build a Budget Worksheet</u>)
- Which strategies do you think would be most effective for "selling" your attributes?

To prepare to apply for a job you may want to create the following worksheets:

- Inventory your work history in and out of prison
- List your training, skills, limitations, and health considerations
- Gather all the information you will need to fill out employment applications. Are you ready to fill them out online? (Several companies only accept online applications.)

Considerations and Preparation

What are your employment resources?

- Classified ads (in the paper or locally found on-line)
- Applying for jobs with companies you want to work for
- Job Assistance and Job Training centers
- Craigslist, Monster.com, other job-search websites

Skills Assessment and Personal Strengths Evaluation

Consider taking a free online self-assessment test help us see what careers we are suited for. If you type the phrase 'self-assessment test' into any search engine, several options will be available for you to check out.

Do you need clothes for your interview or new job?

Check out Dress for Success, a global program that may have a location near you! (www.dressforsuccess.org)



Resume' and Interview tips:

Two good places where you get the chance to show a company why they cannot afford NOT to hire you. Keep these tips in mind as you write your application or resume', and prepare for job interviews:

- Be cheerful in your in-person or telephone job interviews.
- Talk about the benefits of your experience and the relevant expertise you offer.
- Speak about the value you would bring to the company.
- Share stories in the job interview about success in prior assignments.
- Talk about your ability to work with a diverse group of people.

Typical Barriers to Employment:

- Lack of updated resume
- Appropriate clothing for job search
- Transportation
- Stable housing
- Substance abuse

- Poor interview skills
- Poor job search skills
- Not a high school graduate
- No documentation (ID, Social Security card)

SMART: What is your strategy for overcoming barriers and creating success?

You can create a clear strategy by following SMART guidelines:

Specific Measurable Attainable Realistic Timely (or Tangible)

Specific – what is the specific goal you wish to achieve?

Can you answer these questions?

- Who do you need to be involved?
- What do you really want to accomplish?
- When do you want to accomplish it?
- Where do you need to be to accomplish it?
- Why do you want to achieve this goal?
- Which things do you need to get in order and which are the constraints to achieving your goal?

Measurable – How will you know when you've achieved your goal? What criteria have you set up to measure your progress and reach your target dates?

Attainable – Can you see yourself achieving this goal? Can you see the path to get there and then see yourself in that place of having reached the goal?

Realistic – Are you willing and able to achieve the goal?

Timely – How long do you need to achieve your goal? Work out your goal date and then the smaller goals that must be met to meet that goal date?

Tangible – Imagine: can you taste, touch, smell, see or hear the results of achieving your goal?

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