

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: McCormick

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Your Name
Milwaukee, WI
Your email
111-222-3333

**EXAMPLE of a
Letter of Explanation**

Re: Letter of Explanation

Insert Date Here.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The things I value most are honesty, integrity and directness. Therefore, in anticipation of the criminal background check, you will find that in October of 2006 I was convicted of the offense of Armed Robbery - Use of Force. I served 24 months in prison for my crime. Upon release in 2008, I unfortunately, returned to the same negative influences and the same circle of negative associations and as a result, I re-offended in 2009. The charge was again, Armed Robbery this time as a Party to a Crime. I know that what I did was wrong. It was a result of poor decision making on my part and it hurt a lot of people. I've learned a great lesson and won't repeat those past mistakes.

While incarcerated, I completed my HSED through the Warren Young School. In addition, after a period of careful self-examination, I began working on ME. I successfully completed coursework in **Walking the Line - the Vow to Succeed Program, Cognitive Intervention Phases I and II, and Re-Entry bridge to Success programs**. I then continued my education, gaining **certifications in Telecommunications Technologies as a Network Cabling Specialist in Copper Based Systems**. Since my release I have done some full time work as laborer in a tannery and volunteered my time at my 11 year old son's school. However, I am looking forward to getting back to work full-time in the field of Telecommunications as an installer so I may further demonstrate the changes in my life and be a responsible member of society.

I can understand why you may be hesitant to hire someone with my background. However, I am eligible for **The Fidelity Bonding Program which can insure you for up to \$25,000** against any act of dishonesty on my part. Additionally, when you hire me, you will be eligible for **Work Opportunity Tax Credits to save you up to \$9,000 this year**. I will be happy to provide you more information about those programs during our interview. Lastly, I recently successfully completed the **Pipeline to Employment Training Program for Former Offenders** sponsored by the **State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development** and I can provide a letter of recommendation from them at your request.

I am eager to pursue this or other opportunities with your company because I am confident my skills and experiences will dovetail with the needs of your business.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Your name here

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Citizenship - Birth Certificate

Vital Statistics
P.O. Box 15098
Columbus, OH 43215-0098
State office has birth records since December 20, 1908. Certificates must be ordered through the website.

<https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/vital-statistics/vital-statistics>

Citizenship - Legal Assistance

740/594-3558
Toll Free:
800/686-3669
athens@oslsa.org
964 East State Street
Athens, OH 45701-2116
<http://seols.org/>

Citizenship - Voting Rights

ACLU Voting Rights and Restrictions

<https://www.aclu.org/issues/voting-rights/voter-registration/felony-disenfranchisement-laws-map?redirect=maps/map-state-criminal-disfranchisement-laws>

Employment - Temporary Staffing Agency

1065 Claremont Ave Ste 2
Ashland, Ohio 44805
(419) 281-4600
<http://www.midohiojobs.net>

Family - Family Support

Child care is available to help eligible parents/caretakers with child care costs while they engage in work, education, or job training. The program provides access to the early care and education experiences children need from birth through age 13.

<https://ohio.gov/residents/resources/child-care-assistance>

Food - Food Pantry

Find local pantries, soup kitchens, food shelves, food banks and other food help.
<https://www.foodpantries.org/st/ohio>

Health - Crisis Hotline

Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233(SAFE)
StrongHearts Native Helpline 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483)
Runaway Safeline 1-800-RUNAWAY / 1-800-786-2929
Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888
Child Abuse Hotline - 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
Substance Abuse Treatment - 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Hotline - 800-8435678
Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline - 800-656-HOPE (4673)
Suicide Prevention Lifeline Hotline - 800-273-8255
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/acf-hotlines-helplines>

Health - Health Department

246 N High St

Citizenship - Department of Motor Vehicles

P.O. Box 16520
Columbus, Ohio 43216-6520
(844) 644-6268
<https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/driver-license.aspx>

Citizenship - Social Security Card

Getting a replacement Social Security number (SSN) card has never been easier. As long as you're only requesting a replacement card, and no other changes, you can use our free online services from anywhere.

<https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html>

Clothing - Thrift Store

1776 West 4th Street
Ashland, OH
419-529-2114

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/>

Family - Family Support

(614) 466-4815
This office oversees cash and food assistance programs, work support programs for recipients of cash and food assistance, the states child care program, refugee programs, and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.
<https://jfs.ohio.gov/>

Health - Alcoholics Anonymous

Welcome to AA Ohio, a state-wide recovery resource devoted to supporting the men and women of Ohio. AA Ohio helps individuals struggling with alcoholism find the help they need on a local basis. Discover Ohio Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per county or city, and take the next step to overcome alcohol addiction.
<https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/aa-meetings/ohio/>

Health - Free/Sliding Scale Clinic with Dental

Listings that can help low-income and uninsured people connect with a clinic or community health center in their area. These clinics offer free and discounted rates for medical and dental care. Our county listings include contact information, a listing of services and any further remarks that may be pertinent to our users, such as free services provided, discounted services provided and clinic operating hours.
https://freeclinicdirectory.org/ohio_care.html

Health - Narcotics Anonymous

Find Ohio NA Meetings Near You
<https://www.narcotics.com/na-meetings/ohio/>

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

Our findhelp technology powers Americas leading

Columbus, OH 43215

The website offers a range of public health information, tools, and resources. Our mission is "Advancing the health and well-being of all Ohioans."

<https://odh.ohio.gov/>

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 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 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>

Shelter - Low Income Housing

Find low income apartments in Ohio along with non profit organizations that help with low income housing along with HUD apartments, public housing apartments, public housing authorities, and housing assistance agencies.

<https://www.lowincomehousing.us/OH.html>

Shelter - Transitional Housing

1-855-860-3119

Transitional, sober housing provides supportive housing along with drug and alcohol treatment for selective locations

<https://www.transitionalhousing.org/state/ohio>

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

Academic Programs

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>

Shelter - Energy Assistance

If youre having trouble managing your home energy costs, we can help. Our Energy Assistance Programs can help you manage your utility bills and improve your homes energy efficiency.

<https://development.ohio.gov/individual/energy-assistance>

Shelter - Salvation Army

47 S. Main Street

Ashland, OH

419 525-2912

<http://salvationarmyusa.org/>