# REENTRY PACKET

# Your Customized Guide to Support your Successful Transition



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

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## Fair Shake's (large and growing!) webpage for you: (I hope you will help me build it and make it more effective!)

#### Formerly and Currently Incarcerated People



Are you ready to get a fair shake? We exist to support your successful transition! Fair Shake is like a reentry hardware store, we have tools, resources and information to support you as you build your new life, including bridges of trust with your family, employers, properly managers and the community

Remember, many of America's most highly breasured stories are those involving redemption and pulling ourselves out of tough situations to create meaningful and fulfilling lives. This can be your story!

For those of you who are currently incarcerated and are able to email us, you can request a reentry packet, ask questions or send comments and suggestions to

Resource Directory!

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A FREE national resource service available by phone or internet to help folios in need find resources they seek 24 hours a day. 7 days a week. They list resources for food, shelter, employment,

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Fair Shake Resource Directory

http://izero.org/

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hard-won wisdom from those living through the difficult and often confusing experience of incarceration. FREE Resource Database! http://toro.org /resource-database?

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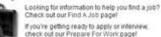
services for veterans, special needs and reentry, a safe path out of physical and/or emotional abuse. A service of United

Find food, employment training, free stuff

housing, health care, family support, and nearly 15,000 resources and 400 reentry publications and links in our FREE

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## Employment



If you're getting ready to apply or interview



Need help with your computer skills?

Learn more about using your computer on our Building Computer Skills page! Keep your documents safelish) in the cloud

illi Google online storage

#### Educate Yourself!



Need more math skills? Concerned about your grammar? Looking to pick up more knowledge or skills? Visit our Edecate Yourselft page.

List of correspondence schools that offer paper-based formats

It Correspondence Schools

#### Financial Aid

Federal Student Aid Information Center P.O. Box 84 Washington, D.C. 20044 1-800-433-3243 https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

#### Education not found in school:

m The School of Life The School of Life explores unconvertio education to assist people in the quest for a more fulfilled life Watch the introduction video here >



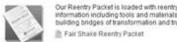
Here are some topics we thought Life 1

Self: https://www.youtube.com laylist?list=PLwehMb28XmpckOvZZ\_AZjD7WM2p9-6NBv Relationships: https://www.youtube.com

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ylist?list=PLwyNMb28XimpehnfDOa4c0E7j3Glj4gFEj You can find more on the School of Life on the Educate Yourself page!

#### Fair Shake Reentry Packet



might interest you:

information including tools and materials for building bridges of transformation and trust. It Fair Shake Reentry Packet

It Managing Anger

ill Dealing with Rejection

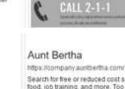
#### **Choose Your Perspective**

You have the right to Choose Your Perspective regardless of what you may encounter in the. For further insight and documents by other authors, view our & Choose Your Perspective page at https://www.fairnhave.net/reentryresources/choose-your-perspective/

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- Working Through Depression Assisting Influence



Wax www.211.org

Search for free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, job training, and more. Too many Americans are suffering, and they don't need to. We created a social care network that connects people and programs – making it easy for people to find accius services in their communities, for nonprofits to coordinate their efforts, and for customers to integrate social care into their work.



## Vital Documents

Social Security 1 Supplemental Security Income In What Prisoners Need To Know More Publications

Social Security Card Chitps://www.ssa.gov/sanumber/

it social-security-card-into.pdf

This is the ss-5 form. C https://www.socialsecurity.gou/forms/ss-6.pdf

accial-security-card-form-ss-5.pdf

Write For Vital Records - All States

Certificates of Birth, Death, Marriage, Divorce R http://www.cdc.pov/hcha/w2w.htm

It vital-records pdf

#### DMV Request Outline:

There are many reasons you may wish to write to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to request relief. Perhaps Department of Mode vehicles (Dev) for regulation tends, relinings you have very old parking blocks, or your license was suspended, et al. You may find some teniency from the ONV to help you drive again, especially to get to work. This form has been created by folks in the FCI Sandstone Carver Resource Center and is meant to be used as a template or outline for you to use to create your own.

it DMV Change Request Outline

Motivation Tips Transition Tips Culture Shock Educate Yoursel How To Watch TV If Gratitude 👔 Ubuntu: Building Social Fabric

Fair Shake Peer Learning / Self Study Guides A Self-Study/Workshop Guide for groups and individuals and we would like your input in or to create the most effective material.

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#### For Veterans

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you or you service to our country. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) was established to meet the needs of veterans during their period of transition into civilian life yolfering job-search assistance and related services. The guide boots below were created specifically to support you by applying considerations from your service life to your job seeking. Check in with your local TAP program to find out about jobs that are available near you. To locate your local support office, click on this link. © http://www.emelits.vag.ov/eworkaga.asp

Personal Appraisal & Career Exploration in Job Search Strategies & Interviews

Reviewing Job Offers & Support and Assistance

#### Become a Fair Shake Member! -FairShake

Personal Web Page
 Data Storage
 Save your Resources
 Tutorials





HUD regional location: Two Part Reentry HUD Housing Request

Since HUD does not offer any documents (that I could find) of their locations (the book does not even off office locations, only links and email addresses) please ask your people outside to investigate further. n offer

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD

#### HUD Programs

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Program HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) at HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) at Benefits.gov

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I Starts with Housing

- Benefits.gov Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Public Housing Programs Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program Section 211 Supportive Housing for Persons with

PREPARING FOR PAROLE? the info in these Parole Board Handbooks

hio Parole Board Handbook 2017

New Parole Board member (State, Federal, and Military)

#### Tax FAQ's from the IRS B Get Right With Your Taxes

#### For Parents

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- Biblioteca sobre niños de presos
  Prison Parenting Programs May 2016
- Sesame Street: On Incarceration Tips for Incarcerated Parents

 Little Children, Big Challenges
 Tips for Caregivers Can you change your child support order?

State by State Guide 👘 Changing a Child Support

#### Improve Your Financial Outlook! Check out the Money Management page!!

Improve your Credit Score Build a Budget Worksheet

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InCharge Debt Solutions InCharge offers a free credit counseling service that provides help with budgeting, solutions for becoming debt free and tips to successfully manage your money. The goal of credit counseling is to provide a solution

that helps you achieve debt relief and get on a financially healthy path. The service can be done over the phone or online.

You may be able to: \* Lower your interest rates \* Reduce monthly payments \* Credit Scores are not a factor \* Eliminate fees and over-limit charges \* Stop harassing calls from debt collectors \* Onsolidate credit bills into one monthly payment \* Build a realistic budget and financial plan you can follow INCHARGE"

InCharge Debt Solutions 5750 Major Blvd, Suite 300 Orlando, FL 32819

#### Mental and Physical Health

★ Visit the Swellness Page! https://www.fairshake.net/swelln

+ Physical Health Page (just getting started!) HelpYourselfTherapy.com

HelpYoursellTherapy.com is a website that offers free, confidential, practical advice from a therapist. The Self-Therapy model is easy to understand and self-discdosu never needed. Everything is completely confidential. (Di the link below to view the list of topics from the website. http://helpyourselftherapy.com/topics/index.html

#### Voting Rights



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with a lifetime voting ban! According to The Sentencing Project: Felony disenfranchisement (the loss of voting and other civil rights) is an obstacte to participation in democratic (life which is exacerbated by catal disparties in the criminal justice system (and creates) a disproportionate impact on communities of color.

To find out more, please visit The Sentencing Project https://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/felony-disenfranchisement/

## ATIONAL INVENTORY OF THE OLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES © CONVICTION

Collateral Consequences of a Criminal 

Website: https://niccc.csgjusticecenter.org/

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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Sample of a Letter of Explanation

## ASA J. PETERS

## 1514 Campbell, D1 Jefferson City, Missouri 64108 (816) 667-0421 (816) 992-1421

## AREAS OF RELEVANT SKILL

Multi-dimensional individual with experience as **heavy equipment operator**, **driver**, or **laborer** with technical knowledge in surveying, welding, and general maintenance. Excellent safety record and willingness to do more than what is expected. Communicate and interact effectively with diverse cultures.

- Heavy Equipment Operations: Forklift, Tractor, Loader, Backhoe, Motor Grader, Track Loader, Bulldozer, Bobcat Skid/Steer Loader, Scraper
- Driver: Dump Truck, Over-the-Road
- Technical: Surveying, Welding
- Maintenance: General, Preventative, Carpentry, Painting

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Linn State Technical College

Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate Course

Welding; Blueprint Interpretation; Surveying; Preventative Maintenance

American Truck Driving School Over-the-Road Truck Driving Certificate Course

Northwest Missouri Community College

Introduction to Computer Information Systems; Basic Programming; Data Files; Structural Programming; Microcomputer Operating Systems

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS, Jefferson City & Cameron, MO

- Store Clerk/Stocker
- Library Clerk/Data Entry Clerk
- Computer Operator/Data Entry Clerk
- Chapel Head Clerk
- AM/PM Baker/Store Clerk

LINN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, Linn, MO

• Maintenance Technician – General maintenance, cleaning, carpentry, and lawn care.

SPRINGFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, Springfield, MO

• Laborer, Park Maintenance

## MAZZIO'S PIZZA, Springfield, MO

• Delivery Driver

DRIVEWAY PAVING, Toledo, OH

• Dump Truck Driver/Laborer

NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES, Ft. Wayne, IN

Over-The-Road Driver

# ARTHUR F. ECK, JR.

639 Arcadia Street Rochester, NY 12239 387-458-3241

## OBJECTIVE

## BREAKFAST and LUNCH COOK

To assist a restaurant in attracting and retaining a strong customer base, by applying a passion for the culinary arts and a strong work ethic.

## PERSONAL PROFILE

- Experience working in a kitchen environment, filling orders and developing menu items.
- Ability to get the job done by employing critical thinking and problem resolution skills.
- Work well as a team player and independently with very little supervision.
- Received commendations for being dependable and hardworking.
- Bilingual, Spanish and English.

## COOKING SKILLS

- ✓ Prepared a selection of entrees, vegetables, desserts, and refreshments.
- ✓ Cleaned the grill, food preparation surfaces, counters, and floors.
- ✓ Met high quality standards for food preparation, service, and safety.
- ✓ Trained and supervised workers.
- ✓ Maintained inventory logs and placed orders to replenish stocks of tableware, linens, paper, cleaning supplies, cooking utensils, food, and beverages.
- Received and checked the content of deliveries and evaluated the quality of meats, poultry, fish, vegetables, and baked goods.
- ✓ Oversaw food preparation and cooking.

## **RESTAURANT EXPERIENCE**

**Kitchen Worker** – State of New York (Coxsackie Correctional Facility); Coxsackie, NY **Short Order Cook** – Rockies Breakfast Bar; Rochester, NY **Prep Cook/Laborer** – New World Diner; Rochester, NY **Lunch and Dinner Cook** – Albany's Italian American Restaurant; Albany, NY

## MILITARY SERVICE

## U.S. Navy – Machinist Mate E-3 – Honorable Discharge GED obtained

This resume example created by and for *Expert Résumé's for People Returning to Work* Wendy S. Enelow and Louise M. Kursmark 2003 JIST Publishing Inc. Indianapolis, IN

## Clothing - Thrift Store

3500 Noble Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76111 Phone: 817-632-6000 Hours-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-4pm 1st Saturday 10am-2pm (except holidays) http://www.canetwork.org/thrift\_store.aspx

## **Employment - Employment Services**

3328 Ave B Fort Worth, TX 76105 682-365-7569 Reaching Out Ministry is a faith base ministry and will provide the following as an immediate need to ex-offenders when they are released, job placement leads, personal hygiene's and clothing.

## **Employment - Employment Services**

5650 Alliance Gateway Freeway Ft Worth, TX, 76177 817-581-0091 817-581-0511 http://www.coworxstaffing.com/

## Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources

610 S Jennings Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 834-2833 Please call for an appointment. http://www.txrs.org/pages/services.html

#### Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

3500 Noble Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76111 Phone: 817-632-6000 Cornerstone's Reentry Services are a part of the recovery and restorative programs offered to imprisoned offenders as well as returning ex-offenders. http://www.canetwork.org/reentry services.aspx

## Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

3500 Noble Avenue Fort Worth TX 76111-4618 (817) 632-6000 The Tarrant County Reentry Coalition is a group of concerned citizens and organizations working to help ex-offenders returning from incarceration in Tarrant County. https://www.tcreentry.org/

## **Shelter - Salvation Army**

1855 E. Lancaster Fort Worth, TX 76103 817.344.1822 Provide food and clothing pantry. Also provides a shelter. No zipcode restriction. Open 8:30-4:30 M-F.

## **Education - Continuing Education** 3500 Noble Avenue, Fort Worth,

3500 Noble Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76111 Phone: 817-632-6000 Cornerstone believes in the importance of a quality education. As a result, we strongly encourage our program participants to pursue their education and offer several ways for them to do just that. Those we serve have the opportunity to participate in: Computer skills training GED tutoring English as a Second Language (ESL) classes These classes are offered to our clients as a part of the journey toward financial independence and greater self-determination.

http://www.canetwork.org/adult\_education.aspx

## Employment - Employment Services

5201 N. Beach Street, Suite 141 Fort Worth TX 76137 Phone: 682-647-1106 http://www.selectstaffing.com/SelectStaffing/main. cfm?nlvl1=1

## **Employment - Employment Services**

4801 Mercantile Drive Ft Worth, TX, 76137 817-581-0091 817-581-0511 http://www.coworxstaffing.com/

#### Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

4804 E. Rosedale Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76105 817-536-2723 Restoring Hope Center provides room and board, spiritual enrichment, adult education, job and life skills development and training, motivational and self-esteem building, money management, saving, budgeting, stress control, problem solving and other educational courses that will prepare participants to re-enter society and lead a productive life. Monday-Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

http://www.restoringhopecenter.org

#### Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

1709 East Hattie Street Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817)-536-0505 A washer and dryer utility room is set up inside Beautiful Feet, where the homeless get a change to wash the few belongings they own. It is open every weekday from 9:30am until noon on a first come, first served bases.

Showers: The showers are set up similar to the laundry room, where the homeless get a chance to shower and shave. These are open every weekday from 9:30 until noon on a first come, first served bases.

http://thefeet.org/our-ministries/laundry-and-show ers/

Reentry Resource - Reentry Coalition Cornerstone Assistance Network 3500 Noble Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76111 817-632-6000 Partnering for a long-range strategy aimed at breaking the devastating cycle of criminal recidivism in tangible ways. We meet the third Friday of each month, from 9:30 to 11:00 http://www.tcreentry.org/

POSITION APPLIED FOR:

APPLICANT TELEPHONE:

# **Employment Application**

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Yes	No	Provide a valid Alaska Drivers License?				
IF NECESSARY FOR THE JOB, ARE YOU I <b>WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT TO WORK</b>				1821	_	
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College/University						
Business/Technical						
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