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: Mat Rivera

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RESOURCES for REGISTRANTS

https://www.fairshake.net/registrants/

ONCE FALLEN



Reference and Resource for Registered Citizens oncefallen.com

Since 2007, Once Fallen has been the leading reference & resource site for Registered Citizens and provides useful information to those seeking to reform or abolish sex offender laws. Write to the address for inquiries.

DEREK LOGUE 2211 County Road 400 Tobias, NE 68453

State-By-State Comparison of Registry Restrictions



Written and generously shared by J. Scott Nichols PDF format...print one state or the whole book!

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Also listed: The Council of State Government's Residency Restriction Zones



<u>UNITED SOS</u>



1601 Dove Street, Suite 115 Newport Beach, CA 92660 888-900-1978



United Sex Offense Solutions is self-service company dedicated to addressing the many issues unique to those who are accused, affected by or convicted of sex offenses.



Sex Offender Solutions and Education Network 2211 C. R. 400 Tobias, NE 68453 SOSEN.ORG

SOSEN's mission is to educate the public, the media, law enforcement and legislators.

CURE: SORT
Sex Offenders Restored
Through Treatment
P.O. Box 1022
Norman, OK 73070

cure-sort.org





National Association for Rational Sex Offense Laws

PO Box 36123 Albuquerque, NM 87176

narsol.org

BOP Corrlinks: newsletter1940digest@yahoo.com

State by State List of Resources:

Almost all individual resources listed on the Fair Shake website were found on the <u>ONCE FALLEN</u> website. Thank you, Derek, for freely sharing your hard work!!!

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MYTH-BUSTERS



Myth: FALSE DICHOTOMIES – The idea that you must choose between two options: Yes or No. Good or Bad. Right or Wrong. Candidate A or B. Rise or Fall. With Us or Against Us. Science vs Religion. Rational vs. Emotional. Individual vs. Group. and one that I've heard a lot in my life: "That's a man's (sport, job, perspective); it's not for women". (a form of yes or no) Whenever you need to make a choice, see if you can find 4, 5, or even 10 options!



Myth: WE STOP LEARNING – If I had never touched a flame before I turned 58 years old, I would learn to never touch one in the future if I touched one today. We acquire information constantly and we organize it into meaning. We may even care enough to find out how what we learned relates to what we already know and believe. One thing school failed to teach us is how to learn, and how to discern what we learn. The 'information sources' today are louder, strangely influential, and grossly incomplete. To get the full picture, we have to dig for information and ask good questions, while also trying to avoid getting overwhelmed or trapped. We must keep learning, and as we learn, we can learn to live together better! We do not have to accept limitations or acceptable levels of suffering. We are NOT STUCK. We can learn...and then change...whatever we want. "There is no inevitability as long as there is a willingness to contemplate what is happening." - Marshall McLuhan (author of The Medium is the Message)



Myth: MERITOCRACY' - The more you learn the more you earn', 'you can make it if you try', 'pull yourself up', etc. Many ways to reinforce the idea that the people who have the money and the stuff are successful because they earned what they have, they got all their money through hard work and a shrewd (including a 100% respectful, environmentally-sound and firearms-free!) investment strategy. If only. Investing is almost never in line with our humanity values...yet it is always in our best interest to invest in humanity. Meritocracy is justified stratification; people above others for their achievements. Michael Sandel said: "We've slid into the assumption that the money people make is the measure of their contribution to the common good." I wonder how the merit idea would work if we increase accolades and 'status' based on care about others?



Myth: INCARCERATION PAYS A 'DEBT TO SOCIETY' - Why do we keep repeating this? Members of society believe that incarceration and the judicial system costs them money; they do not feel that they have been paid in any way. How could they? The only debt that has been paid is the one requested and required by a heartless and hungry punitive system. Society has little faith that 'the system' is providing the information necessary to reengage successfully. Together, we can change this. The 'justice system' is the only group getting paid.



Myth: WE ARE FRAGILE - The "Helping" Industry relies on us being weak. ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) scores may describe some aspects of people, but they in no way represent who we are. Many of us with high ACE scores have also become even more than resilient, we are now anti-fragile because of our challenges. This means that the adverse conditions made us stronger than we would have been without them.



Myth: TV NEWS INFORMS YOU OF WHAT IS GOING ON All you get from any single news source is what they want you to see and believe. What they show us is what their sponsors want them to show us. Sponsors demand support, so the advertisements determine the 'news' you'll see on TV. Social Media cannot be counted on to inform us of anything but an opinion. To get more pieces of the whole story, we must consider information offered by many news sources.

Fair Shake's MYTH_BUSTERS



Myth: WE NEED AUTHORITY AND MONEY TO 'FIX' OUR CHALLENGES - Why would we ask the institutions, and the people who are complicit in maintaining them, to fix the problems they created? Winona LaDuke says: "You shouldn't let your dealer tell you what you need." Are we frustrated enough yet to work on the solutions together? We've been trained to believe these myths:

- Experts and 'science' have the solutions to our challenges; they will provide the relief for our suffering. Q: What if they are the cause of our suffering?
- Money will fix our problems. Does money build trust, cooperation and feelings of confidence? We have gifts to share with each other. Our focus on money continues to take away our power. Money does not give us power. Feelings of agency, support and capability give us power!



<u>Myth: INDIVIDUALISM</u> – Individualism is said to be a "fundamental American principle" so is authoritarianism, lying, stealing, false superiority and also the myth of the 'self-made' person and "united we stand".

INTERDEPENDENCE, on the other hand, is a fundamental planetary principle. We can easily see our impact on the environment and on each other because of our insatiable pursuit of more stuff; a belief created to fill the hole created by 'individualism'. The Rev. Desmond Tutu reminded us that "the solitary individual' is a contradiction in terms.



Myth: "FREE-MARKET CAPITALISM" - You'll find that file between Easter Bunny and Santa Clause. The game is rigged. Capitalism offers some opportunity, but 'the market' does not **respond to our needs**. Instead, it manufactures our desires and externalizes unhealthy costs.



Myth: NOTHING WORKS: Roger Martinson wrote, "the represent array of correctional treatments has no appreciable effect - positive or negative - on rates of recidivism of convicted offenders." In the magazine Public Interest (1974), he stated, "rehabilitative efforts that have been reported so far have no appreciable effect on recidivism." The way that I read this is: the ineffective 'programs' supplied by the prisons (or whomever else) did not impact the already low (compared to today) recidivism rate. He said that no single thing works because we are unique. We are not robots. One thing that always works is 100% pro-social: it's us working together!



EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION REDUCE RECIDIVISM Only YOU "reduce recidivism". You and nothing else. It is up to you to utilize education or employment opportunities to support your reentry success; YOU get full credit for how you apply your gifts. After all, employment and higher education did not keep Jeff Skilling, Bernie Madoff, Martha Stewart, Bill Cosby, Charles Kushner, or several elected representatives, out of prison.



<u>CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS</u> Incarcerated people have basic human needs; the same needs we all have. You are not different. This is yet another attempt to scientize othering.



Myth: EXPERTS KNOW WHAT'S BEST

Experts have agendas. Always consider who is paying the 'expert'. Non-profit status does not automatically indicate integrity. Professional 'fixers' are often poor listeners. Prisons, schools and hospitals tell us what we need, they rarely ask what we think or feel. How can they 'help' if they don't hear? We can learn to listen to ourselves and each other by asking questions. We can work, care, and grow together to build our capacity for complexity, cooperation, constructive learning, critical thinking, and agency! We are the 'experts' we've been waiting for.



QUICK START GUIDE!

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.
- Fair Shake

> Resource Directory

> Resource Directory

- 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

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



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

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!
- Educate Yourself!

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:



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



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

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

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



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

Remember, many of America's most highly treasured 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 reently packet, ask questions or send comments and suggestions to

outreach/at/fairshake/dofinet

Employment



Looking for information to help you find a job? Check out our Find A Job page!

If you're getting ready to apply or interview check out our Prepare For Work page

New to Computers?

Need help with your computer skills?

Learn more about using your computer on our Building Computer Skills page!

Keep your documents safetisht in the cloud:

iii Google online storage

Educate Yourself!



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

List of correspondence schools that offer paper-based formals

Correspondence Schools

Financial Aid

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



Education not found in school:

The School of Life

The School of Life explores unconvention education to assist people in the quest for a more fulfilled life

Watch the introduction video here > Here are some topics we thought might interest you:



Self: https://www.youtube.com

laylist?list=PLwwhMb28XmpckOvZZ_AZ)D7WM2p9-6NBv Relationships: https://www.youtube.com

ykst76st=PLwd4Mb28XmpcEwc0qydt2;SszQFSht81E ◆ Work + Capitalism: https://www.youtube.capitalism:

ylist?list=PLwif\Mb28XmpehnfQOs4c0E7j3Glj4gFEj You can find more on the School of Life on the Educate Yourself page!

Fair Shake Reentry Packet



Our Reentry Packet is loaded with reentry information including tools and materials for building bridges of transformation and trust.

R Fair Shake Reentry Packet

Choose Your Perspective

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

- Swellness
- # Handling Frustration
- m Working Through Depression n Resisting Influence
- Ill: Managing Anger
- in Dealing with Rejection

Fair Shake Resource Directory

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. Resource Directory!



RZero



The RZero Solution resulted by com hard-won wisdom from those living through the difficult and often conflusing experience of incarceration. FREE Resource Database! http://trans.org /hesource-database?

A FREE national resource service available by phone or internet to help toks in need find resources they seek 24 hours a day 7 days a week. They list resources for food, shelter, employment. services for veterans, special needs and reentry, a safe path out of physical and/or emotional abuse. A service of United





Aunt Bertha

https://company.auntbertha.com/

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 social services in their communities, for nonprofits to coordinate their efforts, and for customers to integrate social care into their work.



Vital Documents

Social Security

Supplemental Security Income

Mhat Prisoners Need To Know

More Publications

Social Security Card

(C) https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/

m social-security-card-info.pdf

This is the ss-5 form.

Tittps://www.socialsecurity.gou/forms/ss-5.pdf

n social-security-card-form-ss-5.pdf

Write For Vital Records - All States Certificates of Birth, Death, Marriage, Divorce

This is the state of the state

ill 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 reconstructions (1999) for register times. Penalty you have very old parking skotchs, or your license was suspended, et al. You may find some ferriency from the DMV to help you drive again, especially to get to work. This form has been created by folks in the FCI Sandstone Career Resource Center and is meant to be used as a template or outline for you to use to create your own.

iii DMV Change Request Outline

Motivation Tips

- Transition Tips
- M Culture Shock
- How To Watch TV Ift Gratitude

M 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.

★ Peer Learning / Self Study Guides

Fair Shake Inside Enews ★ Read the newsletters here

Sign up at outreach@fairshake.net Looking for Books?

★ Check out our Free Books Programs page

For Veterans

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



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The velterans' page was created to assist velterans who have been incarcerated as well as their families. The programs and resources on this page can help reduce the pressures associated with reentry. Our hope is that you will find these resources helpful in providing relief as you face the challenges of finding and supporting an effective way of life after incarceration. Thank you for your service to our country.

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) was established to meet the needs of veterans during their period of transition into civilian lile by offering job-search assistance and related services. The guide books 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.

Of http://www.benefits.vag.ove/wrlap.asp

- Personal Appraisal & Career Exploration ill Job Search Strategies & Interviews
- Reviewing Job Offers & Support and Assistance

Become a Fair Shake Member!

- Personal Web Page
 Data Storage
 Save your Resources
 Tutorials



Housing

We receive very little housing information, especially on a national scale. Recently, however, the two-part document came to us from a HUD representative. So began my attempt to connect you to HUD.

It Starts with Housing

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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.

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

- 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

h Ohio Parole Board Handbook 2017 New Parole Board member (State, Federal, and Military)

Tax FAQ's from the IRS

M Get Right With Your Taxes

For Parents

It's important to stay connected!

Children of Incarcerated Parents - Bill of Rights

- Children of Incarcerated Parents'
- 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?

Improve Your Financial Outlook!



Check out the Money Management page!! 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.

- INCHARGE

- 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

 *Consolidate credit bills into one monthly payment

 *Build a realistic budget and financial plan you can follow

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-disclosu never needed. Everything is completely confidential. Cli the link below to view the list of topics from the website.

Voting Rights



automatically reinstated at various times throughout the completion of the sentence. There are no longer any sta with a lifetime voting ban!

with a freeme voting ban!

According to The Sentencing Project Felony disensations ment (the loss of voting and other old inglish san obstacle to participation in democratic life which is exacerbated by racial disparties in the criminal justice system (and creates) a disproprionate impact on communities of color.

https://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/felony-disenfranchisement/

ATIONAL INVENTORY OF THE OLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES CONVICTION

Conviction

Collateral consequences are legal and regulatory sanctions and restrictions that limit or prohibit people with criminal records from accessing employment, occupational licensification housing, volting, education, and other opportunities of a criminal conviction... This state in adional resource is now a project of the Council of State Covernments.



Motivation Tips

From the Fair Shake Ownership Manual:

Self Motivation - While managers often try to find ways to motivate people from the outside, the best way to get things done is simply by wanting to do them. The more we align ourselves with our goals, values and interests, the more easily we can find the necessary motivation to carry out our tasks. Sometimes we have to keep our 'eyes on the prize' and work through things we really don't like – and sometimes we have to wait patiently - to get to the ultimate goal that we value the most.

"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right." - Henry Ford

"He is able who thinks he is able." - The Buddha

Often people use - and many people want - **EXTRINSIC MOTIVATORS** (outside forces) to get us to do things we don't desire to do. Do we want to be lured by a Carrot? Do we prefer to be scared by a Stick? Bribe... or... threat? Encourage you to buy a gizmo with a coupon or make you worry that you will not be hip if you don't have the gizmo? Do you recognize these *extrinsic motivators*? You will find more examples of extrinsic motivators all around you once you start to take notice. Alas, extrinsic motivators work well to get us to do some things, but not everything.

We cannot always be pulled or pushed. Sometimes we just want to be interested in what we're doing!

The forces that can energize us through our most challenging and creative tasks are often our INTRINSIC MOTIVATORS (inside forces) that bring satisfaction when we do tasks we don't care for but can find meaning in. For example, hanging laundry may be your least favorite thing to do, but you need clean clothes. This mundane task can transform to something beautiful when it happens on a warm, sunny day in the early spring. Just knowing that a beautiful day of hanging laundry is possible makes it easier to hang laundry on less desirable days. Intrinsic motivators make the tough stuff tolerable and can even connect us to the rest of the people on the planet who are going through tough stuff. And also to the people who are enjoying the spring sun while hanging out their laundry.

When we have an inner goal, a desire to solve a puzzle, the wish to work out something by ourselves, we are often motivated with speed, stamina, determination and creativity! Often our values and beliefs provide the fuel for our intrinsic motivation motors.

Motivation Tips:

- 1. Systematically and deliberately create success. Decide what you want to do and what you will do when you get there. Now explore the steps you need to take to get you to where you want to be. Remember to anticipate the hurdles!
- 2. **Don't let your excuses get in the way.** You will come up with every excuse in the book to not move forward. You will even believe many of your excuses are legitimate. When you believe your excuses you can become stuck. Are you a victim or are you a creative thinker who can solve a problem?



- 3. Change habits and behaviors that lead you to procrastinate. Are you doing things that are holding you back? Schedule time to do nothing and other than that time, stay on track with your goals.
- 4. Several small jobs done over short periods of time are more manageable than one large task. Instead of focusing on the difficulty of the large task, break it into smaller jobs and create a timeline for finishing them.
- 5. Try tackling the more undesirable tasks early so that you can pursue more pleasant activities later in the day.
- 6. **Exercise self-discipline**. Say 'no' when you need to...to yourself and to others. Keep your "eyes on the prize!"
- 7. Overcome procrastination and block out human and media obstacles. Sometimes we have to just get started, even when we don't feel like we're ready, or even up for the task. Often just the ACT of getting started is enough to get engaged and encouraged. Refuse to let others divert you from your path! Procrastination is a self-defeating behavior that develops in part due to the fear of failure and paradoxically, the fear of success!
- 8. **Reward yourself.** Your self-motivation will increase enormously if you give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. It feels great to accomplish tasks!
- 9. **Have fun!** Learning to enjoy yourself keeps you enthusiastic and motivated and helps you keep stress to a minimum. After all, good vibes create more good vibes!
- 10. Imagine what the rewards will be when you finally reach your destination and keep that thought foremost in your mind. You can also imagine the bad consequences (pain, frustration, the feeling of defeat) that may occur if you don't, if you prefer to look at it that way. Carrot or stick?
- 11. **Tell someone about your goals.** Show them or mark stages on a calendar to emphasize and visualize your goal. Check in with them periodically to tell them of your progress.
- 12. Review your habits; do you see yourself accomplishing your goals? You must change the habits that lead you to procrastinate in the first place. Lose, shorten or refuse to participate in demotivating habits during inappropriate times of the day (watching TV, disengaging from your goals) and replace them with habits that lead to engaging in and control of your life.
- 13. **Find your true interest.** If you dislike certain tasks, just look at them in the big picture...they are character building steps on the path of getting you to your greater goal.
- 14. Make lists of the smaller jobs then tick off the work that you have completed. Prepare a list of the things you have to do. Prioritize the list and then start ticking off tasks as they are completed. If you do this right, you may become motivated to complete them all!

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

Re: Letter of Explanation

Insert Date Here.

Dear Sir or Madam,

EXAMPLE of a Letter of Explanation

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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Attention Budget Worksheet

	Time Invested in	Planned	Actual Time Spent
Daily	Work		
Work	Travel time to and from everything		
	Other Travelfor errands, etc		
Food	Shopping (perhaps certain days per week?)		
	Meals – cooking		
	Meals – cleaning up		
	Meals – away from home		
Exercise	Walk, stretch		
	Aerobic – elevate your heartbeat!		
	Meditation / Yoga		
	Planning and Prioritizing		
	Evaluating (how effective was your plan?)		
Thinking	Reflecting		
	Meditation / Mindfulness		
	Reading		
	Family (at home / visiting)		
Frequent	Friends		
Other	Hobbies		
Possibilities	Classes and Homework (if in school)		
	Personal care: bathing, dressing, hair, teeth, etc.		
	Television, movies, YouTube®, electronic games		
Media	Social Media, Text		
Weekly	Weekly cleaning		
	Events with Family and Friends		
	Intentionally building your gift, yourself, your world		
	Travel time		
	Paying bills, balancing money		
	Services		
Monthly	Auto care		
	Volunteering		
Surprise Events			
	Totals:	Planned	Actual Time Spent
	Time alone: doing stuff		
	Time alone: thinking, reflecting, reading (books) Quiet time with others		
	Active time with others		
	Time with Gizmos, Electronics and Screens		
	Time dedicated to living your life in the fullest sense.		
	Time connecting to your own life and all life.		

MANAGE YOUR PRECIOUS TIME!

ATTENTION BUDGET Deeply connected to your financial budget!

THIS IS THE FIRST DRAFT! I've included what this one mind of mine could think of; I'd love to hear from you to provide a more accurate range of options!

Steven Covey's great metaphor for managing our time; from his book First Things First:

Picture a glass cylinder.

The cylinder represents all the time you have in a day.

Next to the cylinder are rocks, gravel, sand, and water

- Rocks represent what's most important to you
- Gravel represents day-to-day responsibilities
- Sand represents the daily interruptions
- Water is everything else that happens in a day

If you put anything but the rocks in first, there will be no room for the rocks.

If you put the rocks in first, there is still room for the gravel, the sand, and the water.

what are your main priorities.
What matters to you?
Where do you want to go with
your life?
What are the goals that you

The answers to these questions are your rocks.

The world demands your attention! Everyone tries constantly to get your attention. Set boundaries! Make your goals your priority! Slight changes to your path are like a compound-interest investment in your life!

Commit to goals as if they are appointments with your future self. YOU are important. Your goals are important. Goals are proactive, not reactive. Goals help us determine our "no" and our "yes" for investing our time.

All security experts agree: Trust no-one.

- Stay skeptical.
- Turn off cookies.
- Limit tracking as much as possible.
- Don't say anything stupid; don't use hate speech
- -Thou shalt not overshare, or share data about friends.
- If the product is free, it means that you are the product.
- Limit your time on each platform (fb, twitter, instagram, et al.)
- Privacy is a myth. Assume if it's on the phone it'll be published.
- Don't live your life online. Take a walk, play a musical instrument, build furniture, live in the real world.

"Trying to be "safe" while using a "smart" phone is like trying to keep water out of a submarine with a screen door."

"If you join Facebook, you relinquish your privacy."

"When you receive an email from someone that wants to share their fortune with you, do not reply of click on the links!"

You can turn off media, social media, phone, text: YOU set the boundaries. No communication after 8 pm? Sundays? You choose your limit. With your time managed, you can invest time online...time digging for information, learning new things, listening to guided meditations, music and pontificators.

You have to decide what your highest priorities are and have the courage

– pleasantly, smilingly, non-apologetically – to say 'no' to other things. And the way to do that is by having a bigger 'yes' burning inside.

- Steven Covey





Financial Budget Worksheet

Category	Item	Amount	Due Date
Home	Rent or House Payments		
	Property Tax		
	Insurance		
Other Home Expenses	Electric		
	Gas or Oil		
	Water and Sewer		
	Repairs		
	Maintenance and Fees		
Technology	Land-Line		
	Cellular		
	Cable / Satellite / Internet		
Transportation	Car Payment		
	Gas		
	Auto Insurance		
	Repairs / Maintenance		
	Other Transportation		
Health Insurance	Insurance		
	Monthly Medical Expenses		
Debt Payments: Loans,			
Credit Cards,			
Food	Groceries		
	Dining Out		
Family Expenses			
Other Expenses	2 nd car, loan or credit card?		
Surprise Expenses			
MONTHLY SAVINGS:	Total		
	Average Monthly Expense		
	Grand Total		
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Annual Expenses	Subscriptions and Memberships		
	Vehicle Registration		
	Dental or Other Medical		
	Donations		
	Total Annual Expenses		
	Divide total by 12		
	Result: Average Monthly Expense		

BUDGET SUCCESS by INTENTION: Break the Paycheck-to-Paycheck Cycle!!

Give Every Dollar A Job. Not just the necessities like bills and groceries. You also assign your money to going out, beers, fun stuff, travel – anything you spend your money on, it goes in the budget.

Embrace Your True Expenses. What are often overlooked are the once every year or once every few months spends. Better to save for an emergency fund right now than pay down credit cards or loans.

Roll With The Punches. Everyone overspends. Oh yes they do. Any budget should be flexible enough to deal with overspend

'Age Your Money': pay your bills with money that's been sitting in your bank account for two weeks.

Buy smarter. Cook: buy fresh and bulk foods and eat better! Work a second job. Make a budget. Be unwilling to accept credit card debt; pay cards in full each month or get rid of them. Be honest about your spending habits and adjust them honestly, too.

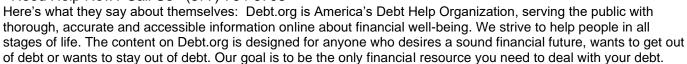
NATIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

America's Debt Help Organization: Debt.org

5750 Major Boulevard Suite 350

Orlando, FL 32819 https://www.debt.org/

Need Help Now? Call Us (877) 764-5798



Financial Literacy



Money Smart for Adults

https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/adult.html 14 Money Smart for Adults Training Modules

Money Smart para Adultos

https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmartsp/adult.html 14 módulos de capacitación de Money Smart para Adultos

Financial Education for Adults

Tools and Resources. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), is a government agency that makes sure banks, lenders, and other financial companies treat you fairly.



Debt.org

https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/educator-tools/adult-financial-education/tools-and-resources/

Benefits after Incarceration: What You Need To Know

An individual released from incarceration may be eligible for Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability benefits Call to see if you qualify 1-800-772-1213

https://www.ssa.gov/reentry/benefits.htm





U.S. Government Services and Information https://www.usa.gov/#tpcs Benefits, Grants, Loans; Consumer Issues, Disability Services, Education Health, Housing, Jobs, Military and Veterans, Taxes, Small Business, Voting and a LOT more.

HOUSING

Like the Fair Shake <u>Find A Job</u> page, the Housing Search page lists search engines to find housing near you. In addition to the websites listed below, there is a lot more information in the <u>Resource Directory</u> and in Reentry Guides section below the Search Box.



Aunt Bertha

Aunt Bertha is a social care network that connects people and programs — making it easy for people to find social services in their communities. To do this, we've verified and added hundreds of thousands of programs covering every county in the US.



<u>2-1-1</u>

A phone number and a website! Not sure where to turn? We are here for you. 211 receives more requests for help with finding housing or shelter or paying utilities bills (over 4.4 million each year) than for any other issue.

Homeless Shelters and Service Organizations:

National list of homeless shelters and other services homeless shelterdirectory.org/

Find the Housing Authority Near You! A nearly-complete list. Some others are located on the Fair Shake website under State and Local Reentry Guides. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts



Section 8: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Section 8 Housing?

The actual name of the program commonly known as "Section 8" is the Housing Choice Voucher Program, a federally funded program that subsidizes rent for eligible participants. It is designed to assist very low-income families or individuals. A housing subsidy is paid directly to the landlord on behalf of a participating family/individual.

How do I apply for Section 8 housing? Contact your local <u>Public Housing Authority</u>.

For further assistance, contact the Housing and Urban Development office nearest you.

Does my criminal record ban me from public housing?

There are only 2 convictions for which a PHA must prohibit admission:

- If any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program; and,
- If any household member has ever been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for manufacturing or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing.

Clothing - Interview and Career Clothing

The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

https://dressforsuccess.org/affiliate-list/

Employment - Employment Services

1071 N. Tustin Ave., Ste. 100 Anaheim CA 92807 Phone: 714-632-0110

http://www.selectstaffing.com/SelectStaffing/main.

cfm?nlvl1=1

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/

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

Health - Addiction Recovery

SMART Recovery is the leading self-empowering addiction recovery support group. Our participants learn tools for addiction recovery based on the latest scientific research and participate in a world-wide community which includes free, self-empowering, science-based mutual help groups

The SMART Recovery 4-Point Program helps people recover from all types of addiction and addictive behaviors, including: drug abuse, drug addiction, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, gambling addiction, cocaine addiction, prescription drug abuse, sexual addiction, and problem addiction to other substances and activities. SMART Recovery sponsors face-to-face meetings around the world, and daily online meetings. In addition, our online message board and 24/7 chat room are excellent forums to learn about SMART Recovery and obtain addiction recovery support. If you're new to SMART Recovery, get started with our introduction on the website.

http://www.smartrecovery.org/

Computers and Technology - Equipment Internet and Training

Everyone On helps unlock social and economic opportunity by connecting low-income people to affordable internet service and computers, and delivering digital skills trainings. Find Low-Cost Internet Šervice, Computers and Free Training in Your Area!

https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers

Employment - Employment Services

The Anaheim Workforce Center is an innovative one stop approach to meet employment demands of both businesses and job seekers. Supported by on-line electronic technology and a network of partner agencies, the Center brings employers and job seekers together at a single point of access. Anaheim Workforce Center 290 S. Anaheim Blvd., Suite #100 Anaheim, CA 92805 (714) 765-4350 http://www.anaheim.net/article.asp?id=494

Employment - Temporary Staffing Agency

290 South Clementine Street Anaheim, CA 92805-3881 714-533-1800 http://www.manpower.com

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/

Health - Alcoholics Anonymous

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

https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/aa-meetings/calif ornia/

Money - Finances/Budgeting 800.388.2227

Free Credit Counseling! Our mission is to help all Americans gain control over their finances. For over 60 years, NFCC and its member agencies have helped people just like you pay off debt and grow in their financial capability. Our services help people overcome financial challenges at nearly every stage of life.

https://www.nfcc.org/

Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

3745 S Grand Ave Los Angeles, CA 90007 213-741-2276

Help pay rent! Plus Clothes! Employment! Family Reunificationand they support everyone! Amity will help you WHÉREVER you are going in

Money - Finances/Budgeting

GreenPath will work with you to build a personalized plan of action for regaining control of your debt. We assess your household budget, find places for you to save, and help you prioritize your payments to creditors and plan a lifestyle that you can afford. It all works toward helping you achieve your financial goals, better manage debt and avoid problems in the future. Available in Spanish. http://www.greenpath.com/

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Reentry Resource - Multiple Resources Available

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

Shelter - Housing and Community Development

2020 West El Camino Avenue Sacramento, CA 95833 HCD helps to provide stable, safe homes affordable to veterans, seniors, young families, farm workers, people with disabilities, and individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

http://www.hcd.ca.gov/

Shelter - Transitional Housing

Oxford House is a concept in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In its simplest form, an Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home. Each House represents a remarkably effective and low cost method of preventing relapse. Pilot House

506 N. Maplewood Street, Orange, CA 92867-6917 714-771-4522

http://www.oxfordhouse.org/userfiles/file/index.php

Special Considerations - Sex Offense Reentry

Derek Logue 2211 County Road 400 Tobias, NE 68453 Once Fallen is a leading reference and resource site for Registered Citizens. It also provides useful information to those seeking to reform or abolish the sex offense laws. Once Fallen answers hundreds of phone calls and letters, visits with

the state.

https://www.amityfdn.org/initiatives

Shelter - Energy AssistanceTo apply for LIHEAP services and to inquire about the type of assistance available in your area, please use the search feature below to contact your local LIHEAP agency for more information. If you would prefer to speak to a live operator to assist you in obtaining more information on where to apply, please call our toll-free helpline at (866) 675-6623

https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/Assistance-PayingM yEnergyBills.aspx

Shelter - Low Income Housing

Find low income apartments in California 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/CA.html

Special Considerations - Disability Support

P.O. Box 944222 Sacramento, CA 94244-2220

916-324-1313

Voice: 1-800-952-5544 TTY: 1-844-729-2800

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) administers the largest vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in the country. Vocational rehabilitation services are designed to help job seekers with disabilities obtain competitive employment in integrated work settings. Independent living services may include peer support, skill development, systems advocacy, referrals, assistive technology services, transition services, housing assistance, and personal assistance services. We believe in the talent and potential of individuals with disabilities. https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/AmIEligible

Volunteer - Volunteer Opportunities

We make it easy for good people and good causes to connect. We are a community that believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us. Find locations to volunteer near you!

Virtual volunteer opportunities are also available https://www.volunteermatch.org/virtual-volunteeri

https://www.volunteermatch.org/city/Anaheim%2C +CA%2C+USA

legislators, assists registrants in connecting to available resources and support networks, and provides analysis research on sex offender laws FREE of charge.

https://oncefallen.com/

Your Leisure Time - Leisure Activities
Whatever you're looking to do this year, Meetup
can help. For 20 years, people have turned to
Meetup to meet people, make friends, find
support, grow a business, and explore their
interests. Thousands of events are happening
every day—join the fun.
http://www.meetup.com/



Interview Questions for You to Ask

In an interview both you and the employer are finding out about each other. Asking these questions will show general interest in the business, and the team you are applying to work with. These questions show you care about the position and how you might fit. Asking questions will also help you understand if you think the environment is suitable for you.

Please tell me important information I should consider about working with this company:

- On average, how long do people keep the position for which I am applying?
- What strengths and skills do you think I should have to best fill this position?
- · What employee qualities are encouraged here?
- Is this a friendly environment or are people pretty serious?
- Would you tell me about the challenges I might find working here?
- Which companies, products or services are our competitors?
- Is there an opportunity for promotion from this position?
- How often will I be evaluated?
- What are the businesses strengths? What aspects need improvement?
- What will be expected of me in the first 3 months? 6 months? Year?
- Are we encouraged to participate in things outside of work, like a softball league?
- In what ways does the company recognize and honor work that has been done?
- Will I have an employment agreement?
- Will I work with alone or with a group?
- Who will I report to? What kind of person are they?
- Are we anticipating any major changes in the workplace?
- How many applicants do you have for this position?
- What training do you provide?
- Does the company provide or support higher education or advanced training for employees?
- Is there anything else I can provide you to help you make a decision?
- How soon can I expect to hear from you?

Not all of these questions would apply to any one position. These questions are just examples to either pick from or open your mind to asking questions that will help you make sure the job is acceptable for you!