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THE ROAD TO REENTRY



REENTRY RESOURCE GUIDE

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NYS Senate Democratic Conference Leader
19th Senatorial District

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Greetings:

Recidivism is one of the most serious criminal justice issues that we face in New York. Part of the reason for recidivism is that we do not offer ex offenders the skills and resources that they need to succeed after their release. I strongly believe that we must offer former offenders an alternative to crime.

I am very pleased to offer the following guide that will help ex offenders to locate the resources and programs they need after incarceration. The guide contains information on a variety of important topics including employment, substance abuse counseling, family services as well as education, housing and legal services.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center as well as Save Our Streets (S.O.S.) Crown Heights for their diligent work in compiling some of the information presented.

I wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Sampson".

John L. Sampson
Member, State Senate
19th Senatorial District

HOUSING

Brooklyn Community Housing and Services

25 Chapel Street, Suite 1200

Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-625-4545

www.bchands.org

Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association

1482 St. Johns Place, Suite 1F

Brooklyn, NY 11213

718-773-4116

CAMBA

1720 Church Avenue, 2nd Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11226

718-287-2600

www.camba.org

The Doe Fund

Peter Jay Sharp Residence

223 East 117th Street,

New York, NY 10039

212-996-3165

Special Needs Assessment and Placement (SNAP)

345 East 102nd Street

New York, NY 10029

646-672-2990

www.doe.org

Fifth Avenue Committee

621 Degraw Street

Brooklyn, NY 11217

718-237-2017

www.fifthave.org

Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10010

212-690-6202

www.fortunesociety.org

Frequent User Service Enhancement Program (FUSE)

2006 Madison Avenue

New York, NY 10037

212-979-8800 ext. 377

Greenhope for Women

414-418 East 119th Street

New York, NY 10035

(212) 860-6650 Fax:(212) 860-8415

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

443 39th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11232

718-686-7946

Peter Young Housing Industries & Treatment

South Road Supportive Living

145-53 South Road

Queens, NY

(718) 297-3484 / Fax (718) 526-3908

Parole Residential Stabilization Program

147 Arlington Terrace

Queens, NY 11434

(718) 206-0397 / Fax (718) 526-3908

The Redemption Center

1186 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233

718-922-1627

www.theredemptioncntr.com

Women's Prison Association

Brooklyn Community Office

175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11201

646-336-6100

LEGAL ADVOCACY

Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York

377 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10013
center@antibiaslaw.com
212-346-7600

Bedford-Stuyvesant Legal Services Corporation

1360 Fulton Street, Suite 301
Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-636-1155

City Bar Justice Center, Reentry Project:

42 W. 44th Street, New York, NY 10036
212-382-6600
www.citybarjusticecenter.org

Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212-691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

Kings County District Attorney's Office

350 Jay St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718.250.2000

Legal Action Center

225 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014
212-243-1313; 800-223-4044
www.lac.org

Legal Aid Society Brooklyn Neighborhood Office

111 Livingston Street, 7th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-722-3100

Legal Aid Society of New York

Prisoners Rights Project
199 Water Street,
New York, NY 10038
212-577-3530
www.legal-aid.org

Legal Services NYC (The Wright Group)

151 West 30th Street,
New York, NY 10001
212 216 0683

Mobilization for Youth (MFY) Legal Services, Inc

Illegal Boarding House Project
299 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
212-417-3700 Fax: 212-417-3891

Osborne Association, Court Advocacy Services

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560 Fax: 718-237-0686
www.osborneny.org

Urban Justice Center

123 William Street 16th Floor
New York, NY, 10038
646.602.5600 Fax 212.533.4598

MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING

Brooklyn Adolescent Link Program, NYC TASC

175 Remsen Street, Room 505
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-237-9404

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

25 Chapel Street, Room 605
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-596-3635
www.batf.net

Brooklyn Forensic Link Program

175 Remsen Street, 6th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11202
718-975-0180

Brooklyn SPAN

(Service Planning and Assistance Network)
408 Jay Street, Suite 203
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-625-9736

Community Healthcare Network

CABS Health Center
94-98 Manhattan Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11206
718-388-0390

Caribbean House Health Center

1167 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
718-778-0198

Dr. Betty Shabazz Health Center

999 Blake Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208
718-277-8303
chnnyc.org

Education and Assistance Corporation

Administrative Office
175 Fulton Ave., 4th Floor
Hempstead, NY 11550
516-489-7929 or 1-800-244-STOP
www.eacinc.org

The Exodus Transitional Community

161 East 104th Street
New York, NY 10029
917-492-0990
www.etcny.org

F-E-G-S NYCLink

315 Hudson Street
New York, NY 10013
212-886-0330

Girls Reentry Assistance Support Program (GRASP)

Kings County District Attorneys Office
350 Jay Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-250-3804
www.brooklynnda.org/grasp/grasp.htm

The Network Program of Episcopal Social Services

653 Schenck Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
718-257-5020
www.essnyc.org

Ready, Willing, and Able

520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-622-0634
www.doe.org

Realization Center

175 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-342-6700
www.realizationcenternyc.com

Red Hook Health Center

88 Visitation Place
Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-694-6049

FAMILY SERVICES

Correctional Association of New York

2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., Suite 200
New York, NY 10027
212-254-5700 x306
www.correctionalassociation.org

Fort Greene SNAP

324 Myrtle Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-694-6957

The Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212-691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

Greenhope for Women

414-418 East 119th Street
New York, NY 10035
(212) 860-6650 Fax:(212) 860-8415

Hour Children

36-11A 12th Street
Long Island City, NY 11106
718-433-4724
www.hourchildren.org

The Osborne Association Family Resource Center

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560, 800-344-6560
www.osborneny.org

Women's Prison Association

Brooklyn Community Office
175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
646-336-6100
www.wpaonline.org

EDUCATION

The College Initiative

Lehman College, Old Gym Building, Room 003B
250 Bedford Park Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10486
718-960-1970

College & Community Fellowship

475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1626
New York, NY 10115
646-380-7777 Fax: 646-745-2539

EDUCATION cont.

D.R.E.A.M.S

1604 St. John's Place, Apt 1C
Brooklyn NY 11233
718-455-4308
www.dreamsyouthbuildged.com

Fifth Avenue Committee

621 DeGraw Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-237-2017
www.fifthave.org

Flatbush Development Corp.

1616 Newkirk Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-859-3800
www.fdconline.org

Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212-690-6202
www.fortunesociety.org

Medgar Evers College

School of Continuing Education
1150 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, NY 11225
718-270-6024 ext 6400

Office of Adult and Continuing Education

475 Nostrand Avenue, Room 329
Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-622-3000
www.adultednyc.org

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES CAREER DEVELOPMENT

America Works, Inc. Criminal Justice Program

810 Third Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY, 11220
718-833-5042

Center for Employment Opportunities

32 Broadway, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10004
212-422-4430
www.ceoworks.org

ComALERT

210 Joralemon Street, 3rd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-250-5557
www.brooklynda.org/comalert/comalert.htm

Education and Assistance Corporation

175 Remsen Street, Suite 505 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-237-9404
www.eacinc.org

The Exodus Transitional Community

161 East 104th Street
New York, NY 10029
917-492-0990
www.etcny.org

Fifth Avenue Committee

Developing Justice Program
621 DeGraw Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-237-2017
www.fifthave.org

Fort Greene Works

324 Myrtle Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-694-6957

Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212-691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
CAREER DEVELOPMENT cont.**

Goodwill Industries

4-21 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY, 11102
www.goodwillny.org
718-777-6336

Grant Associates

60 Madison Avenue, 7th Floor
New York State,
New York, NY 10010
www.grantassociatesinc.com
212-684-2700 ext. 27

Howie T. Harp Peer Advocacy Center

The STARR Program
(Steps to a Renewed Reality)
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.
New York, NY 10027
212-865-0775

The Osborne Association Fresh Start Program

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560,
www.osborneny.org

Ready, Willing, and Able

520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-622-0634
www.doe.org

STRIVE

East Harlem Employment Services School
240 E. 123rd St., 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10035
212-360-1100

Wildcat Service Corporation

17 Battery Place, New York, NY 10004
www.wildcatatwork.org
212-209-6000

MEDICAL SERVICES

AIDS in Prison Hotline

809 Westchester Avenue
Bronx, NY 10455
718-378-7022 718-707-2600

Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health

450 Clarkson Ave., Box 1232
Brooklyn, NY 11203
718-270-3101

483 Hudson Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-222-5953

www.arthurasheinstitute.org

Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center

1413 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-636-4500

Bergen Family Health Center

502 Bergen Street
Brooklyn, NY 1121

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

25 Chapel Street, Room 605
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-596-3635
www.batf.net

Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center

650 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-596-9800

Bronx Health Center

975 Westchester Avenue,
Bronx, NY 10459
718-320-4466

MEDICAL SERVICES

Brownsville Child Health

259 Bristol Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-495-7283

Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

592 Rockaway Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-345-5000

CABS Health Center

94-98 Manhattan Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11206
718-388-0390

Caribbean House Health Center

1167 Nostrand Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11225
718-778-0198

Community Healthcare Network

chnnyc.org

Community League Health Center

1996 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York, NY 10032
212-781-7979

Downtown Health Center

150 Essex Street,
New York NY 10002
212-477-1120

Dr. Betty Shabazz Health Center

999 Blake Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11208

Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212-690-6202
www.fortunesociety.org

Helen B. Atkinson Health Center

Health Services Unit
81 West 115th Street,
New York, NY 10026
212-426-0088

ODA Primary Care Health Center

14-16 Heyward Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11211
718-277-8303

Red Hook Health Center

88 Visitation Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-694-6049

Queens Health Center

97-04 Sutphin Boulevard,
Jamaica, NY 11435

Sunset Park Family Health

150 55th Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11220
718-630-7095

Watchful Eye

20 New York Avenue, Suite 100
Brooklyn, NY 11216
347-533-4300 347 533-4303

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation

22 Chapel Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-260-2900

AIDS Services Adult Day Health Care

718-636-0015

Alpha School Center for Progressive Living, Inc.

2400 Linden Blvd. (Montauk St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11208
718-257-5800

Anchor House

1041 Bergen Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-771-0760

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

25 Chapel Street, Room 605
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-596-3635
www.batf.net

ComALERT

210 Joralemon St., 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-250-5557

First Steps Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program

502 Bergen Street, 1st Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-622-2910 ext. 108/117

The Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10010
212-691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

Greenhope Services for Women

448 East 119th Street,
New York, NY 10035
212-369-5100 ext. 51 or 52
www.greenhope.org

Harm Reduction Program

718-622-2910

JusticeWorks Community

Women of Substance Gethsemane Church
1012 Eighth Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11215
718-499-6704 ext. 205 or 208

New York Therapeutic Communities

Serendipity I (for men)
977 Bedford Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-398-0096

Serendipity II (for women)

944 Bedford Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-802-0572

Palladia

62-66 West Tremont Avenue,
Bronx, NY 10453
718-294-4184 1-800-427-6700
www.palladiainc.org

Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services

519 Rockaway Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-346-5900

Phoenix House

174 Prospect Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11238
718-789-4616
www.phoenixhouse.org

Probation Ambulatory Programs

Downtown Brooklyn,
NYC Department of Probation
212-971-6033

Project Samaritan

803 Sterling Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-804-0900

www.aidsnyc.org/help-psi/index.html

Realization Center

175 Remsen Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-342-6700

www.realizationcenternyc.com

The Brooklyn Tabernacle

17 Smith Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-290-2000

UCAS

(Urban Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Services)
937 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238

www.uriny.org

New York Police Department

77th and 71st Precinct Clergy Liaison Program
77th Precinct

421 Empire Blvd.,
Brooklyn, NY 11215
718-735-0511

71st Precinct

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

www.brooklyntabernacle.org

Emmanuel Baptist Church

279 Lafayette Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11238
718-622-1107

www.ebc-ny.org

Greater Restoration Baptist Church

1156 St. Johns Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-735-4102

Lubavitch Youth Organization

305 Kingston Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-953-1000

www.lubavitchyouth.org

Samaritan Village, Parole Relapse Prevention

Jamaica Facility
144-10 Jamaica Avenue,
Jamaica, NY 11435
718-206-1990

127 Utica Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-735-0611

Youth and Congregations in Partnership

Kings County District Attorneys Office
350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-250-3804

www.brooklynda.org/YCP/YCP.htm

OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION

State ID Card

An important first step when returning home is to get a state identification card. It is extremely important for any recently released individual to get a state identification card. This card will allow an individual to seek employment, secure public assistance benefits and open a bank account if needed. You can apply for your non-driver photo ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Brooklyn Office of the New York State DMV

Atlantic Center, 2nd Floor

625 Atlantic Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11217

Phone: 718-966-6155

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm

Train: 2/3/4/5/N/Q/R/B/D to Atlantic Avenue

What do you need to bring?

1. Your Social Security card (original only, no copies)
2. Additional documentation totaling 4 points:
 - a. NYS drivers license or non-driver ID current or not more than two years expired = 6 points
 - b. US Passport = 4 points
 - c. Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization = 3 points
 - d. Employment Authorization Card (I-688B or I-766) with photo, issued by INS/DHS = 3 points
 - e. Permanent Resident Card I-551 = 3 points
 - f. Welfare/Medicaid/NY Food Stamp Card WITH Photo = 3
 - g. Welfare/Medicaid/NY Food Stamp Card WITHOUT Photo = 2
 - h. Photo Driver License issued by another US State, jurisdiction or possession, or Canadian Province or territory. (This license must be current or expired no longer than 1 year)= 2 points
 - i. US Computer Printed Pay Stub (must have your name) = 1 point
 - j. US Employee ID Card = 1 point
 - k. US High School Diploma OR GED (General Equivalency Diploma) = 1 point
 - l. US Health Insurance Card/Prescription Card = 1 point
 - m. US Utility Bill (must include your name and address) = 1 point
 - n. Only one of the following items: US Major Credit Card, Bank Statement = 1 point

These are just some examples of valid documentation.

For more please visit <http://www.nydmc.state.ny.us/idlicense.htm> or the DMV for a full list, or call 718-966-6155.

All documentation must be original versions, no copies.

CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION

Certificate of Disposition

Many employers will require a letter explaining your past criminal involvement. Many jobs require that formerly incarcerated people provide a disposition letter stating the status of their previous criminal involvement.

The certificate will tell you what crime(s) you were charged with, what crime(s) you were convicted of, what date you were convicted, and the sentence you served. If you have been arrested more than once, you must get a separate certificate for each incident from the appropriate county as outlined below.

New York County (Manhattan)
Room 150 or 1,000
100 Centre Street,
New York, NY 10013
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
646-386-3900

Kings County (Brooklyn)
Room 510
120 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
212-374-5880

Queens County
Room G-78
125-01 Queens Boulevard,
Kew Gardens, New York 11415
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
718-298-1000

Richmond County (Staten Island)
Central Clerks Office (1st Floor)
67 Targee Street,
Staten Island, NY 10304
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(718) 675-8558

Bronx County
215 East 161st Street, Bronx, NY 10451
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
718-618-3100

What do you need to bring?

To get a Certificate of Disposition you must go to the County Clerk in the county where arrested. You should make sure to have the docket number (if you know it), date of arrest, photo ID and \$10 cash or money order (exact change only). If you are on public benefits the \$10 charge will be waived if you present your Benefit card. The Court Clerk addresses in New York are listed above.

Criminal Record

If you would like a copy of your state rap sheet you can contact the Criminal Record Repository. They can also help you to expunge, seal or clean up your rap sheet. The Criminal Record Repository can also tell an individual who else is legally entitled to have access to his or her record. Individuals may request a copy of their own criminal history record for personal use. If no record exists, a statement to that effect will be provided.

Division of Criminal Justice Services Contact Information

Record Review Unit
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ,4 Tower Place ,
Albany, NY 12203
Phone: (518) 457-6051
Fax: (518) 457-6550

REPLACING SOCIAL SECURITY CARD OBTAINING BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Replacement Social Security Card for US Born Citizens

An important first step when returning home is to get a state identification card. You can replace your Social Security card for free if it is lost or stolen. However, you may not need to get a replacement card.

Knowing your social security number is what is important. You are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. Legal name changes and other exceptions do not count toward these limits. For example, changes in immigration status that require card updates may not count toward these limits. Also, you may not be affected by these limits if you can prove you need the card to prevent a significant hardship.

To get a replacement card

1. Complete an application, which you can get at <http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html> or at your local social security office.
2. Bring documents proving:
 - a. U.S. citizenship (only if you have not already established your citizenship with the social security administration). This can include U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship, U.S. Birth Certificate, U.S. consular report of birth abroad
 - b. Your identity. This can include U.S. driver's license or non-driver ID, U.S. passport, or other document with your name, date of birth and recent photograph (only current documents).
 - c. Take your application and documents to your local social security office.

**625 Fulton Street, Sixth Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
1-800-772-1213**

Obtaining a Birth Certificate

Many city agencies require a birth certificate as proof of identification. You must go to the office to obtain a birth certificate. Each copy costs \$30, which can be paid using cash, check, money order, or credit/debit card. Certificates will be released upon presentation of a signed, valid photo ID such as a passport, driver's license/non-driver's ID, or employee ID.

**125 Worth Street Room 133 (entrances on Centre and Lafayette Streets)
New York, NY 10013
9am to 3:30pm (lines are shortest from 9-12 noon)**

Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Full name as listed on the birth certificate
- Sex
- Date of Birth
- Mother's maiden name
- Fathers full name
- Hospital or street where birth occurred and borough
- Your mailing address
- Reason why you are requesting the certificate

OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT

Getting hired

There are certain government incentives in place for employers to hire ex-offenders. Many employers are reluctant to hire ex-offenders, particularly out of fear of crime against their business or other employees. Information and support is sometimes available to employers willing to take a risk on an ex-offender. As a result, it is important for an individual with a criminal history to be aware of some of the incentives the Government has put in place as incentives for employers to hire ex-offenders.

The Federal Bonding Program

The federal bonding program provides fidelity bonding insurance coverage to individuals with criminal histories and other high-risk job applicants who are qualified, but fail to get jobs because regular commercial bonding is denied due to their backgrounds.

Federal Bonding Program

**NYS Department of Labor, Room 421
State Office Building Campus, Bldg. 12
Albany, NY 12240
(581) 485-2151 or 1-877-872-5627**

Tax Credits

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a federal tax credit to reduce the federal tax liability of private for profit employers to be used as an incentive for employers to hire individuals from eight different targeted groups: TANF recipients, veterans, ex-felons, high risk youth, summer youth, Food Stamp recipients, SSI recipients, and vocational rehabilitation referrals.

NYS Department of Labor

**Room 200, State Office Building Campus, Bldg. 12
Albany NY, 12240
(518) 457-6823**

Help Getting Business Attire

Dressing the part for a job interview will help make a good first impression.

For Men:

**Career Gear
120 Broadway, 36th floor
New York, NY 10271
Tel: 212-577-6190**

For Women:

**Dress for Success
Manhattan Branch
32 East 31 Street - Suite 602
New York, NY 10016
Tel: 212-684-3611**

**Brooklyn Warehouse
68 35th Street, Building 4, 6th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11232
Tel: 718-832-6201**

DISCUSSING PAST HISTORY

Discussing Your Criminal Record with Potential Employers

It is important to tell the truth about your past to employers. Be aware that the law prohibits felons from holding some types of jobs. However, there are many jobs available for offenders. Remember it is important to tell the truth. For many just out of prison and applying for job, the most difficult part is facing the question on the job application, Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Lets say the employer needs someone with your energy and skills. He or she says, I see that you checked yes on the felony question. Can you please tell me about that? What will you say?

Three Choices for Discussing Your Record

Tell the truth always the best choice Lie about it and get disqualified or red (can happen after you are hired) Avoid the subject refusing to discuss it will kill the interview

Steps to Discussing Your Conviction Record

Step 1: Own it. Take responsibility for your actions. Show them you own up to your behavior. Statements should begin with I. Placing blame on someone or something else (it wasn't my fault or I didn't know) is the worst thing you can do. Suggested openers could be: In the past,

I made some bad choices.

I made bad judgments.

I made a bad decision.

I did something I shouldn't have.

Step 2: State the positive changes you have made since the conviction:

Completed GED.

Completed Cognitive Skills Programming or counseling for thinking and decision-making.

Paid restitution

Participated in counseling or treatment. Maintained aftercare.

Step 3: Tell them what you have learned or realized:

Express your regret and speak about the lessons you have learned.

I'm not proud of what I've done; I'm sorry it ever happened.

I wanted fast money and now I see it was wrong.

I wish I had realized sooner just how immature and irresponsible I was being.

I lost sight of what was really important; my priorities were really mixed up.

Step 4: Talk about the new goals you have and how that part of your life is over .

Example: I now have new goals in life.

I'm very focused on establishing a successful career.

I'm moving forward and am willing to work hard to make it happen. I

I cant un-do the past, but I did learn from it and will not repeat the same mistake.

If Asked Were you incarcerated?

I did spend some time at an adult correctional facility for some bad choices I made.

My time there helped me to focus and set new goals.

OBTAINING MEDICAID

Getting Medicaid

You may be eligible for Medicaid to pay for your medical expenses. You may be covered by Medicaid if you have high medical bills, you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or you meet certain financial requirements. To apply, go to one of the following locations. Offices are open from: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday except Coney Island, which also opens on Saturdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You can also call 1-877-472-8411.

Boerum Hill Medicaid Office

**35 4th Avenue
(718) 623-7427/7428**

Coney Island Medicaid Office

**30-50 West 21st Street
(718) 333-3000/3001**

Kings County Hosp. Medicaid Office

**441 Clarkson Ave. T Bldg. Nurses Residence (1st Fl.)
(718) 221-2300/2301**

East New York Medicaid Office

**2094 Pitkin Avenue (Basement)
(718) 922-8292/8293**

Woodhull Hospital Medicaid Office

**760 Broadway (Ground Floor)
(718) 630-3397/3398**

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!



If you require further assistance with your reentry process or help obtaining resources, please contact my office.

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