

The Gloucester County Smart Book



A Resource Guide for Returning Home

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Quick Reference: Useful Numbers and Hotlines

American Friends Service Committee Prisoner's Resource Center	1-973-643-2205
CDC National STD and AIDS Hotlines	
Spanish:	1-800-344-7432
English:	1-800-227-8922
Addictions Hotline of NJ	1-800-238-2333
Alcoholics Anonymous	1-800-245-1377
Division of Disability Services (DDS)	1-888-285-3036
Division of Youth & Family Services	1-800-792-8610
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation	1-800-433-0254
Legal Services of New Jersey	1-888-576-5529
NJ Motor Vehicle Commission	
Driver's License Suspension Hotline	1-609-292-7500
Main Information	1-888-486-3339
Narcotics Anonymous of NJ	1-800-992-0401
National Suicide Crisis Hotline	1-800-784-2433
New Jersey AIDS STD Hotline (Beth Israel)	1-800-624-2377
2-1-1 First Call for Help	2-1-1/
Se habla español or toll free	1-800-331-7272
Gloucester County One Stop Thorofare	856-384-3700
Social Security Office	1-800-772-1213
Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline (Woman's Space, Inc.)	
Bilingual and TTY accessible	1-800-572-7233

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The Start of a New Beginning:

How to use this book

This book is intended to prepare you for your arrival home and reintegration back into society. In order to make the transition smoother for you a list of resources have been compiled along with a list of necessary items you will find that are essential to your success. This book focuses on the first few weeks and months of your arrival home and assisting you on managing the transition. Although not every resource available to you will be found in here, there are many that will help to guide your journey.

Unless a fee or charge is listed, most of the services and resources listed here are free.

Each section of this book is categorized by items that you will need in order to find employment, return to school, and to obtain identification. It will also provide addresses, websites, phone numbers, and general tips on how to acquire that particular service. You can use the table of contents to easily identify what service you require, and follow instructions as to how to contact providers.

FYI: ***Please feel free to utilize your social services department for assistance in contacting an agency or inquiring information about a service found in this book. There are some services that may be free to you that you can contact through your social services department before making an out-of-pocket expense.*

There are things that can be completed prior to release from prison. Two things specifically are requesting a duplicate Social Security card for **FREE** and applying for a birth certificate for a **fee**. Please contact your social worker six months prior to release to apply for these items. By doing this while still in custody, you are taking a large step towards making your transition back into the community easier for you. Provided both documents are processed successfully, you will have two necessary forms of identification made available to you the day you are released. This will speed up the process of finding employment.

You will not find every service or organization in **Gloucester County** in this book however there will be many to help you begin. Also, the organizations that are listed may be able to offer additional resources to you. For current information as

services change procedure and/or cost please visit www.njsuccess.org. You can also visit your local library to get free internet access, (see page 44) and www.co.gloucester.nj.us for more county information.

Getting Started:

Identification (I.D.) and Other Documents

In order to apply for employment, rent an apartment, apply for general assistance, food stamps, or Medicaid, proper identification will be required. The more identification you have in your possession, the easier it will be for you to obtain these services. Certain items can be obtained while you are still incarcerated. Ask your social worker for assistance, and for the remainder, this book will point you in the right direction.

FYI: In order to obtain identification, various agencies will require proof of address. It is smart to keep bills in your name or official documents that have your name and address for further verification of your address.



A. Social Security Card

If at all possible, apply for a duplicate social security card with your social worker six months prior to release. If for some reason this is not possible or your application has been denied, you will need to visit your closest Social Security Office to apply. The following offices are the local branches in or near Gloucester County. Please find which office is closest to your residence.

Social Security Administration

51 Charles III Dr
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Suite 100
Five Executive Campus
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Office hours:

M, T, Th, F: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

W: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Phone numbers:

Toll Free 1-800-772-1213

TTY- 1-800-325-0778

If you choose to visit your local office to apply you will need to fill out the application at the office. You will need to show proof of identification. Your NJDOC Temporary ID card you will receive upon your release serves as proof of identification.

To save time you can download the application online (www.ssa.gov/replace_sscard.html).



B. Birth Certificate

The office of Vital Statistics in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has all the New Jersey birth, marriage, and death records. The fee is **\$25.00**. However, depending upon where you were born in Gloucester County, you may be able to apply for a birth certificate for a lesser fee.

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration
P.O. Box 370
Trenton, NJ 08625-0370

Contact information for the NJ Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration: 1-609-292-4087 and 1-866-649-8726 (toll-free nationwide)

FYI: You are able to apply for a birth certificate while you are still in custody and have six months left prior to release. Please see your social worker to do so.

The following is a list of towns where area hospitals are in Gloucester County that you may have been born in. You may go to your registrar's office in the town you live in and apply for a birth certificate however that office may utilize the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Trenton. Your registrar's office is usually located at the municipal building or city hall.

Clayton Borough

Borough Hall
125 N. Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312
Phone: 856-881-2882 x101

Deptford Township

Municipal Building
1011 Cooper Street
Deptford, NJ 08096

Phone: (856) 845-5300 x2260
Fax: (856) 845-8995

East Greenwich Township

Municipal Building
159 Democrat Road
Mickleton, NJ 08056
Phone: 856-423-0654
Fax: 856-224-0296

Elk Township

680 Whig Lane
Monroeville, NJ 08343
Phone: (856) 881-6525 x10
Fax: (856) 881-5750

Franklin Township

Municipal Building
1571 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ 08322
Phone: 856-794-1234 X7
Fax: 856-694-1279

Glassboro Borough

Glassboro Boro Hall
1 South Main Street
Glassboro, NJ 08028-2592
Phone: (856) 881-9230 x88116
Fax: (856) 881-4248

Greenwich Township

420 Washington Street
Gibbstown, NJ 08027
Phone: (856) 423-1038
Fax: (856) 423-2989

Harrison Township

114 Bridgeton Pike
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
Phone: (856) 478-4111
Fax: (856) 478-2498

Logan Township

Municipal Building
125 Main Street - P.O. Box 314
Bridgeport, NJ 08014
Phone: (856) 467-3424 x9
Fax: (856) 467-1061

Mantua Township

Municipal Building
401 Main Street
Mantua, NJ 08051
Phone: 856-468-1500 x113

Monroe Township

Municipal Building
125 Virginia Avenue
Williamstown, NJ 08094
Phone: 856-728-9800 x213 or x212

National Park Borough

Borough Hall
7 South Grove Avenue
National Park, NJ 08063
Phone: 856-845-3891
Fax: 856-845-0726

Newfield Borough

Borough Hall
P.O. Box 856
18 Catawba Avenue
Newfield, NJ 08344
Phone: (856) 697-1100
Fax: (856) 697-3014

Paulsboro Borough

Borough Hall
1211 Delaware Street
Paulsboro, NJ 08066
Phone: (856) 423-1500
Fax: (856) 423-9117

Pitman Borough

110 So. Broadway
Pitman, NJ 08071
Phone: (856) 589-2433
Fax: (856) 589-6833

South Harrison Township

P.O. Box 113
664 Harrisonville Road
Harrisonville, NJ 08039
Phone: (856) 769-3737 x110
Fax: (856) 769-8048

Swedesboro Borough

P.O. Box 56
1500 Kings Highway
Swedesboro, NJ 08085
Phone: (856) 467-0202
Fax: (856) 467-5767

Washington Township

523 Egg Harbor Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
Phone: 856-589-0520 x214

Wenonah Borough

P.O. Box 66
1 S. West Avenue
Wenonah, NJ 08090
Phone: (856) 468-6713
Fax: (856) 468-7467

West Deptford Township

Municipal Building
400 Crown Point Road
P.O. Box 89
Thorofare, NJ 08086
Phone: (856) 845-4004 x102
Fax: (856) 384-3066

Westville Borough

Borough Offices
165 Broadway
Westville, NJ 08093
Phone: (856) 456-2343
Fax: (856) 742-8190

Woodbury City

33 Delaware Street
P.O. Box 180
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Phone: 856-845-1300 ext. 115

Woodbury Heights Borough

Municipal Building
500 Elm Avenue
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097
Phone: (856) 848-2832
Fax: (856) 848-2381

Woolwich Township

120 Village Green Drive
Woolwich Twp, NJ 08085
Phone: 856-467-2666 x101
Fax: 856-467-3545

C. County I.D.

The Gloucester County Clerk's Office no longer provide county issued photo identification cards since 2012, however you may obtain a state issued photo identification card from your local motor vehicle agency. Motor Vehicle Commission locations are listed below.



D. Driver's License

Once you are released from prison, you can go to the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to get a new driver's license, replace a lost one, or renew a card that has expired. If you believe that your license has been suspended, you should confirm this and figure out what you need to do to get it back.

If you were convicted of any kind of drug offense, your license has been suspended.

Prior to your release, you can get a copy of your driver's license record, which is called an "abstract." Please contact your social worker if you are interested in obtaining an abstract. **The fee for an abstract is \$15.00**

Upon your release, you can go to the MVC offices in Gloucester County (listed below) or a Regional Service Center to request a driver's abstract. If you have internet access, you can also request an abstract online at WWW.STATE.NJ.US/MVC. You will still have to pay **\$15.00**. If your license was suspended for six months or more because of a drug conviction, the period of the suspension will begin from the time of your release. Other kinds of suspension, such as failure to pay parking tickets, insurance surcharges, or child support, will last until you have paid the fine or worked out a payment plan. For questions about suspension, call the suspension hotline: **609-292-7500**.

Restoration Fees, Tickets, and Surcharges: If you found out that your license has been suspended, you will have to pay a restoration fee of **\$100.00** in order to have your license reinstated. This does not include any additional fines or surcharges you are required to pay. This fee can be paid at the Regional Service Center (see below). If you have internet access, this fee can be paid online at WWW.STATE.NJ.US/MVC. You can pay your surcharges and parking tickets on this web site as well.

MVC LOCATIONS IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY

For questions, please call 1 (888) 486-3339

Deptford:

725 Tanyard Road
Deptford, NJ 08096
Inspections Only: Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Sat 7:00 am-12:00 pm

Turnersville

Ganttown Plaza
5200 Rt. 42 North (Black Horse Pike)
Suite 13
Turnersville, NJ 08012
M/T/Th/F 8:00 am-5:30 pm; Tu 8:00 am-7:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am-1:00 pm

West Deptford

215 Crown Point Road

(I-295 Exit 20)
Thorofare, NJ 08086
M/T/Th/F 8:00 am-5:30 pm; Tu 8:00 am-7:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Suspension/Restoration

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

Regional Office: Trenton Agency
120 South Stockton & Front Street
Trenton, NJ 08611

Services: Driver conferences, driver records, (issuances and inquires), points and surcharge (inquires), suspensions and restorations.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:30 pm; Sat 8:00 am-12:00 pm

To replace a lost or stolen license, you will have to bring identification to the MVC and pay an **\$11.00 fee**. The MVC now has very specific kinds of I.D. that are required under the new “Six Point” system:

Please use this guide to prepare yourself for your trip to MVC. Make sure you have the six points of identification necessary to obtain your drivers license or non drivers I.D.

SIX POINT SYSTEM OF IDENTIFICATION

Primary Documents:

(4 Points)

- Birth Certificate or Certified Copy from one of the 50 states.
- U.S. Dept. of State Birth Certificate
- US Passport-Current or Expired less than 3 years
- Current US Passport card
- Current NJ Digital Drivers License
- Valid Active Duty US Military Photo ID Card
- US Adoption papers
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship

Secondary Documents:

(3 Points)

- Civil Marriage/Domestic partnership/ Civil Union Certificate: Issued by the Municipality or State
- Order of Decree of Divorce
- Court Order for Legal Name Change: Signed by a judge or county clerk
- US Military Photo/Retiree Card

(2 Points)

- U.S. Military Discharge Papers (DD214)

- U.S. School Photo ID Card with Transcript or School Records
- U.S. College Photo ID Card with Transcript

(1 Point)

- Current/ Expired (Less than 1 year) Non-Digital NJ Photo Drivers License
- Social Security Card
- Bank statement or record
- ATM Card w/ pre-printed name and applicant signature
- NJ Public Assistance Card w/ Photo
- High School Diploma/GED/ College Diploma
- Veterans Affairs-Universal Access Photo ID Card

You can get a brochure on this “Six Point” system from the MVC offices listed above or from the Motor Vehicle Commission web site, www.state.nj.us/mvc. If your license has expired, you will have to go with your six points of I.D. to the MVC to fill out a renewal application. You may have to take the written test again. License renewal costs **\$24.00**.

E. Non-driver’s State I.D.

New Jersey provides state photo identification for non-drivers. **You can get this official state I.D. even if your driver’s license is currently suspended.** This may be a good option for you if it is going to be some time before you get your license back. You will still need to bring the same type of identification documents described previously, under the new “Six Point” system

F. Certificates of Naturalization or Citizenship

This certificate is necessary for employment upon your release. In general, if you need to replace lost forms, you can contact the US Citizenship & Immigration Service or Application Support Centers to find out about identification and fingerprint verifications. There is a fee to process an application for replacement documents. The National Customer Service Hotline is 1 (800) 375-5283.

Citizenship Locations

Closest field office to Gloucester County

US Citizenship & Immigration Service

530 Fellowship Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

National Customer Service Center (NCSC)

1-800-375-5283
1-800-767-1833 (TDD)

G. Alien Registration Card “Green Card”

To replace a missing Green Card, you must go to the US Citizenship & Immigration Service Office (see above) to fill out an I-90 form. Please make sure that you bring I.D. with you.

You can also visit the website and download the forms at www.uscis.gov. It costs **\$290** for processing. **If you have any questions or concerns about your status as a result of your criminal conviction, call Legal Services of New Jersey at 1-888-576-5529 before going to immigration.**

H. Military Discharge Papers

FYI: You may have the opportunity to meet with the Veterans Administration (VA) liaison from the Veterans Administration during your incarceration. The VA liaison can assist you in requesting a copy of your DD214 (discharge papers) by completing the SF-180 form. Please notify your institution’s social worker for assistance with your requests and to obtain information on your veteran status. You can also obtain the SF-180 by writing the Veteran Benefit Administration in NJ or the NPRC, which is the main record depository.

Veterans Benefit Administration in New Jersey

20 Washington Pl., 3rd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

Main records depository

NPRC, 9700 Page Ave
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Gloucester County Veterans Affairs

Director: Duane Sarmiento
211 County House Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
856-401-7660
Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Upon your release, you can also visit the following web site to request military records; www.vetrecs.archives.gov
Once on the www.vetrecs.archives.gov website, follow the on screen instructions for requesting personnel records. You will be asked to print out a signature page which can either be

mailed or faxed. Upon receiving the form, the records will be mailed directly to you.



I. Passport

Although a passport may not seem like an important item to have at this point, it can serve as a major form of identification because it is widely accepted. There are **fees** involved in obtaining your passport. To obtain your passport, you may visit the Gloucester County Clerks Office at:

**Gloucester County Clerk
1 North Broad Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096
(856) 853-3235
Monday thru Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm**

**Other Locations:
Gloucester County Store- Deptford Mall
1750 Deptford Center Road
Deptford, NJ 08096
(856) 686-6013
Monday thru Friday 10:00 am-9:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-5:30 pm**

You will need to bring:

- ✓ An original or certified copy of a birth certificate with a raised seal and file date issued by Vital Statistics
- ✓ A naturalization certificate
- ✓ Official military I.D.
- ✓ A previous US passport; photocopies are not accepted.
- ✓ Your Social Security card
- ✓ I.D., such as a valid driver's license, government identification or previous passport issued after your 16th birthday. The expired passport should not be more than 15 years old.
- ✓ 2 identical copies of a 2x2 face front regulation passport photo. **(photos can be taken for a \$10 fee you will need an appointment)**

\$100 for regular service/passport total made payable to US Dept of State and **\$25** check/money order/cash made payable to Gloucester County Clerk or County Store. A passport will be valid for 10 years.

J. NJDOC Release Papers/Temporary I.D. Card

Make sure you keep your prison release papers and temporary I.D. card. Your release papers can serve as identification in some circumstances and your I.D. card is valid for 30 days. These items along with several others will all be included in your *Fair Release and Re-entry Act (FRARA)* folder given to you on the day of release.

First Steps after Release:

Where Do I Go to Find...

This section provides resources for food, shelter, clothing, money, and other emergency needs. We have provided some resource options in Gloucester County that you can utilize upon release.

FYI: Important paperwork will be needed repeatedly throughout your life. Make sure to invest in a folder or safe to keep important documents. **Never** carry your birth certificate or Social Security card with you. You will only need to produce these items upon request. It is smarter to keep them in a safe place.

Also, make sure to keep a notebook and a pen with you to write down the names and phone numbers of the people you come in contact with at various agencies. Remember, nobody is going to care about your success as much as you do.

Provided for you are agencies and services that can assist you in finding your basic needs.

FYI: It is a good idea to call first to check that the hours of operation haven't changed. Please try to be patient with those that are attempting to assist you.

See the following pages for list of resources.

A. First Stops

The agencies below provide a range of services and/or, depending on what you need, can refer you to other places.

FIRST-STOP AGENCIES

2-1-1/First Call for Help – is a resource for Gloucester County residents, which offers comprehensive information

and referrals for human services, health care, government and community resource assistance. Dial 211, which can be accessed from the internet, cell phone or landline, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Dial 800-648-0132 for the Homeless Hotline, which addresses emergencies and homeless calls.

211 is multi-lingual and accepts TTY callers.



B. Shelter

Here are some shelters kitchens in Gloucester County. Access to most of these shelters can be obtained through the Hudson County Board of Social Services or through a general walk in. Although each agency has been verified, please call to check for most current hours of operation and more information.

Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)

PO Box 566

Glassboro, NJ 08028

1-866-295-7378 (24/7 toll-free hotline)

(Domestic Violence/ Sexual Abuse Shelter for Women)

Street Outreach Program for Homeless Youth (Ages 9-21)

PO Box 1004

Williamstown, NJ 08094

(800) 355-0660 ***Call this number directly for referral***

(Youth Shelter; Motel/Hotel referrals)

Volunteers of America-Eleanor Corbett House

948 Whig Lane Rd

Glassboro, NJ 08028

(856) 881-5550 (Single/Family Shelter)



C. Food/Clothing

Here are the food pantries and soup kitchens in Gloucester County. Although each agency has been verified, please call to check for most current hours of operation.

Food Pantries/Soup Kitchens

CLAYTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Site: 110 S. Delsea Dr. Clayton, NJ 08312

Phone: 856-881-5454 x101

Hours: 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. 10 am- 12pm
This site provides a food pantry and emergency food.

GOLDEN GATE

Site: 253 Maple St. Clayton, NJ 08312

Phone: 856-863-4900

Hours: 3rd Thursday of every month. 10:00 am-2:00 pm
This site provides emergency food. Please bring Photo I.D.

LAURELWOOD SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Site: 3051 Good Intent Road Deptford, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-232-3366

Hours: 3rd Saturday of every month. Call for hours.
This site provides a food pantry, clothing, and community services. Please bring Photo I.D.

ST. MICHAEL'S/ ST. VINCENT DEPAUL'S SOCIETY

Site: 313 Memorial Ave. Gibbstown, NJ 08027

Phone: 856-423-4190

Hours: Please call society for food to be delivered.
This site provides food delivery services to those in need who reside in Gibbstown and Paulsboro.

SAMARITAN CENTER

Site: 123 E. High St. Glassboro, NJ 08028

Phone: 856-863-9030

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:00 pm-4:00 p.m.

Contact: Ms. Mary Hines

This site provides a pantry and clothing to Glassboro residents. Please bring Photo I.D. and proof of residency if possible. Photo I.D. and proof of residency if possible.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST MINISTRIES

Site: 895 Delsea Dr. Malaga, NJ 08328

Phone: 856-694-2010

Hours: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am-11:30 pm
This site provides a food pantry and emergency services. Please provide proof of county residence.

PAULSBORO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Site: 1540 Swedesboro Ave., Paulsboro, NJ 08066

Phone: 856-224-1401

Website: tina@sbcddc.org

Hours: Pantry: Wednesday 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Friday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

This site provides a pantry, clothing, and social services for Gibbstown and Paulsboro Residents.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Site: 161 Piman Ave & Highland Terrace Pitman, NJ 08071

Phone: 856-589-5673

Hours: Monday & Friday- 9:30 am- 10:00am

This site provides a pantry to Pitman and Glassboro residents only.

THE WOUNDED HEALER, INC.

Site: 8 N. Broadway, 2nd and 3rd Floor Pitman, NJ 08071

Phone: 856-582-0001

Website: http://thewoundedhealer.us/Food_Bank.html

Hours: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

This site provides a pantry, clothing, and social services for all county residents...

PITMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Site: 500 Pitman Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080

Phone: 856-589-1500

Email: dgrillo@COCHRIST.org

Website: www.pitmanroadcochrist.com

Hours: *Office* – Tues-Fri: 9am-4pm

Contact: Dotty

This site provides a pantry; clients must call before going.

KING'S THINGS

Site: 404 King's Highway Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Phone: 856-467-1796

Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 am- 4:00 pm; Sat 9:00 am-3:00 pm

This site provides a pantry. Open to Swedesboro, Greenwich, Logan and Woolwich residents.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA -GLOUCESTER CO. HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

Site: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 74 Church Street, West Deptford, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-853-0004 or 856-853-0350

Hours: *Pantry* – 2nd Wednesday of every month. 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

This site is open to all Gloucester County residents. Proof of income, IF and address are required. This site provides a

pantry, clothing, and when funds are available, financial assistance for utilities and other bills to prevent homelessness.

APOSTLE'S LUTHERAN/CIRCLE OF CARING

Site: 4401 Black Horse Pike (RT. 42) Turnersville, NJ 08012

Phone: 856-629-4228

Hours: *Pantry* – 2nd and 4th Thursdays- 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

This site provides a pantry for Gloucester County Residents.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Site: 1200 N. Delsea Dr., Suite #1, Westville, NJ 08093

Phone: 856-845-9200

Hours: M/W/Th 9:00 am-3:00 pm; Tu 9:00 am-12:00pm

This site provides a pantry, clothing and other social services for Gloucester County residents.

CECIL DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE OUTREACH MINISTRY

Site: 1110 Coles Mill Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094

Phone: 856-629-9818

Hours: Every 2nd and 3rd Thursday 9:00am-1:00 pm

This site provides a pantry, social services, transportation and a hot breakfast program. It serves Williamstown residents only.

ST. MATTHEWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Site: 245 Glassboro Rd Williamstown, NJ 08094

Phone: 856-629-4614 ext. 238

Hours: Every 4th Thursday of the month- 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

This site provides a pantry, clothing, and other services to Williamstown and surrounding towns only.

COLONIAL MANOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Site: 1312 Tatum St. Woodbury, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-845-5926

Hours: Saturdays- 9:30 pm- 11:00 pm

This site provides a pantry for Woodbury, West Deptford, Westville, and Deptford residents only.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

Site: 1020 N. Evergreen Ave Woodbury, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-845-8433

Hours: 3rd and 4th Saturdays- 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

This site provides a pantry for Woodbury residents.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Site: 330 E. Barber Ave. Woodbury, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-848-8975

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays- 9:30 am-11:00 am

This site provides a pantry for Woodbury, Woodbury Heights, Deptford, West Deptford, Westville, Wenonah, and National Park residents only.

Kemble Memorial United Methodist Church

Site: 19 South Broad St., Woodbury, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-845-1627

This site provides a pantry for Woodbury residents only.

LIVING WATERS COMMUNITY CENTER

Site: 274 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080

Phone: 856-589-3900

Call for hours

This site provides a food pantry for all Gloucester County residents. It may also have emergency clothing or baby supplies.

SALVATION ARMY/CLAYTON BORO HALL

Site: 125 North Delsea Dr., Clayton, NJ 08312

Phone: 856-881-0085

Mon-Thur 8:00 am-11:00 am

SALVATION ARMY CENTERS IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Site: 733 East Chestnut Ave., Vineland, NJ

Phone: 856-696-5050

Site: 125 North Delsea Drive, Clayton, NJ 08312

Phone: 856-881-0085



D: Transportation

There is no general program that will provide assistance paying for transportation. NJ Transit will no longer accept release papers in substitution for bus tickets. However, you may purchase transit tickets from NJDOC for \$2.50 prior to release, which will assist you with reaching your destination.

Some of the programs listed in this book will provide bus passes to help you participate in a particular program. If you are assigned to a community/social service or reporting program, you may want to ask if the program offers transportation assistance.

For specific bus, rail or train schedules and fares, you may call NJ Transit: (973) 275-5555, NJ Text Telephone: 800-772-2287 or visit the NJ Transit Website: <http://www.njtransit.com> For specific route information on the web site, click on the “trip planner”. For your Gloucester County travel convenience, may want to purchase weekly, monthly or discounted transit passes (when applicable).

Gloucester County provides free county bus transportation to senior citizens (60 and older), adult disabled residents (21-59 years of age), veterans, and low-income county residents through the Gloucester County Division of Transportation (DTS) which is located at:

115 Budd Blvd., West Deptford, NJ 08096
Hours: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday
Scheduling 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Dispatch 6:30 am to 4:30 pm
Call: 856-686-8355
To Schedule a Ride: call 686-8350 (3 business days in advance)
To confirm your ride: call 856-686-8359 (1 business day in advance)

Gloucester County also provides the Pureland Shuttle Bus which is a free service for commuting between Camden, Westville, Woodbury, Paulsboro, Gibbstown, Greenwich, and Pureland National Park. For reservations and additional information, contact: South Jersey Transportation Authority at 856-614-1072. Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am- 5:00 pm. After Hours: call 609-820-4926.

Transportation for senior citizens and people with disabilities:

Gloucester County Division of Transportation
856-686-8355

Office of Amtrak Access
800-872-7245

Greyhound Customers with Disabilities Travel Assistance Line
800-752-4841

E. Money: FS/GA

Once you are released from custody, you will need a source of income until you can find a job. (see section on “Finding a Job” for job seeking information).

The DOC does not provide any “gate money,” except for the money you may have in your inmate account. If it is possible to save any money before you are released, you should try to do so.

Based on need, Parole can give up to \$300.00 in emergency funds, but it is at their discretion. Ask your parole officer about this.

You may be eligible to get some sort of public assistance (welfare), not everyone qualifies for this. Listed below are some basics on seeking and applying for benefits.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE (WFNJ-GA) AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (WFNJ-TANF) provide cash benefits, GA for single people and TANF for people who have custody of their children. Both programs will require you to work or actively look for work and both have a five-year lifetime limit. Work First New Jersey also has an Emergency Assistance program that you may qualify for if you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless: it can pay for things like food, clothing and transportation costs to look for housing, but also utility payments and temporary rental or mortgage payment assistance. You can contact your social worker for more information.

FYI: Please call your local office to verify what the eligibility requirements are for obtaining General Assistance.

NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

You may apply for NJ SNAP while applying for GA/TANF. If you were convicted after August 22, 1996 of a drug distribution or sales offense, you may still be able to get NJ SNAP if you have completed or are enrolled in a licensed drug treatment program, or completed a program in prison and are drug free (you will be tested). Same goes for possession offenses. Please contact the Division of Welfare in Gloucester County to inquire.

Gloucester County Board of Social Services

400 Hollydell Drive Sewell, NJ 08080

Phone: 856-582-9200

TTY: 856-582-2337

Director, William Lang: wlang@co.gloucester.nj.us

Office Hours:

8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday - Friday

Extended hours the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.



F: Veterans Benefits

If you were receiving veteran's benefits, either for disability or a pension, and you were incarcerated for more than 60 days, you will have to get reinstated after you are released. If you were not receiving benefits and you are a veteran, you may be eligible for benefits or for other programs and services, including health care. You can contact the social worker in your institution located in the social services department for assistance. You can also contact the Veterans Administration for questions about benefits at 800-827-1000; the health benefit number is 877-222-VETS. The 24-hour veterans mental health hotline is **1-866-VETS-NJ4U**.

The closest VA Benefit Administration is located at:

Regional Office

20 Washington Pl., 3rd Floor
Newark
973-645-1441

The Veterans Services Officer for Gloucester County is

Duane Sarmiento located at: Points

**211 County House Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080
Phone: 856 401-7660**

Also available at this site:

The Gloucester County VA clinic

Phone: 1-877-823-5230

Hours 8:00 am- 4:30 pm

(Appointments are required)

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

**658 N. Evergreen Ave
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Phone: 856-853-4184 or 4185 or 4186**

Either office can assist you with your Veterans service needs, reinstate benefits or apply for new programs and services.

Websites for additional resources:

Federal Veterans Information:

www.va.gov

Info for NJ Veterans:

www.vetsinfo.com

New Jersey Dept of Veterans Affairs: www.state.nj.us/military

New Jersey Veterans Guide:

www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/njguide

VA Home Loans:

www.homeloans.va.gov

Veterans Counseling Service Center:

www.va.gov/rcs/newjersey/html

Be aware that the VA takes considerable time to make decisions. On average, it can take 273 days to process a new application for benefits.

OTHER BENEFIT PROGRAMS: You may be eligible for other cash benefits, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits (if you are seriously disabled and cannot work) call 1-800-772-1213 and the Women's, Infants, Children (WIC) program, which gives food vouchers to low-income parents. You can inquire about WIC at the city and county welfare offices.

Taking Care of Yourself: Getting Support

The transition from prison back to society may take some time to get adjusted and we want to provide you with options to lessen the burden. Taking care of your mind and body will be important for your success. Below are a few places to that may be of assistance.

Taking Care of Yourself: LGBTQ+ Resources



Garden State Equality

Garden State Equality lifts up the diverse voices of LGBTQ+ communities through education and advocacy to advance the movement for equality in New Jersey and nationally.

Are you a Trans person who needs help changing your name in New Jersey? Garden State Equality is here to help! Learn more about **updating identification documents** at GSE's website:

<https://www.gardenstateequality.org/take-action/update-id/>

1408 Main Street
Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712
<https://www.gardenstateequality.org/>
(973) 509-5428

Equality Federation

Equality Federation is an advocacy accelerator rooted in social justice, building power in our network of state-based lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) advocacy organizations.

equalityfederation.org

The Pride Center of New Jersey

The mission of Pride Center of New Jersey is to provide a safe and welcoming space for all individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ to find support, educational tools, health and education resources, and social opportunities within a community of acceptance. Free HIV testing.

85 Raritan Avenue, Suite 100
Highland Park NJ, 08904-2430
(732) 846-2232
info@pridecenter.org

NJ Gay Life

Lists events throughout New Jersey to connect the LGBTQI+ community. Online directory of New Jersey businesses and a support group calendar organized by issues and geographic locations.

NJGayLife.com
PO Box 224, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

The PFLAG mission is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQI+ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value and affirm LGBTQI+ people. To find a local chapter visit: <https://pflag.org/find-a-chapter>

Main Phone: (202) 467-8180

Fax: (202) 467-8194

Human Rights Campaign

Advocates for LGBTQI+ Americans, mobilizes grassroots action, and educates the public about LGBTQI+ issues.

www.hrc.org

SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration

Resources on the LGBTQI+ population include national survey reports, agency and federal initiatives, and related behavioral health resources from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Find Help and Treatment

The National Helpline provides 24-hour free and confidential referrals and information about mental and/or substance use disorders, prevention, treatment, and recovery in English and Spanish.

SAMHSA's National Helpline

800-662-HELP (4357)

TTY: 800-487-4889

For additional information on finding help and treatment options, visit www.samhsa.gov/find-treatment.

For general questions about SAMHSA, including information about mental and substance use disorders:

SAMHSAInfo@samhsa.hhs.gov

877-SAMHSA-7 (726-4727)

TTY: 800-487-4889

Edge New Jersey

The mission of EDGE New Jersey is to respond compassionately and responsibly to the HIV+ and LGBTQI+ communities by providing supportive services, housing opportunities, prevention strategies and education to enhance the community we serve. The vision of EDGE is to empower those we serve to achieve a healthy, safe and self-sufficient life, providing the resources to positively influence their community.

CAN Clinic (Temporary)

3155 NJ State Route 10, Suite 204
Denville, NJ 07834
973-370-3130

EDGE CAN Wellness Center

295 East Main St
Denville, NJ 07834
973-285-0006

Hudson Pride Center Hudson Pride serves as an advocate and social service provider for both the LGBTQI+ and HIV/AIDS communities in Hudson County.

205 Brunswick St
Jersey City, NJ 07302

NHCAC Health Center
2nd Floor, 714 31st St
Union City, NJ 07087

(201) 963-4779
info@hudsonpride.org

PROUD Gender Center of New Jersey

At Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH) New Brunswick it is a top priority to optimize health and well-being for every patient. The **LGBTQIA Program** is firmly rooted with that purpose in mind.

In full support of the transgender community, RWJUH provides a full suite of specialized services designed to bring you to the best “you” you can be.

At the Center, a multidisciplinary team of family medicine physicians, gynecologists, urologists, endocrinologists, plastic surgeons and otolaryngologists provides specialized care for LGBTQ patients. Hormone therapy and surgical procedures are offered to support the transition of transgender patients.

[181 Somerset St., 2nd Floor](#)
[New Brunswick, NJ 08901](#)
1-833-BH-PROUD (1-833-247-7683)

Lambda Legal

Founded in 1973, Lambda Legal is the oldest and largest national legal organization whose mission is to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and everyone living with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, we do not charge our clients for legal representation or advocacy, and we receive no government funding.

National Headquarters

120 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10005-3919
212-809-8585

QSpot LGBT Community Center

QSpot fosters the health, well-being and pride of NJ's LGBT and allied community by providing resources, referrals, education, and outreach. QSpot works tirelessly to fulfill its mission while operating a safe and welcoming LGBT community center.

1601 Asbury Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
(732) 455-3373

HOTLINES /CRISIS INTERVENTION

The National Helpline provides 24-hour free and confidential referrals and information about mental and/or substance use disorders, prevention, treatment, and recovery in English and Spanish.

SAMHSA's National Helpline
800-662-HELP (4357)
TTY: 800-487-4889

Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention

The Trevor Project: (866) 488-7386

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255
(online chat available)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Crisis Text Line: Text START to 741-741

Crisis Text Line is free, 24/7 support for those in crisis. Text from anywhere in the USA to text with a trained Crisis Counselor.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline: (888) 843-4564

The GLBT National Youth Talkline (youth serving youth through age 25): (800) 246-7743

Both provide telephone, online private one-to-one chat and email peer-support, as well as factual information and local resources for cities and towns across the United States.

Trans Lifeline: (877) 565-8860

Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects Trans people to the community, support, and resources they need to survive and thrive.

National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-AIDS / (800) 344-7432 (Spanish) / (800) 243-7889 (TDD)

Other Hotlines

U.S. National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233 (English and Spanish) (800) 787-3224 (TTY)

They also have an online chat feature available. Operating around the clock, seven days a week, confidential and free of cost, the National Domestic Violence Hotline provides lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable victims to find safety and live lives free of abuse. Highly trained, experienced advocates offer compassionate support, crisis intervention information and referral services in over 170 languages.

Pride Institute: (800) 547-7433 24/7

Chemical dependency/mental health referral and information hotline for the LGBTQ community.

Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN): (800) 656-HOPE / (800) 810-7440 (TTY)

The nation's largest organization fighting sexual violence, RAINN also carries out programs to prevent sexual violence, help victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.

Support for victims and survivors of sexual violence Hotline: 1-866-295-SERV (7378)



Taking Care of Yourself: COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine

Call 211 for General COVID-19 Questions and information on how to stay safe, test sites, financial assistance, unemployment, donations, food, and other non-medical needs. (24/7)

Call 1-800-962-1253 (24/7) to speak to a healthcare professional at the NJ Poison Control Center about symptoms, when to seek medical attention and proper steps to take if exposed to COVID-19.

Call (COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing): [1-855-568-0545](tel:1-855-568-0545) (10a-6p, M-F; 10a-4p, Sa)

Call (Medical COVID-19 Questions): [1-800-962-1253](tel:1-800-962-1253) (24/7)

There are multiple ways to get a COVID-19 vaccine including:

1. Use the [NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder](#) to find available vaccination appointments near you or sites with walk-in vaccinations (no appointment needed).
2. Register with the [NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#) to be notified when an appointment is available to you at vaccination locations that use the State's Vaccine Scheduling System.
3. Seniors 65+ can call the senior-specific hotline at **855-429-1168** from 8am to 8pm to schedule dedicated vaccine appointments
4. Many **VA** facilities and clinics are offering vaccines to veterans, their spouses, and their caregivers.



Taking Care of Yourself: Health Care Resources

It is very important that you pay close attention to your aftercare once you are released from custody. Change in your daily routine cause a certain level of stress. Stress along with any medical condition may worsen if routine monitoring and treatment are not available. Therefore the resources listed below provide information on paying for health care, clinic visits and other resources in Gloucester County.

Prior to your release, you will be given the opportunity to apply for Medicaid through the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA). ACA allows those with little or no income to be eligible for Medicaid under the new law. New Jersey residents complete an application for New Jersey Family Care and out of state residents complete an application for the Healthcare Marketplace. Applying for healthcare while at NJDOC allows enough time for processing to be completed and a health insurance card to be mailed to your residence with coverage beginning the day of your release. For more information regarding the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, please contact your social worker or visit www.njfamilycare.org or www.healthcare.gov. Below is some information regarding traditional Medicaid.

A. Health Care Benefits: Am I eligible?

In New Jersey, the **Medicaid** program provides health care benefits for some low-income people. If you gain custody of children under 18 when you are released, you may qualify if you are; *single, head of house and unemployed, or existing earnings are not enough to support the household* Other eligibility requirements include low-income status, over age 65, blindness, or inability to work due to a disability.

If you are disabled and are applying for SSI, you will also be screened for Medicaid at that time. If you qualify for General Assistance benefits, you will get some very basic health care benefits through Medicaid (Plan G). **Medicaid is a separate program from GA or TANF, so you don't have to be eligible for those benefits to qualify for Medicaid.**

For questions about Medicaid eligibility, or to apply for Medicaid in Gloucester County go to:

Gloucester County Board of Social Services

400 Hollydell Drive Sewell, NJ 08080
Phone: 856-582-9200
TTY: 856-582-2337
Director, William Lang: wlang@co.gloucester.nj.us

Office Hours:
8:00 PM-4:00 PM Monday - Friday
Extended hours the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for health care benefits through the **Veterans Administration**, which provides a “Medical Benefits Package” for enrolled veterans. You may call 877-222-VETS for more information about eligibility and applying for benefits.

If you are HIV+ or have AIDS, you may also be eligible for the **AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP)**, which provides help paying for HIV/AIDS medication for people who do not have other ways of paying. **You can apply for this program before you are released.** Contact the **Aids Drug Distribution Program** at 609-588-7038 or toll free 877-613-4533, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm to apply.

Easter Seals New Jersey provides information, referrals and loans of medical equipment (including wheelchairs) to people in need. For information call 732-257-6662.



B. General HealthCare Providers

Even if you do not have Medicaid or other health insurance and benefits, here are some facilities that provide primary health care at low cost, sliding scale or free service. They are listed below. Most hospitals have charity care, for which you can inquire about during a hospital emergency room visit.

Gloucester County Community Health Centers

Inspira Medical Center

509 N. Broad St.
Woodbury, NJ 08096
856-845-0100

IMC provides services for Adult and Family Medicine, Clinical Laboratory Services, Behavioral Health services, Foot Care, Nutritional Counseling, Pediatrics, and Women’s Health Care, etc.

Family Medicine Center at Woodbury

75 Red Bank Ave
Woodbury, NJ 08096
856-853-2055

Family Health Center at Glassboro:

1120 N. Delsea Dr
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-582-0500

**Family Health Center/Women's Health Center
at Mullica Hill Commons:**

155 Bridgeton Pike
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
856-223-0500

Family Health Center at Paulsboro:

1 West Broad St
Paulsboro, NJ 08066
856-423-0033

Family Health Center:

100 Lexington Rd
Swedesboro, NJ 08085
856-467-7360

**Kennedy Health System: Family Health Services at
Washington Township**

Kennedy Professional Building, Suite A
445 Hurffville Cross Keys Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
856-218-2312

CamCare Paulsboro Health Center

1315 North Delaware Street
Paulsboro, NJ 08066
856-541-2200

Services: Comprehensive primary preventive care including well baby, well child, and adolescent visits, comprehensive care for minor, serious and chronic pediatric illnesses, consultative pediatrics, early periodic screening and Diagnostic Testing.

FamCare, Inc.-Glassboro

711 North Main Street
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-794-1235

Services: Physical exams/health screenings/referrals, pelvic/breast exams, pap smear, birth control instruction, pregnancy testing, STDs testing/treatment, HIV

testing/counseling/referral, emergency contraception, and male reproductive healthcare.

Glassboro Community Health Center

335 North Delsea Drive
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-451-4700

Services: Adult medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, cardiology, podiatry, nephrology, optometry, ophthalmology, and OB/GYN.

FYI: All of these centers accept Medicaid and some insurance plans, but also provide services on a sliding scale basis, additional fees for x-rays and lab work. Primary and preventive care. Staff there may help you apply for Medicaid, charity care or other benefits if you may be eligible.

Gloucester County Department of Health and Human Services Office at East Holly

Director: Tamarisk Jones
204 East Holly Ave., Sewell, NJ 08080
856-218-4101
Fax: 856-218-4109

The Office of Community Health Services will provide you valuable health education and screenings services such as: Glucose reading (blood sugar test), Total cholesterol reading, Blood Pressure reading, Derma Scan skin cancer screening, Lifestyle risk assessments, Cardiovascular risk assessments, Diabetes risk assessments, and Body Composition Assessment. Call and ask to speak with a community health specialist to discuss your needs and schedule the appropriate health services. **This is free to all county residents.**

For scheduling, or to find out more information please contact:

Eric Fisher
856-218-4108
efisher@co.gloucester.nj.us

Hospitals in Gloucester County

Inspira Medical Center-Woodbury

509 North Broad Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096
856-845-0100

Kennedy University Hospital
435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Road
Turnersville, NJ 08012
856-582-2500

Family Planning Centers in Gloucester County Area:

FamCare provides a preventive health service that provides quality, low cost, and easily accessible reproductive health care to women and men during their reproductive years.

Glassboro Office:

711 N. Main St
Glassboro, NJ 08028
Telephone #: 856-794-1235
Fax #: (609) 871-7204

*Clinic Session: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Thursday 8:30am-5:30 pm
Male and female patients accepted.
Sliding Scale fee and Medicaid accepted.
HIV Counseling & Testing available.*

Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey

35 W. Browning Rd.
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
Telephone #: (856) 365-3519
Fax #: 856-931-6970
Sliding Scale fee – By appointment only! Accept private insurance and Medicaid.

Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey

317 Broadway
Camden, NJ 08103
Telephone #: (856) 365-3519
Fax #: (856) 365-9215
Sliding Scale fee – By appointment only! Accept private insurance and Medicaid.

C. Services for People with HIV/AIDS

In addition to the clinics listed above, a number of places in Gloucester County offer care and support services specifically for those living with HIV and AIDS.

National AIDS Hotline

1-800-342-AIDS
Spanish Services 1-800-344-7432

TTY Deaf services 1-800-281-AIDS

Offers anonymous, confidential HIV/AIDS information by trained specialists who are knowledgeable and available to assist with questions regarding the disease.

Gloucester County Health Department

Washington Twp. Clinic:

856- 218-4183

204 E. Holly Ave.

Sewell, NJ 08080

Clinic Session: Every Wednesday 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Free Clinic – Walk-ins

HIV Counseling & Testing available.

Center for Family Services

856-881-7045

250 South Delsea Drive Glassboro, NJ 08028

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-9:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Services: Provides professional counseling for individuals, marriage, family, group, parenting classes, women’s classes, HIV/AIDS classes and support, housing support, domestic violence/sexual assault, victim services, elder care, and information/referrals.

Fee: Medicaid, Insurance, or self-pay.

Rapid Testing Sites

Complete Care Health Network-Glassboro

335 Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ 08028

856-863-5720

FamCare, Inc.-Glassboro

711 N. Main Street, Glassboro, NJ 08028

856-881-9531

Gloucester County Health Department WIC Office

(1st Tuesday of every month)

Satellite Site of Gloucester County Department of Health and Senior Services

1000 N. Delaware Street, Paulsboro, NJ 08066

856-218-4101

Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers-Hammonton

860 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037

609-567-0200

Gloucester County Department of Health

(Thursdays, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm)

204 E. Holly Ave., Sewell, NJ 08080
856-218-4101

Gloucester County STD Clinic
(Wednesdays, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm with full STD screenings)
204 E. Holly Ave., Sewell, NJ 08080
856-218-4183

D. Services for People With Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C

In addition to the general medical care facilities listed above, there are a few services especially for people with tuberculosis and hepatitis C. Screening and treatment are available at no cost. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

Gloucester County Department of Health, Senior & Disability Services Office @ East Holly

204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ
2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 9:00 am-11:00 am
(856) 218-4102

Gloucester County Department of Health, Senior & Disability Services

Paulsboro Health Center
1000 Delaware Street in Paulsboro
1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 9:00 am-11:00 am
(856) 218-4102



E. Dental Care

The locations listed below don't provide free care, but do have a sliding scale for those without insurance.

NJ Family Care is available to certain low income parents. In addition to health benefits dental and eyeglasses are offered. For children this service is free. In order to check for eligibility, please call 1-800-701-0710

CamCare Health Corporation

1315 Delaware Street
Paulsboro, NJ 08066
856-583-2400
Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Service: Dental health preventive services, cleanings, examinations, fluoride treatments, oral surgery, endodontics, sealants, etc. *Accept Medicaid, NJ Family Care, Sliding Scale, Self-Pay, and Private Insurance.*

Complete Care Health Network

335 N. Delsea Dr

Glassboro, NJ 08028

856-863-5720

Mon 8:00 am-9:00 pm; T/W/Th/F 8:00 am-5:00pm;

Sat 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Service: Dental health preventive services, cleanings, examinations, fluoride treatments, oral surgery, endodontics, sealants, etc. *Accept Medicaid, NJ Family Care, Sliding Scale, Self-Pay, and Private Insurance.*

Swedesboro Community Dental Satellite Center

1601 Kings Highway

Swedesboro, NJ 08085

856-451-4700

F. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resources

FYI: Drug addiction can be fatal to your health, not to mention illegal and can result in jail time. In order to be successful in society seeking services for a drug or alcohol addiction will be necessary. Many of the health clinics, support centers and other resources listed in this guide can help refer you to treatment that most fit your needs. Listed below are some of Gloucester County's treatment resources and each of these will also help with referrals if they can not help you. If you want treatment, you should also ask your parole officer for help — beds in treatment facilities are hard to come by, and they can help get you in. There are Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) support group meetings all over Gloucester County. To find a meeting near you, call 866-920-1212 (for AA) or 800-992-0401 (for NA). For other self-help group resources, call the New Jersey Self Help Clearinghouse at 800-367-6274. Also, you can call the Addictions Hotline of NJ at 800-238-2333.

Detoxification Centers in NJ

Aldie Counseling Center

2291 Cabot Boulevard West

Langhorne, PA 19047

215-642-3230

Behavioral Crossroads Recovery, LLC

509 South Blackhorse Pike (Rt 168)

Turnersville, NJ 08012

609-964-4061 ext. 2

Burlington Comp Counseling Inc.

75 Washington Street
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
609-267-3610

Carrier Clinic

252 County Route 601
Belle Mead, NJ 08502
908-281-1000

Hunterdon Med Center/Addictions Treatment Services

2100 Wescott Drive
Flemington, NJ 08822
908-788-6401

Jersey City Medical Center

355 Grand Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302
201-915-2000

Kaleidoscope Health Care, INC

75 Harrison Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304
201-451-5425

Livengrin Foundation Inc

4833 Hulmeville Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
215-638-5200

New Horizon Treatment Services Inc

132 Perry Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
609-394-8988

New Pathway Counseling Services

995 Broadway
Bayonne, NJ 07002
201-436-1022

Princeton House Behavioral Health

905 Herrontown Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
609-497-3300

Somerset Treatment Services

118 West End Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876
908-722-1232

Spectrum Health Care, INC
74-80 Pacific Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304
201-860-6100

Summit Behavior Health
4065 Quakerbridge Road
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550
609-651-4001

Today Inc
1990 North Woodbourne Road
Newtown, PA 18940
215-968-4713

Turning Point, INC.
595 County Avenue
Secaucus, NJ 07096
973-239-9400

Outpatient and Residential Treatment

Newpoint Behavioral Health Care (Community Mental Health Center)
NewPoint Center Division
(856) 845-8050
404 Tatum St
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Mon-Thur 8:30 am-9:00 pm; Fri 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Services: Outpatient services, family counseling, Hispanic Outreach Program (HOP), and adult partial care

NewPoint OUTPOST Division
856-256-3320
1070 Main Street
P.O. Box 448
Sewell, NJ 08080
Mon-Thur 8:30 am-9:00 pm; Fri 8:30 am-7:00 pm
Services: Case management, medication monitoring, Homeless and Mentally Ill Program (PATH), youth partial care, and Bridge Program

NewPoint Beacon Division
856-848-8054
200 Hollydell Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080
Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Services: Supportive Employment Program, Residential Services Program, Supported Housing Program, Fresh Start (co-occurring adult partial care), Intensive Family Support Services (IFSS) and PACT Program.

NewPoint Psychiatric Emergency Services

856-845-9100

Open 24 hours-7 days a week

**Inspira Medical Center-Behavioral Health
Access Center**

856-845-0100

509 N. Broad St

Woodbury, NJ 08096

Services: Provides Adult Partial Hospitalization program and Children's Partial Hospitalization program.

Kennedy Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health

800-528-3425

Behavioral Health at Wash. Twp

454 Hurffville-Cross Road

Turnersville, NJ 08012

Services: Provides intensive inpatient, outpatient, and partial hospitalization programs.

Catholic Charities

866-682-2166

1200 N. Delsea Dr., Suite 1

Westville, NJ 08093

Services: Provides outpatient individual, group, and family counseling.

Family Services

856-881-2102

Access Center 1-(877) 922-2377

128 High Street

Glassboro, NJ 08060.

Hours: 24 Hours 7 days a week

Service: Provides counseling and family services to adults, seniors, and youth.

Fee: Medicaid, Insurance, or self-pay.

The Wounded Healer, Inc.

856-582-0001

8 N. Broadway, 2nd Floor

Pitman, NJ 08071

Services: Provides various types of counseling and family services as well as addictions/substance abuse services.

SODAT of NJ

Toll Free: 1-888-792-4383

856-845-6363

Gloucester County Office

124 North Broad St.

Woodbury NJ 08096

Services: Provides substance abuse counseling, programming, evaluation, adolescent groups, gender specific programming, intensive outpatient treatment, etc.

Rehab After Work & Life Counseling Services

484-540-0036

41 Cooper Street

Woodbury, NJ 08096

Services: Substance abuse and mental health outpatient treatment

**Each county has a mental health administrator. When you call this person they will provide you with the names and phone numbers closest to your area to provide services that fit your needs.

The mental health administrator for Gloucester County is:

Lisa Cerny

Acting Mental Health Administrator

856-384-6870

lcerny@co.gloucester.nj.us

The Gloucester County Division of Addiction Services

856-384-6885

155 Budd Blvd., West Deptford, NJ 08086

Director: Judy Tobia-Johnson

FYI: While the medical care and drug treatment and or detoxification facilities listed above may be able to assist you with medication for mental health issues, and some counseling as well, there are also places to go to get counseling and therapy and other mental health services. Some of these services listed above require Medicaid or other insurance, but some will also have sliding scale payments. **Although the services below provide mental health services, some may also offer substance abuse services, as well.**

G. Emergency Mental Health Services

FYI: If at any time you may want to hurt yourself or someone else or you feel like you may be a danger to your self or others, please call 911. It is very important that you

call someone for help. Here are a few numbers of places that would be more than willing to come to your aid.

New Jersey Mental Health Cares Helpline

866-202-4357

TTY: 877-294-4356

Primary Screening Center for Gloucester County:

Newpoint Behavioral Health Care@ Inspira Medical Center-Woodbury

509 North Broad Street

Woodbury, NJ 08096

HOTLINE: (856) 845-9100; 24 Hours/7 days

H. Free/Low Cost Eyeglasses and Eye care



NJ Family Care

Assists certain low income parents with obtaining eyeglasses. Please call to check for eligibility.

1-800-701-0710

Gloucester County Office of Disability Services offers free eye screenings once a month. Appointments can be made for the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:00 pm-7:00pm at the Gloucester County Health Department. Contact the Division of Disability Services at 856-384-6842 to make an appointment for free eye screenings or for more information.

South Jersey Eye Care

512 Lakeland Road

Blackwood, NJ 08102

856-374-6078

<http://sjeyecenter.org>

This office accepts Medicaid and private insurance

Other resources:

To find a social services agency to apply at for free prescription glasses in your area, dial New Eyes for the Needy at **973-376-4903** Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Fri (Closed during July/August) 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

To apply for a free eye exam or glasses, call VISION USA at 1-800-766-4466.

Finding a Job:

Employment Assistance and Training Programs

Getting a job is usually one of the most important necessities when released from prison. Not everyone can obtain employment immediately, sometimes things like getting drug treatment, dealing with your housing, health or family situation may come first. For most people, though, finding work is the first step to getting back on your feet. It will be very challenging to get a job once you have been in prison, but it is not impossible, and you need to be persistent and patient. Below are some pointers on job searching, and information about resources that can help you find a job or get training for the job you want.

A. Things to Know Before You Start Your Job Search

Be Prepared: It is essential that you are organized, and have all records of previous employment available when beginning a job search. A resume is the smartest thing you can create. If you are unsure of how to do so, you may go to your local one-stop career center and seek assistance. Not only will employers want to know your work history, they will inquire of accurate dates that you were employed with the company. Knowing this information is vital to ensuring employment. Employers will not be interested in hearing that you do not remember dates or addresses for your work history. If an employer decides to hire you, he will also need your identification, so make sure that is readily available.

Presentation: Look as neat, clean and organized as possible, no matter what the job is. Be polite and respectful, even when people are not polite and respectful to you, and many won't be. Making the person you want to help you or hire you mad won't get you the job you want.

Talking About Your Criminal Record:

Never omit or falsify a document that asks you specifically if you have a criminal record. The application may ask you to give details to the nature of your crime or it may not. Chances are a criminal background check will be administered prior to employment, and lying will cost you the job.

IT'S A JOB FOR RIGHT NOW, IT'S NOT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

When you are first starting out, especially if you've been out of the job market for a while, or have never had a job, you need to build a work history, and, of course, you need to make

some money. Take whatever job you can get for now — it doesn't have to be the exact job you want, or what you eventually want to be doing. Do this job well—even if it's not a great job—and it can help you get a better one in the future. A year of good job performance will make your criminal record matter less.

B. Help with Job Search /Training: Resources

The following are good places to start in looking for a job.

Gloucester County One Stop Career Center

215 Crown Point Rd, Thorofare, NJ 08086

856-384-3700

Hours: **Thorofare One Stop**

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Gloucester County College

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Gloucester County Workforce Investment Board

115 Budd Blvd.

West Deptford, NJ 08096

856-384-6963

The following are Vocational Rehabilitation Services:

NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Coordinator of Vocational Rehabilitation: Edward Sroczyński

973-648-7504

Goodwill Industries of Southern

New Jersey

2835 Route 73 South

Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Counties Served: Camden, Gloucester, Burlington

Phone: 856-439-0200

VOCA Corporation

Greentree Executive Campus

Suite 5001D

Route 73/Lincoln Drive West

Marlton, NJ 08053

Counties Served: Camden, Gloucester & Burlington

Phone: 856-983-3303

Fax: 856-983-3313

Abilities Center of Southern New Jersey, Inc.

1208 Delsea Drive

Westville, NJ 08093

Counties Served: Gloucester, Camden, and Salem
Phone: 856-848-1025
Fax: 856-848-8429
Website: www.abilities4work.com

FYI: These programs includes diagnostic evaluation, vocational guidance and counseling, therapies, vocational training, rehabilitation workshop and training, tools, supplies, assistive devices, vehicle modification, supported employment/job coaching and job placement assistance. Disability must be significant impediment to employment.

C. Legal Restrictions on Employment and Protections against Discrimination

If you are interested in getting a job and building a career in a particular area, you should make sure that it isn't one that is forbidden to someone with the kind of criminal conviction that you have on your record. There are about 22 categories of jobs in New Jersey that exclude people with convictions (which conviction it is varies by job). These include: aircraft/airport employees; paid public school employees, school bus drivers and school crossing guards; bank employees; bartenders and waiters in establishments where liquor is served; housing authority and municipal police and parking enforcement officers; New Jersey Turnpike Authority employees; liquor retail, wholesale, manufacturing or distributing employees; paid firefighters; child care center employees; community residences for individuals with developmental disabilities. A much larger number of jobs require that you disclose your criminal record, and those employers perform background checks; some of these, however, also require that employers consider evidence of rehabilitation. These include most jobs in the health care and counseling fields (including drug and alcohol counseling) and social workers.

FYI: If you are going to begin training in a particular field, make sure you find out from the training course whether there are any restrictions that will keep you from getting a job.

Protections for Licensed Occupations:

If you are not absolutely barred from a position because of your conviction, New Jersey law says that you cannot be denied a professional license simply because of your conviction unless the crime for which you were convicted relates to the occupation you want to enter. If the licensing board or agency wants to deny you a license because the crime is related to the occupation, they have to explain, in writing, that they have considered certain factors like the seriousness

of the crime, the circumstances of the crime, the date and your age when convicted, whether the crime was an isolated or repeated event, social conditions, and evidence of rehabilitation. You can ask your parole officer about applying for a “certificate of rehabilitation,” which can be used in your license application.

D. Benefits for Employers Who Hire People with Criminal Records

As you look for a job you can tell employers that the federal government has programs to support employers who hire people coming out of prison.

FYI: Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC): With the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, your employer may be able to save up to \$4800 the first year you are hired. Make sure to inform your potential employer of this benefit.

Federal Bonding Program: Provides bonding “or insurance coverage” for employers who hire individuals with criminal histories who are otherwise qualified but cannot gain employment due to their criminal backgrounds. Please contact your local one stop for more information: **Gloucester County One Stop Career Center**, 215 Crown Point Rd, Thorofare, NJ 08086 or call: **856-384-3700**



E. Opening a Checking or Savings Account

After you’ve gotten a source of income, you may want to open a checking or savings account. A checking account is a great idea because many jobs provide direct deposit, and your check is automatically deposited into your account on payday. Using checks to pay for your bills is also cheaper than using money orders. To open a checking account you usually need a picture I.D. (driver’s license or non-driver state I.D.), proof of address, birth certificate, and a Social Security card. You can also request a debit card with your account, which you can use just like a credit card (as long as you have the money in your account already). You can get a debit card for either a checking account or a savings account, but with a savings account you can earn interest on the money you’ve saved. Fees for these accounts will vary depending on the type of account and bank. Many banks now offer free checking.

F. Public Libraries

Your local public library can be a good resource for your job search. Public computers provide internet access (and help using the computer), job and course listings, and other local directories. Libraries also often carry the government forms mentioned in this guide, and librarians can help you find other information that you need.

LIBRARIES

Gloucester County Library Systems

<http://www.gcls.org/default.php>

County Library

389 Wolfert Station Rd
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
856-223-6000

Branches

Glassboro Branch

2 Center St.
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-881-0001

Greenwich Township Branch

411 Swedesboro Rd
Gibbstown, NJ 08027
856-423-0684

Logan Township Branch

498 Beckett Rd
Logan Twp., NJ 08085
856-241-0202

Mullica Hill Branch

389 Wolfert Station Rd.
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
856-223-6000

Swedesboro Branch

1442 Kings Highway
Swedesboro, NJ 08085
856-467-0111

Association Library

Newfield

115 Catawba Ave.
Newfield, NJ 08344
856-697-0415



Reconnecting with Family

As you prepare to come home, you may be thinking about reuniting with family members, including those you may not have seen for a long time. You may be excited to see your kids, your spouse, your parents, and others who are part of your family, and while most will be glad to see you home, others may be reluctant. All kinds of issues can come up, and you may need some help solving some of the problems that arise. This section provides some information and resources to help solve these issues.

Hotlines for Family Services Resources

NJ Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline:

1(877) NJABUSE (652-2873)

Child Care Hotline:

1(800) 332-9227

NJ Child Support Hotline:

1 (877) NJKIDS- 1 (655-4371)

Division of Family Development:

1(800) 792-9773

NJ Department of Children and Families

1 (855) INFO-DCF 1-855-463-6323

Family Health Line:

1 (800) 328-3838

Family Help Line (for stressed parents):

1 (800) THE KIDS (843-2537)

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1(800) 799-7233

NJ Domestic Violence Hotline:

1(800) 572-7223

Parents Anonymous:

1(800) 843-5437

A. Family Counseling Resources

The following places can provide support, marital and family counseling and parenting classes to help you reunite with your family.

Center for Family Services of Gloucester County

128 High Street
Glassboro, NJ 08060.
Phone: 856-964-1990
Access Center 1-(877) 922-2377

Glassboro Family Success Center

110 East High Street
Glassboro, NJ
Phone: 1-877-922-2388

The Wounded Healer, Inc.

Phone: 856-582-0001
8 N. Broadway, 2nd Floor
Pitman, NJ 08071

Danellie Counseling Center

42 S. Delsea Drive
Glassboro, NJ 08028
Phone: 856-863-0006
www.denellie.com

Family Support Organization

3739 North Delsea Drive
Vineland, NJ 08360
Phone: 856-507-9400 ext. 101
Fax: 856-507-9401
<http://www.cgsfso.org>

Peter M. Musemeci Jr. & Linda M. Musemeci Family Sanctuary at Center for Family Services

17 South Delsea Drive
Glassboro, NJ 08028
Phone: 856-881-5511
Fax: 856-881-5582



Parents Anonymous of New Jersey, Inc.

1-800-843-5437 (24 hour hotline) Hours: Call to confirm group times at different locations Self-help for parents who are under stress and who want to improve their relationship with their children. Groups meet weekly and are facilitated by a

volunteer professional; many groups provide child care. Groups meet in most counties throughout the state with some bilingual groups available. Parents Anonymous also offers an on-line support group as well.

B. Child Custody and Visitation

Establishing visitation and gaining custody of your children once you are released is not an overnight procedure. If you had custody of your kids at the time you were incarcerated, and no family was able to take care of them, they may have been placed in foster care. If this is the case, and you do not know your child's case manager's name or number, contact the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) at 800-531-1091. You will have to make an appointment with the case manager for an interview. They may not be willing to give you information over the phone. You'll be asked a series of questions in order to assess when and if you will be given visitation rights, so that you may reestablish your relationship with the child and hopefully gain custody again. This is just a quick overview of what to do and what you can expect.

FYI: If you were convicted of any violent or sexual offenses against children, you may be unable to live with or regain custody of your children.

Listed below are the different offices for DCC&P (formerly DYFS) in your area. Please contact the office that applies to your location.

<u>Gloucester East LO- #769</u>	<u>Gloucester West LO- #770</u>
309 Fries Mill Road	215 Crown Point Road
Echo Plaza Unit 10	West Deptford, NJ 08086
Sewell, NJ 08080-9283	856-853-5525
856-582-1238	800-847-1741
866-753-8124	Fax: 856-853-1152/1264
Fax: 856-582-4065	Manager – Amanda Hammond
Manager – Debbie Watt	

C. Getting and Paying Child Support

Whether you have custody of your children on your own when you get out, and need help from an absent “non-custodial” parent, or you do not have custody of kids who need your support, child support payments will be an important part of your life after you are released. Some basic information is included below, as far as enforcing a child support order.

Child support, custody and visitation issues are very complicated, and if you can get a lawyer, you should. Contact the Legal Services of New Jersey hotline, from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, at 888-576-5529, or you can also contact South Jersey Legal Services, 47 Newton Ave, Woodbury, NJ or call 856-848-5360. From prison, you can also contact the Prisoner's Self Help Legal Clinic, P.O. Box 768, Newark, NJ 07101.

Getting and Enforcing a Child Support Order

If you have custody of your children and want financial support from the non-custodial parent, modifications of visitation/custody, you can **apply** for child support at:

Gloucester County Criminal Justice Building

70 Hunter St Woodbury, NJ 08096
856-853-3200

There is a possible fee.

Gloucester County Child Support Customer Service Office

1893 Hurffville Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
Phone: 877-655-4371
Fax: 384-4458/4459
Mon, Wed-Fri: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Tues: 8:30 am-7:00 pm

You can also call **1-877 NJKIDS1** for more information about this.

Paying Child Support

If you have kids that you did not have custody of before you went to prison, there may be a child support order requiring you to pay a certain amount every month for their support. Even if you did not go to court, for example, the parent with custody filed for the order while you were incarcerated, the court can still order you to pay child support. The amount you pay in child support is tied to your income, and if the court does not know your income, they will assume you are working 40 hours a week at minimum wage. Child support payments are usually taken out of your paycheck. If you have not paid at all or missed payments, you will owe "arrear." Unless you got a modification of your child support order when you went into prison (see below), the amount of arrears that you owe will have continued to grow while you were inside. When you come out, and get a job, they can begin to take out not just the monthly amount you owe for child support, but more money to pay back the arrears (up to 65% of your pay in total). They

may also suspend your driver's license. Here are some things you can do:

D. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Resources

The following places provide counseling, support and shelter or referrals to shelter in domestic violence situations. You can also call these 24-hour hotlines:

**New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women:
(800)-572-SAFE.**

**Domestic Abuse Hotline for Men and Women:
(888) 7HELPLINE (1-888-743-5754)**

**Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office
Domestic Violence Unit
(856) 384-5500**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE**

**Center for Family Services - Services Empowering the
Rights of Victims (SERV)
24 Hr. Hotline: (856) 881-3335**

Getting More Education

Although getting more education may not be part of your short term plans, it certainly should be something to think about for the future, especially if you do not have a high school diploma or a GED.



A. High School Diploma/GED Certificate/High School Equivalency Degree (HSED)/Vocational School Certificates

It is very important to keep records of any degrees and certificates of completion and work-related licenses that have earned. Before you are released, you can write to the school or agency where you earned your degree or certificate to obtain a copy. Once you have a copy in your possession, this should be kept in your strong box.

FYI: If you earned your GED while incarcerated, please call the Education Department of the institution you were in to obtain a copy.

You can also request your GED transcript or diploma verification from the New Jersey Department of Education providing you completed your diploma in a traditional setting. You will have to fill out a GED Information Request Form.

Please call 609-777-1050 for further assistance.

You may ask that it be sent to you; or you may pick up the form at a local testing center (which you can do after you are released); by downloading the form from the website <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/students/ged/ged7.htm>; or by writing to: GED Testing Program, Bureau of Adult Education and Family Literacy, New Jersey Department of Education, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Your chances of getting a job that pays a living wage and of moving forward in a career will improve with more education, and not having the high school diploma or GED will simply lock you out from a lot of opportunities.



B. GED Classes

The places in Gloucester County below offer classes to help you prepare for the GED exam. Call for exact times and procedures. Many locations offer classes at low cost or no cost. For more information, contact the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workforce Readiness & Literacy at (609) 943-5921. Call individual programs for information on classes offered, fees and/or time schedules.

GED Testing Centers

Gloucester County College
Continuing Education Center
1492 Tanyard Rd
Sewell, NJ 08090
Phone: 856-468-5000 ext. 6228



C. Higher Education

If you already have a high school diploma or a GED certificate, you may want to move forward and get your associate's degree, bachelor's degree or graduate degree.

Local Area Colleges

Rowan College at Gloucester County
(Formerly Gloucester County College)
1400 Tanyard Rd

Sewell, NJ 08080
856-468-5000

Rowan University

Glassboro Campus
201 Mullica Hill Rd
Glassboro, NJ, 08028.
856-256-4000.

Camden Campus
200 North Broadway
Camden, NJ 08102
856-361-2900

Can I Get Financial Aid?

To pay for this, you will probably try to get some financial aid. If you are applying for any federal financial aid programs after release (such as Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, Federal Family Education Loans, etc.), you are not restricted unless you have a drug-related offense. For possession offenses, a first offense means one year of ineligibility (after your conviction), a second offense, two years, and third offense means you are “indefinitely” ineligible, which to the government means permanently ineligible. For a sales or distribution crime, a first offense has two years of ineligibility, a second offense makes it permanent. Private financial aid or loan programs may not have any restrictions.

Other Things You Need to Know

A. Getting Legal Assistance

To get assistance with civil (not criminal) cases, you can contact the toll free hotline for **Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ)**, which provides information and referrals, **888-576-5529**. For local Gloucester County legal services please contact the office located nearest to you:

**South Jersey Legal Services
Gloucester County Office
47 Newton Ave.
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Phone: 856-848-5360
Fax: (856) 853-4259
SJLSGloucester@lsnj.org**

B. Checking and Correcting Your Criminal Record (“rap sheet”)

Since employers, landlords and others will be performing criminal background checks and getting copies of your criminal record, it is important that you know what is on it, and that it is accurate. You should also be prepared to answer any questions about your background.

FYI: Background checks are now only done electronically. You may contact State Police Headquarters to inquire how to correct your criminal record. The address is listed below.

State Section of Identification
Records and Identification Bureau
New Jersey State Police
P.O. Box 7068
West Trenton, NJ 08628
1-609-882-2000 ext 6425
1-609-530-4856 fax

C. Expungement: Cleaning Up Your Criminal Record

You may have heard about expungement as one way to clean up your criminal record as you get some distance from your old arrests and convictions. Unfortunately, expungement is fairly limited in New Jersey. You can expunge any arrest that did not lead to a conviction at any point. You can expunge “disorderly persons offenses,” which are low level offenses in New Jersey, after 5 years, and most municipal ordinance offenses after 2 years. Convictions for “indictable offenses” (felonies), can be expunged 10 years from the date of conviction, payment of any fine, satisfactory completion of probation or parole or release from incarceration, but whichever is latest. The most serious of these offenses, such as murder, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, robbery, arson, perjury and distribution, sale or possession with intent to distribute of controlled dangerous substances (drugs), **can never be expunged.** Expungement is a broader remedy for offenses committed as a juvenile. Legal Services of New Jersey has published a guide to cleaning up your record through expungement.

To obtain a copy of the book, call 888-576-5529, or go to the LSNJ web site, where you can download it for free: <http://www.lsnj.org/english/crime/municipalcourt/clearingyourrecord.cfm>.

D. Checking and Correcting Your Credit Record



While New Jersey allows employers to look at your criminal record, many employers — and others like landlords and mortgage companies — will use a credit report instead of or in addition to the state’s records. Credit records are maintained by private companies and generally have information about your debts, your history of paying bills and other financial matters, but may also have information about your criminal record. The information may not be correct, and the law does offer you some protections. For example, if an employer uses a credit record to deny you a job, they have to tell you this, and give you the name, address and phone number of the agency that provided the report, and the agency must give you a copy of that information on your request. They cannot charge you money for that request if the employer used the report to deny you a job. If the records of the credit agency contain incorrect information, they must investigate and correct inaccurate information.

You can get ahead of the curve by getting a copy of your credit record and making sure there isn’t any incorrect information on it. New Jersey residents are allowed one free credit report each year. Three companies that provide this service are:

Equifax Information Systems, LLC:
P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374
800-685-1111.

Transunion Personal Credit Report:
PO Box 1000, Chester PA 19022
800-888-4213.

Experian:
PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013
800-397-3742.

FYI: By mail, be sure to include your full name, current address, Social Security number, and most recent former address for file-matching purposes.

E. Voting Rights

New Jersey law does not allow you to vote while you are in prison, or while you are on probation or parole for an indictable offense (disorderly person’s offenses don’t disqualify you). **Once you have completed your parole or**

probation term, you may register to vote. Make sure that you are registered in the county in which you reside. **Applications for registration can be obtained from Social Services prior to release.** Also you may apply with the Division of Elections, the Commissioners of Registration office in the County where you live or from your Municipal Clerk once you are released. Registration forms are also available in various State agencies and at Division of Motor Vehicle offices and can be obtained while transacting agency business. If you are not sure, you can visit http://www.state.nj.us/lps/elections/vote_doe.html. You will be able to download a voter's registration form and mail it in. This site also explains who can register to vote and where you can register.

F. Registration of Sexual Offenders (Megan's Law)

Sex offenders are required to register with the police under Megan's Law. Offenses include: aggravated sexual assault; sexual assault; aggravated criminal sexual contact; endangering the welfare of a child by engaging in sexual conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of the child; luring or enticing and, if the victim were a minor and the offender not a parent, kidnapping; criminal restraint and false imprisonment and promoting prostitution of a child under 18. **You will be registered prior to release, but must re-register your home address at least 10 days prior to any move with the law enforcement agency with which you were registered when released.** You will also need to verify your address annually or every 90 days if you are a repetitive and compulsive offender.

The Game Plan

Your first weeks out after leaving prison can be overwhelming. This section is set up to help you get organized and keep yourself on track toward your goals. First, think about what those goals are? What do you want or need to get done in your first week out? In your first month out? Where do you want to be in six months? There are lots of things that other people need you to do — your parole officer, for example, and your family — but you also need to think about what you expect from yourself.

Here are a few pages to use to plan your first days out of prison. There are some questions to ask yourself about what you Oplan to do. It's best to write things down and plan ahead. ***You should also refer to your discharge plan created by your social worker that outlines your needs. Have a wonderful and successful reentry!

DO I have my Basic Needs?

Shelter: _____

Food: _____

Health Care: _____

Clothing: _____

Transportation: _____

DO I have support?

Family: _____

Friends: _____

DO I have Identification?

I.D. Checklist

Documents	Have?	Need?
Strong Box	_____	_____
Social Security Card	_____	_____
Birth Certificate	_____	_____
County I.D.	_____	_____
Driver's License	_____	_____
Non-driver's I.D.	_____	_____
Certificate of Naturalization	_____	_____
Green Card	_____	_____
Military Discharge Papers	_____	_____
Passport	_____	_____
High School Diploma Or GED Certificate	_____	_____
Prison Release Papers	_____	_____

Other things I need to do (get I.D., get prescriptions, go to a support group, etc.):

Notes: _____

**Important Names and Phone Numbers
(Parole, Mentor, Emergency Contact)**

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

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Phone Number: _____

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Smart Book Topics



**Getting Started:
I.D. and Other Documents**



**First Steps after Release:
Where Do I Go to Find...**



**Taking Care of You:
Getting Support**



**Taking Care of You:
Health Care Resources**



**Finding a Job:
Employment Assistance
and Training Programs**



Reconnecting With Family



Getting More Education



Other Things You Need to Know



The Game Plan