

Reentry Guide

A resource guide for returning citizens



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Returning home can be difficult – We hope this guide helps you to find resources that make you ready to reenter!

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Identification

Driver's License Reinstatement

If you want to make sure that you have a valid Pennsylvania's Driver's License or you want more information about a suspension, call the **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)**.

If you need your license reinstated and you are eligible, you can do this in person at the local driver's license center. Call ahead to ensure you bring the correct documents. If your license was suspended because you did not pay child support, you must contact **Berks County's Domestic Relations Section**.

There is usually a fee to reinstate your license. There is no agency in Berks County that can pay the reinstatement fee.

All fees must be paid by check or money order. Cash and credit cards will not be accepted.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation **Phone: 717-412-5300**
Phone: 800-932-4600

Berks County Domestic Relations **Phone: 610-478-2900**
Berks County Services Center; 6th Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601

Driver's License Renewal or Replacement

If you have an expired PA Driver's License, you may renew it in person at the local driver's license center. The fee for renewal is \$31.50.

If you are replacing a PA Driver's License because it was lost or stolen, you can also apply in person at the local driver's license center. The fee for replacing your license is \$30.50.

PennDOT Driver's License Center **Phone: 717-412-5300**
530 East Lancaster Avenue
Shillington, PA 19607

State-Issued Photo ID

If you have a PA State ID within the past 10 years, you can apply in-person at the driver's license center. No additional documentation is needed. You may also apply online and have a replacement mailed to you in 15 days. If you have never had a PA State ID, you will need to provide your original birth certificate, Social Security Card, and documentation of residency (mail or bill with your name and current address) to the driver's license center.

The fee for an initial State ID is \$31.50, renewal of a State ID is \$31.50, and a replacement copy is \$30.50.

Social Security Card

Individuals can apply for a social security card by completing the application in its entirety and taking it to the Social Security Office along with their State-Issued Photo ID or Driver's License.

If you do not have a State-Issued Photo ID, the social security office will accept School Records, Medical Records, Employee ID card, Passport, Military Record, School ID Card, Marriage or Divorce Record, Adoption Record, Health Insurance Card (not a Medicare Card) or Life Insurance Policy as proof of your identity.

Social Security Administration

Phone: 1-866-274-5960

201 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Birth Certificate

Individuals can apply for a birth certificate by completing the application for the state in which they were born and mailing it to the address listed on the application, along with a copy of their State-Issued Photo ID. There is a fee that varies state by state. Certain states may require additional documentation; refer to your state's instructions.

If you do not have a valid State-Issued Photo ID, a family member can apply for it on your behalf. The family member must have a valid photo ID and can be a grandparent, parent, or child over the age of 18. Applicants must complete and mail the application with a copy of their ID.

For Pennsylvania, the fee for a Birth Certificate is \$20. PA birth certificate applications are available online at:

www.health.pa.gov/MyRecords/Certificates

Housing

Berks Coalition to End Homelessness

Phone: 610-372-7222

Provides oversight and governance to local agencies receiving HUD funding.

831 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Shelters

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-376-7144

Provides emergency shelter and assistance with rent and mortgage utilities.

Also provides temporary housing for women and children.

234 Grace Street
Reading, PA 19611

900 S. Woodward Street
Allentown, PA 18103

Hope Rescue Mission

Phone: 610-375-4224

Offers food, clothing and shelter to men on a daily basis. Men are provided a single bed and a lockable wardrobe in a dormitory setting. Access computer lab to create resumes and job search. Showers, laundry room, and gym available.

645 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Mary's Shelter

Phone: 610-603-8010

Pregnant women and children only. Must schedule intake interview and meet qualifications. Assistance with prenatal care, formal education, and budgeting.

615 Kenhorst Blvd.
Reading, PA 19611

Opportunity House

Phone: 610-374-4696

Emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing. Meals, transportation to medical appointments, case management, and childcare assistance.

430 N. 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19601

SAFE BERKS

Phone: 610-373-1206

24/7 Bilingual Hotline: (844) 789-7233

TEXT 24/7@ SAFE BERKS to 20121

Provides emergency shelter for female victims of domestic or sexual abuse and their children for up to 30 days (up to 50 individuals), and housing advocacy.

255 Chestnut Street
Reading, PA 19602

Housing Programs

Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)

Phone: 610-376-6571

Homelessness Assistance, Mortgage Assistance, Weatherization, Parenting Classes, Budget Counseling, Pre-K classes and Work Ready Program.
645 Penn Street; 3rd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Berks Counseling Center

Phone: 610-373-4281

Provides transitional and permanent housing at various locations where residents are able to develop necessary skills to become self-sufficient. Also has recovery-oriented housing programs. Bilingual services available. Provides many specialized programs, such as community-based care management and parenting support for mothers with substance use disorders.
645 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Berks County Housing Authority

Phone: 610-370-0822

Provides subsidized housing assistance to low-income and elderly individuals. Apply at www.berksha.org
1803 Butter Lane
Reading, PA 19606

Clare of Assisi House

Phone: 484-869-5483

Provides transitional residential housing, personal counseling, mentoring, spiritual support and professional skills training for non-violent women coming out of prison. Applications should be submitted prior to release with the treatment department of the incarcerating facility.
325 S. 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602

City of Reading Housing Authority

Phone: 610-775-4813

Provides housing assistance to low income families through public housing and section 8 programs. Must be a Reading resident.
www.readingha.org
400 Hancock Boulevard
Reading, PA 19611

The Clubhouse**Phone: 484-755-5980**

Provides a safe meeting environment and a transitional housing facility for both males and females. Referral services from Magisterial District Judges, Adult Probation/Parole and any drug/alcohol providers.

647 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Easy Does It**Phone: 610-373-2463**

Housing program designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, intensive case management, food, and transportation are also provided.

1300 Hilltop Road
Leesport, PA 19533

Family Promise of Berks County**Phone: 610-373-3323**

Provides housing and case management for low income homeless families in Berks County. Provides 3 meals daily and private spaces for whole family units with children. Assist with employment, education, rent and utility resources.

325 N. 5th Street #1
Reading, PA 19601

Freedom Gate Ministries**Phone: 610-750-5685**

Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners. Provides shelter, food, clothing and counseling.

131 S. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hogar Crea of Reading**Phone: 610-372-8410**

18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for men.

302 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)**Phone: 610-372-8433**

Educates returning citizens on their rights and responsibilities. Provides home ownership education and credit/budget counseling.

213 N. 5th Street; Suite 1030
Reading, PA 19601

New Person Ministries**Phone: 610-777-2222**

Transitional residence for men coming out from prison. On-site case management. This private Christian faith-based 3-4 month program screens candidates through an application process. Program fees require some assistance and/or employment. Primarily for people convicted of sexual crimes. 730 Philadelphia Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge**Phone: 717-933-4181****Admissions Office****Phone: 844-888-8085**

Medical detox, 30-day rehab. 14-month recovery program.
33 Teen Challenge Road
PO Box 98
Rehrersburg, PA 19550

Salvation Army**Phone: 610-373-5208**

Provides assistance with electric and gas bills.
PO Box 1099
301 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

YMCA of Reading and Berks County**Phone: 610-378-1701**

Group home settings for chemically dependent, homeless men and women. Transitional and permanent housing. Must be a Berks County resident for at least 90 days prior to admittance. Individuals with a history of arson, child abuse, sex and violent crimes are not permitted. Also assists with transportation to loved ones outside Berks County. Find more information and applications on their website:

www.ymca-berkscounty.org

631 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

YMCA Camp Joy Program**Phone: 484-926-2308**

20 bed program for men with a history of substance abuse and involvement in the Criminal Justice system on the Berks Heim campus. This program has the same admittance requirements as the other YMCA programs and uses the same application.

YMCA Single Room Occupancy Units

Rooms for rent to men and women. Residents are excused from program requirements and eligibility.

Food

Helping Harvest

Phone: 610-926-5802

Helping Harvest keeps in contact with food pantries and soup kitchens. It provides information on food distribution schedules and emergency food assistance. Call for the most up-to-date information on the food resource closest to you. If any food resource in this guide is hard to contact, call Helping Harvest for assistance and referral to alternatives. Hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.

117 Morgan Drive
Reading, PA 19608

Soup Kitchens

Serve hot meals to the hungry and homeless.

New Journey Community Outreach

Phone: 610-375-2662

Daily soup kitchen and weekly food pantry. Must provide ID. Open every day except Saturday, 8 am- 4:30 pm.

138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

**Food Program Phone:
610-375-3310**

Food Pantries

Provide groceries or ingredients to those in need who take these items home to prepare themselves. Sometimes photo identification is needed.

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Inc.

Phone: 610-367-6957

Provides Meals on Wheels, food pantry, medical transport, and case management to individuals in the Boyertown Area School District plus the townships of Hereford, District, Pike, Oley, and Amity. Call for appointments. 200 W. Spring Street
Boyertown, PA 19512

Christ Lutheran Church

Phone: 610-376-0311

Hours: 2nd Monday of the month from 12:30pm–2:00pm. Numbers handed out at 9 am.

1301 Luzerne Street
Reading, PA 19601

First Unitarian Universalist

Phone: 610-372-0928

1st Thursday of each month from 10 am – 12 pm. Bring ID.
416 Franklin Street
Reading, PA 19602

Friend, Inc.

Phone: 610-683-7790

Runs the Northeastern Berks Food Pantry by appointment. Individuals must be a citizen of Fleetwood, Kutztown, Topton, Albany, Greenwich, Longswamp, Maiden creek, Maxatawny, Richmond, Rockland, or Ruscombmanor Township.
658D Noble Street
Kutztown, PA 19530

Hours: Food Pantry– usually the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. Call for appointment.

Holy Trinity Church of God

Phone: 610-375-3310

3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am – 11 am. Must sign up beforehand.
130 W. Buttonwood Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hope Lutheran Church

Phone: 610-374-2071

601 N. Front Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 11:00am–1:00pm

New Journey Community Outreach

Phone: 610-375-3310

138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Kitchen Cupboard on Wednesdays 9am (not open on 5th Wednesday of the month) (Bring ID)

Reading Moravian Church

Phone: 610-374-0886

Hosts free community dinners last Tuesday of each month 5 pm – 6:45 pm. Call for pantry hours.
1116 Perry Street
Reading, PA 19602

Salvation Army**Phone: 610-373-5208**

Monthly food distribution as well as food distribution for Thanksgiving. See website for more details: www.pa.salvationarmy.org/Reading/Services

PO Box 1099

301 S. 5th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Last Thursday of the month. Signup: 2:00pm. Distribution: 4:00pm.

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Phone: 610-374-7511

1001 E. Wyomissing Boulevard

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Not hosted during some months.

Call Helping Harvest for availability. Need photo ID.

St. James Chapel Church of God in Christ**Phone: 610-375-7537**

11 S. 9th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: 4th Wednesday of the month: 10:00am–12:00pm (Need ID). Breakfast club on Sundays.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church**Phone: 610-376-9234**

436 S. 7th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:30am–11:00am

St. Paul's Lutheran Church**Phone: 610-373-3135**

1559 Perkiomen Avenue

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: 1st Tuesday of each month 9:00am–11:00 am and 4:00pm–6:00pm

Transform Church**Phone: 610-371-8386**

621 Centre Avenue

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Last Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm–6:00 pm

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**Phone: 610-373-5545**

1110 Rockland St.

Reading, Pa 19604

Provides vouchers for healthy foods for pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women with infants and children up to age 5. Multiple locations.

Mary's Shelter**Phone: 610-603-8010**

Provides baby food, clothing, furniture, maternity clothing, formula, baby wipes, baby wash and lotion. Also provides some household supplies. Must schedule an appointment and meet with case manager- bring valid ID.

615 Kenhorst Blvd.

Reading, PA 19611

Clothing

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-376-7144

Soles4Souls Program: Assists with boots and shoes necessary for employment.

234 Grace Street

900 S. Woodward Street

Reading, PA 19611

Allentown, PA 18103

Centro Hispano

Phone: 610-376-3748

Provides clothing to those in need.

60+ interpreters for medical appointments. Open Monday to Friday 8 am- 4pm.

501 Washington Street; 1st Floor

Reading, PA 19601

New Journey Community Outreach

Phone: 610-375-2662

Clothing Center available at no cost to the public.

Central Park United Methodist Church

138 S. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

***“Back to Work” Clothing Program provides interview clothing, business casual wear or shoes by appointment only. Call Sue at above number to schedule.*

Spring Valley Church of God

Phone: 610-929-7969

Free clothing for women, men and children. (Boutique Ministry)

2727 Old Pricetown Road

Temple, PA 19560

Hours: 1st Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm

(Call first to confirm open)

Hope Outlet

Phone: 610-741-1635

Thrift store run by Hope Rescue Mission. Sells used clothing, shoes and furniture at affordable prices. Multiple locations.

Reading Store

Phone: 610-741-1641

745 N. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Mon-Sat: 8:30am–5pm

Hope Outlet (Cont.)

Shillington Store

1 Parkside Avenue, Suite 3
Shillington, PA 19607
Mon-Sat: 9am–6pm

Phone: 610-741-1643

Donation Center

745 N. 6th Street, Reading, PA 19601
Mon-Sat: 8:30am–4:30pm

Phone: 610-741-1641

Goodwill

Clothing for men, women, and children available at a discounted price.
Hours vary by location.

Shillington Location

602 E. Lancaster Avenue
Shillington, PA 19607

Phone: 610-777-5250

5th Street Location

3413 N. 5th Street Highway
Reading, PA 19605

Phone: 610-921-8221

Clearance Center

3001 St. Lawrence Avenue
Reading, PA 19606

Phone: 484-525-4075

For more information about your local Goodwill, visit their website at:
www.yourgoodwill.org/shop/stores-donation-centers/

Transportation

Bus Service

BARTA

Phone: 610-921-0601

BARTA provides local bus service throughout Reading and Berks County. A map of the routes and general information can be found at most libraries, city halls, hospitals, and many businesses.

You can find maps and additional information on the BARTA website here:

www.bartabus.com

You can use cash (exact change) or a BARTA Pass or Ten Trip Ticket.

- Passes are sold for One Day, 31 Days or 10 Trips
- The current Standard Fare (as of January 2021) is \$1.80, no charge to transfer or ride between different route Zones if used within 2 hours. A One Day Pass is \$4.00 when purchased on the bus and \$3.70 if purchased ahead of time.
- Passes can be purchased at the BARTA Transportation Center at 1700 N. 11th Street in Reading and other locations. Some passes can be purchased on the bus when you board.

Riders age **65+** can apply for the “**Senior Citizen Free Ride Program**”- riders will need a PA Senior Citizen Transit ID Card issued by any PA Transit Authority. An application can be found on the BARTA bus website.

1700 N. 11th Street
Reading, PA 19604

Taxi Cab Service

Reading Metro Taxi

Phone: 610-374-5111

615 Elm Street
Reading, PA 19601

Grab-A-Cab

Phone: 610-478-1111

La Mexicana Express

Phone: 610-375-3333

24-hour service, door to door.

610-375-2828

610-375-3222

610-374-8393

Relocation Services

YMCA Reconnection Program

Phone: 610-378-4758

This program provides out of county, one-way bus tickets for at-risk individuals in the Berks County area that need assistance in relocating home. Individuals should call or walk-in to receive services. Service times are typically Monday-Friday from 10:00am–3:30pm. Identification with photo, name and date of birth is required to receive assistance.

631 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Community Supervision

Pennsylvania State Parole

PA State Parole Reading Office

Phone: 610-378-4331

Reading State Office Building
625 Cherry Street
Reading, PA 19602

Berks County Probation/Parole

Berks County Adult Probation Office

Phone: 610-478-3400

Berks County Services Center
633 Court Street; 7th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am– 5:00pm

Berks County Juvenile Probation Office

Phone: 610-478-3200

Berks County Services Center
633 Court Street; 10th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am– 5:00pm

Berks County Domestic Relations

Berks County Domestic Relations Section

Phone: 610-478-2900

Berks County Services Center
633 Court Street; 6th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am– 5:00pm

Employment

Employment Programs

Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)

Phone: 610-376-6571

Work Ready Program- individuals must be referred by the County Assistance Office.

645 Penn Street, 3rd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Berks Connections/Pretrial Services

Phone: 484-260-3860

Provides employment referrals and assistance for residents of the Berks County Jail Reentry Program, Berks County Treatment Courts, and referred clients from the Department of Corrections.

Rebuilding Reentrants and Reading (R3) – R3 is a registered pre-apprenticeship program in the construction trades. Participants earn a stipend while they learn in this 8-week training program. Must have current or past involvement in the criminal justice system to enroll.

R3 Prep Young Adults – Must be between the ages of 18 and 24 and have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system. Prepare for enrollment in R3 and as you study for and obtain your High School Equivalency. Earn up to \$100 a week for attending class and get connected to paid work experiences.

19 N. 6th Street, 4th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm.

Threshold Rehabilitation Services**Phone: 610-288-1448**

Employment support services including career exploration, resume assistance, job interview skills training, job placement and coordination, on-the-job training and follow-up services. Assistance available to individuals with disabilities and/or barriers to employment.

40 North Kenhorst Blvd suite 100
Reading, PA 19607

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

CareerLink - Berks County**Phone: 610-988-1300**

PA CareerLink is the government “one stop” location for employment-related assistance. CareerLink services are generally available to all Pennsylvania residents.

Services include:

- Resume writing assistance and job search assistance
- Screening and referral to job openings
- Federal bonding for employers
- Classes and workshops

1920 Kutztown Road, Suite F
Reading, PA 19604

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

Centro Hispano**Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information and assistance with job applications.

501 Washington Street; 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Skills Program®**Phone: 877-728-5616****Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.****Phone: 610-376-3380**

Provides vocational/psychological testing, job development/placement/coaching, case management and cognitive rehabilitation therapy to individuals with brain injuries and neurological impairments. Referrals come through OVR or private insurance.

1150 Berkshire Boulevard, Suite 210
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**Phone: 610-621-5800**

Provides vocational evaluation, training, placement and support services for individuals with a disability. Apply by calling the office or online at:

www.cwds.state.pa.us

3602 Kutztown Road, Suite 200

Reading, PA 19605

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

United Community Services**Phone: 610-374-3319**

Youth Build Program for individuals between the ages of 17-24 who do not have a GED or High School Diploma. Provides GED and vocational education, work readiness, on-site construction experience, and job placement. Nurse aide training program available to individuals with a GED or High School Diploma.

Applicants require proper identification for both programs.

See website for application forms and more information.

www.ucswf.org

1251 N. Front Street

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Temporary Employment Agencies**Aerotek-Reading****Phone: 610-750-8360**

999 Berkshire Blvd; Suite 180

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.aerotek.com

AtWork Personnel Services**Phone: 610-375-2773**

130 N. Kenhorst Boulevard

Shillington, PA 19607

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.atwork.com

Champion Personnel**Phone: 610-927-5221**

3607 Pottsville Pike

Reading, PA 19605

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.championpersonnel.net

Elwood Staffing

926 Penn Avenue

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8am-5pm, Tuesday & Thursday 8am-7pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

www.elwoodstaffing.com

Phone: 610-376-9675

Express Employment Professionals

Park Plaza Office Center

840 N. Park Road

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa

Phone: 610-750-7898

Gage Personnel

101 N. 7th Avenue

West Reading, PA 19611

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.gagepersonnel.com

Phone: 610-376-1771

Mack Employment Services, Inc

2834 Shillington Road

Reading, PA 19608

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

www.mackemployment.com

Phone: 610-670-2464

Manpower, Inc.

Spring Market Shopping Center

3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6

Sinking Spring, PA 19608

www.manpower.com

Phone: 610-678-1701

People Ready

3276 N. 5th St. Hwy.

Reading, PA 19605

Hours: Monday-Friday 4:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

www.peopleready.com

Phone: 610-372-5575

PeopleShare

2 Meridian Blvd., Suite 220
Reading, PA 19610

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

www.peopleshareworks.com

Phone: 610-372-2727

Spherion Staffing Agency

Park Plaza Office Center
4 Park Plaza, Suite 300
Wyomissing, PA 19610

www.spherion.com

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-3:30pm

Phone: 484-335-1000

TAB Staffing

2209 Quarry Drive
Reading, PA 19609

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

www.tabstaffing.com

Phone: 610-406-5725

TASK Management

55 New Street
Ephrata, PA 17522

www.taskmanagement.com

The Performance Group

824 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.tpgworks.com

Phone: 610-378-7818

TempStar Staffing

4411N. 5th Street Highway, Unit 6
Temple, PA 19560

www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 610-921-4560

Government Benefits

Public Assistance / Food Stamps / Medical Assistance

Berks County Assistance Office

Phone: 610-736-4211

Services such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), help with child care, health care coverage, school meals, family planning services, and long-term living services. All applicants may apply in person at the Reading State Office Building. Or, apply online at: www.compass.state.pa.us

Outcomes vary by individual circumstances. Eligibility is based on household income, citizenship status, resources, employability and property value.

Reading State Office Building

625 Cherry St., 3rd Floor lobby

Reading, Pa 19602

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

Social Security Administration

Phone: 866-274-5960

Administers the SSI, SSDI, and Medicare programs. Individuals must be elderly, blind, disabled, or Medicare eligible through employment in order to apply.

201 Penn St., 2nd floor

Reading, Pa 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Veteran's Assistance

Berks County Veterans Affairs

Phone: 610-378-5601

Submits claims for service-connected benefits: pension, state, burial, and death benefits, for Berks veterans, their dependents, widow(er)s, and orphans.

726 Cherry St.

Reading, Pa 19602

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Closed 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Lebanon VA Medical Center

Phone: 1-717-272-6621

1700 South Lincoln Avenue

Lebanon, Pa 17042

www.lebanon.va.gov

Berks VA Clinic**Phone: 484-220-2572**

Primary care, dermatology, women's healthcare, lab, social work, psychiatric care, and group therapy. Also provides an array of educational programs. More information available on the US Department of Veteran's Affairs website: <https://www.lebanon.va.gov/locations/BerksCBOC.asp>

Ridgeview Professional Center
2762 Century Boulevard, Suite 120
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hope Rescue Mission**Phone: 610-375-4224**

On site social/resource center for veterans. Single occupancy rooms for homeless veterans. Food, clothing, and toiletries available.

officemanager@HopeForReading.org

645 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601
Hours: Sunday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Program**Phone: 1-800-409-8771**

Medical Center: Provides hospital-based treatment and specialists. Provides substance abuse treatment, vocational and independent living skills programs, Community Transitional Residence Programs, ongoing support and case management, coordination of treatment with local, state and federal probation and parole agencies and referrals to VA programs and community resources. Must call to determine eligibility.

1700 South Lincoln Avenue
Lebanon, Pa 17042
www.lebanon.va.gov

Opportunity House**Phone: 610-374-4696**

Assists qualifying veterans and their families who are homeless or are imminently at risk of becoming homeless in order to help them obtain and/or maintain permanent housing by providing case management services and temporary financial assistance.

430 N. 2nd Street
Reading, Pa 19601
Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Substance Abuse Treatment

Referral Agencies

Council on Chemical Abuse

Phone: 610-376-8669

The Council on Chemical Abuse is the Single County Authority for Berks County – dispersing government and other funding to appropriate agencies in the community. You can learn more about the services that the Council funds, as well as additional educational resources on their website at:

www.councilonchemicalabuse.org

601 Penn St., Suite 600

Reading, Pa 19601

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

Treatment Access & Service Center (TASC)

Phone: 610-375-4426

TASC provides intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. If you do not have private insurance and want to be evaluated for alcohol and/or drug abuse, you can schedule an appointment with TASC. TASC will then refer you to appropriate providers in the community. If you do have private insurance, you must schedule an evaluation through your insurance provider.

www.berkstasc.org

19 N. 6th Street, Suite 300

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Treatment and Counseling Services

Berks Counseling Center

Phone: 610-373-4281

Provides outpatient and intensive outpatient individual, group, and family counseling services for those recovering from substance abuse.

www.berkscounselingcenter.org

645 Penn Street; 2nd Floor

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SAFE BERKS**Phone: 610-373-1206 ext. 606**

Counseling for trauma, children and support groups available in English and Spanish for free.

255 Chestnut Street
Reading, PA 19602

Caron Foundation**Phone: 610-678-2332****1-800-854-6023**

Provides inpatient and outpatient services to patients 13 years of age and up. Offers life enrichment workshops that include anger management, relapse intervention, relationship building, relationship healing for couples and spiritual support. Supervised detox program and neurofeedback therapy available.

www.caron.org

243 N. Galen Hall Road
PO Box 150
Wernersville, PA 19565
Hours: Open 24 hours

Family Guidance Center**Phone: 610-374-4963**

Outpatient mental health, drug, and alcohol therapy. Bilingual services available.

www.familyguidancecenter.com

1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:00am to 9:00pm
Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm

LGBT Center of Greater Reading**Phone: 610-864-5800**

Free professional counseling for the LGBTAIQ+ community. Also provides a drug and alcohol support group. Drug and alcohol support group held Thursday's at 6:30 pm.

1501 N. 13th Street
Reading, PA 19604
Satellite Office at Calvary United Church of Christ
640 Centre Ave.
Reading, PA 19601

New Directions Treatment Services**Phone: 610-750-6130**

Medically Assisted Treatment. Provides dual diagnosis treatment, methadone maintenance and chemical dependency services.

www.ndts.org

832 N. Park Rd.

Wyomissing, Pa 19610

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Counseling Services / Reading Psychiatric

Outpatient and intensive outpatient drug and alcohol counseling (includes dual diagnosis treatment).

www.pacounseling.com

Reading Psychiatric**Phone: 610-685-2188**

125 S. 5th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Penn Avenue (Wyomissing) Location**Phone: 610-670-7270**

1733 Penn Avenue

Reading, PA 19609

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Reading Behavioral Health Center**Phone: 610-374-7035**

Provides bilingual, multicultural outpatient mental health services including intake assessments, psychiatric evaluations, therapy, and diagnosis and treatment.

<https://readingbehavioralhealthcenter.com/>

40 S 5th Street

Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Soft Landing**Phone: 484-628-9050**

Provides support services to pregnant and postpartum opioid and stimulant using women. Program offers care coordination, a therapist, referral for peer recovery support and parenting groups. Groups focused on pregnancy and parenting based recovery are also offered. Women are eligible up to one year after delivery.

420 South 5th Ave.

K-Bldg.

West Reading, PA 19611

Tower Behavioral Health

Phone: 484-628-8070 / 484-659-2330

Provides inpatient and outpatient services, as well as partial hospitalization programs for individuals experiencing psychiatric, emotional or behavioral health problems.

201 Wellness Way
Reading, PA 19605

Recovery Communities / Residential Facilities

Easy Does It

Phone: 610-373-2463

Housing program designed to help chemically dependent, homeless men and women remain drug and alcohol free. Emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, intensive case management, food, and transportation are also provided.

1300 Hilltop Road
Leesport, PA 19533

The Club House

Phone: 610-373-9550

Provides a safe meeting environment and a transitional housing facility for both males and females. Referral services from Magisterial District Judges, Adult Probation/Parole and any drug/alcohol providers.

647 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Freedom Gate Ministries

Phone: 610-750-5685

Provides Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners. Services include food, clothing, and shelter

131-133 S. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hogar Crea

Phone: 610-372-8410

18-20 months intensive drug and alcohol program for men.

302 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

New Person Ministries**Phone: 610-777-2222**

Transitional residence for men coming out from prison. This private, Christian, faith-based 3 month program screens candidates with an application process. Program fees require some assistance and/or employment.

www.newpersonministries.org

730 Philadelphia Ave.

PO Box 223

Reading, PA 19607

Oxford House – Reading**Phone: 610-372-0631**

Democratically run group home for recovering male substance abusers. New members must be approved by existing members. Members must pay an equal share of the housing expenses. Multiple local locations.

www.oxfordhouse.org

1045 N. 5th St.

Reading, PA 19601

Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge**Phone: 717-933-4181****Admissions Office****Phone: 844-442-8673**

Long-term residential drug and alcohol treatment center.

www.paatc.org

33 Teen Challenge Road

P.O. Box 98

Rehrersburg, PA 19550

Hours: Open 24 hours

YMCA of Reading and Berks County**Phone: 610-378-4701**

Group home settings for chemically dependent, homeless men and women. Must be a Berks County resident at least 90 day prior to admittance. Individuals with a history of arson, child abuse, sex and violent crimes are not permitted.

www.ymca-berkscounty.org

631 Washington Street

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jubilee Ministries**Phone: 717-724-7528**

Aftercare Christian program for men caught in the cycle of addiction, incarceration or homelessness. Program fee applies after employment.

235 S. 12th Street

Lebanon, PA 17042

Mental Health Treatment

Referral Agencies

Berks County MH/DD Program

Phone: 610-478-3271 ext. 3271

Provides an array of mental health programs to individuals eligible for services such as crisis intervention (through SAM), case management, youth/young adult services, and a trained, professional mental health disaster response team. Developmentally disabled individuals may qualify for homemaker/chore services, adaptive equipment, specialized therapies, and more.

More information available on their website:

www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/MHDD/Pages/

633 Court Street; 8th Floor

Berks County Services Center

Reading, PA 19601

Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance

Phone: 610-775-3000

Provides referral information and advocacy for parents, children, and those affected by mental health by asserting and protecting their rights. Provides peer support services and assists those on disability with managing money and paying bills.

1234 Penn Avenue

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Service Access Management, Inc. (SAM)

Phone: 610-236-0530

SAM provides intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. If you do not have private insurance and want to be evaluated for mental health services, you can schedule an appointment with SAM. SAM will then refer you to appropriate providers in the community. If you do have private insurance, you must schedule an evaluation through your insurance provider. SAM also provides case management services.

19 N. 6th Street

Reading, PA 19601

Treatment Providers

Berks Counseling Center

Phone: 610-373-4281

Provides mental health counseling and related services for children, adolescents and adults. Staff trained in DBT, CBT, Illness Management and Recovery, and WRAP practices and tools.

645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Child & Family Support Services, Inc.

Phone: 610-376-8558

Provides therapy for adults, couples and families. Services include psychiatric evaluation/assessment, medication and stress and anger management.

4 S. 4th Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Family Guidance Center

Phone: 610-374-4963

Provides psychiatric services and medication management. Bilingual services available.

1235 Penn Avenue, Suite 205-206
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:00am–9:00pm

Friday: 8:00am–4:00pm

Mosaic House

Phone: 610-375-7840

Psychiatric rehabilitation service for people experiencing mental health challenges. Members take responsibility for the daily operation of the clubhouse. Units include Administration, Food Services, and Education and Employment. Offers transitional employment placement up to 9 months.

525 Franklin Street
Reading, PA 19601

New Directions Treatment Services

Phone: 610-478-0646

Licensed psychiatric outpatient services for adults and children. Provides psychiatric evaluation, medication management, psychotherapy and mental health services

20-22 N. 6th Avenue
West Reading, PA 19611

Hours: Monday-Friday

7:00am–5:00pm

Saturday-Sunday

7:00am-10:00am

Pennsylvania Counseling Services / Reading Psychiatric

Provides outpatient mental health counseling as well as psychiatric and medication management services. Spanish-speaking services are available.

5th Street Location

125 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Phone: 610-685-2188

Penn Avenue Location

1733 Penn Avenue
Reading, PA 19609

Phone: 610-670-7270

Progressions Behavioral Health Services, Inc. Phone: 610-375-7454

Outpatient mental health therapy for adults, family and children. Offers Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (Wrap Around) for children and youth age 3-18 who have serious behavioral or emotional issues. Under this program, psychiatric evaluation, case management, and therapeutic support staff are offered as needed.

144 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Tower Behavioral Health

**Phone: 484-628-8070
484-659-2330**

Provides inpatient and outpatient services, as well as partial hospitalization programs for individuals experiencing psychiatric, emotional or behavioral health problems.

201 Wellness Way
Reading, PA 19605

Health and Dental Services

Berks Community Health Center

Full array of primary and preventive health care services. Patients of all ages are seen by a board-certified family physician or nurse practitioner.

Urgent appointment hours are by walk-in: Monday–Thursday, 5pm–9pm and Saturday, 9am–1pm at the Penn Street location.

838 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

Phone: 484-220-2920

1040 Liggett Avenue
Reading, PA 19611

Phone: 484-220-2955

430 N. 2nd Street (in Opportunity House)
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-463-3263

1110 Rockland St.
Reading, PA 19604

Phone: 610-988-4838

Street Medicine Program

Tower Health Hospital’s Street Medicine Program provides care to people in our area who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Doctors, nurses and helpers can see patients to address a variety of health issues including medicine refills, minor illnesses and flu shots at the following locations:

City Lights Shelter

246 N. 9th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-207-5184

New Journey Soup Kitchen

138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Phone: 610-375-3310

Hope Rescue Mission

645 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-375-4224

YMCA of Reading

631 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-378-4701

To contact the Street Medicine Program, call **610-816-4002** between 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Schedules vary depending on location.

Berks County State Health Center**Phone: 610-378-4377**

Reading State Office Building
625 Cherry Street; Room 401
Reading, PA 19602

Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services**Phone: 610-685-4523****VP: 484-388-4086****BDHHS Interpreting Department****Phone: 610-685-4523**

Interpreting services, sign language classes. Information regarding hearing aids and hearing aid assistance.
2045 Centre Avenue
Reading, PA 19605

Centro Hispano**Phone: 610-376-3748**

Information and referral regarding healthcare and government forms.
501 Washington Street; 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Co-County Wellness Services**Phone: 610-375-6523**

Provides services that address risk behaviors for HIV/STD/HCV prevention, counseling, testing and screening. Services for HIV positive individuals. Also provides HIV Navigation Services (HNS) for those 16 and older who are HIV positive or at high risk of contracting HIV. Program helps individuals maintain health, reduce transmission of HIV and improve quality of life.
429 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: STD screenings by walk-in Monday; by appointment Tuesday and Thursday. HIV testing by walk-in Tuesday 11am–7pm and Thursday 9am-1pm.

Farias Medical Clinic**Phone: 610-898-0766**

Medical services include new patient office visits, physicals, stick visits, follow-up appointments and injection. Payment is based on household income.
525 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30am to 4 pm

Planned Parenthood**Phone: 610-376-8061**

Provides education about safe sex, STD care and prevention, birth control, and pregnancy tests to clients under the age of 18 (fee based on household income). Bilingual services available.

48 S. 4th Street
Reading, PA 19601

St. Joseph Dental Clinic**Phone: 610-378-2000**

Six times per year dental clinic, free to uninsured children and oral cancer screening events. Accredited by the American Dental Association.

145 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Salvation Army**Phone: 610-373-5208**

Assistance available for prescriptions when there are funds.

301 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Western Berks Free Medical Clinic**Phone: 610-693-6207**

Must make an appointment. Clinic held at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church. Provides free healthcare to the uninsured. Services include Adult Medical Clinic, Women's Health Clinic, Wellness Education, Prescription Drugs (no controlled substances) and Medical Testing. Bilingual services available. More available on their website:

www.wbfmc.net

480 Big Spring Road
Robesonia, PA 19551

Hours: Open Wednesday evenings by appointments only

Women's Clinic: 3rd Tuesday of every month by appointment only.

Educational Resources

GED/ESL Related Assistance

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-435-1541

Provides GED and job training.

234 Grace Street
Reading, PA 19611

900 S. Woodward Street
Allentown, PA 18103

Clare of Assisi House

Phone: 484-869-5483

Offers employment readiness training, financial literacy, parenting training, GED assistance and access to 12-step addiction recovery support.

325 S. 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Centro Hispano

Phone: 610-376-3748

Provides list of appropriate agencies that offer ESL classes for people who would like to learn English as a second language.

501 Washington Street; 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Literacy Council of Reading / Berks

Phone: 610-670-9960

Provides workplace foundation skills training as well as support, materials and linkage services for clients. Also offers ESL classes and one to one training to improve literacy skills and GED classes.

35 S. Dwight Street
West Lawn, PA 19609

Reading Area Community College (RACC)

Phone: 610-372-4721

Provides ABE/GED/ESL classes and GED testing.

11 Riverfront Drive
Reading, PA 19602

Extension: 5322

Reading Opportunity Center

Phone: 610-370-8540

Provides educational counseling on technical training and college programs, financial aid and scholarships, career planning, housing, life insurance, and GED acquisition. Primarily serves children. Must be a United States citizen, legal resident of Reading, or receive services in Reading.

800 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

United Community Services

Phone: 610-374-3319

Youth Build Program for individuals between the ages of 17-24 who do not have a GED or High School Diploma. Provides GED and vocational education, work readiness, on-site construction experience, and job placement. Nurse aide training program available to individuals with a GED or High School Diploma. Applicants require proper identification for both programs.

See website for application forms and more information.

www.ucswf.org

1251 N. Front Street
Reading, PA 19601

Wisdom 31

Phone: 610-373-5777

Beginner, intermediate, and advanced ESL classes and citizenship classes.

640 Centre Avenue
Reading, PA 19601

English as a Second Language (ESL)

First Presbyterian Church
37 South 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602-1048

Hours:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
9am–11am**

Citizenship Class

Nativity Lutheran Church
1501 North 13th St, Reading, Pa 19604

Hours:

Monday nights

Trade and Technology Schools/Programs

Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC)

Phone: 610-374-4073

Areas of Study: Graphic Imaging Technology, Advertising, Building Construction, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Drafting Design Technology, Electrical, HVAC, Masonry, Painting & Decorating, Plumbing & Heating, Dental & Health Occupations, Information Technology, Welding, Robotics & Automation, Computerize Machining Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Protective Services, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Heavy Equipment Technology, Automotive Collision Repair

East Campus

1057 County Road
Leesport, PA 19533

Eligibility Requirements: Cannot accept anyone with a criminal record in daytime curriculum due to high school youth attendance.

Berks Technical Institute (BTI)**Phone: 484-855-3140**

Areas of Study: CDL Training/Class A Tractor Trailer, Internet/Networking Engineering, Network Internet Professional, Drafting Technology, Paralegal, Medical Assisting Training Programs, Massage Therapy, Business Administration, Graphic Design, Criminal Justice, Dental Assistant, Medical Records Management, Medical Billing & Coding, Medical Office Assistant
2205 Ridgewood Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Reading Area Community College (RACC)**Phone: 610-372-4721**

Comprehensive, open-enrollment education institution that provides the following: Associate degree, Certificate and Diploma Programs; career-focused training; transitional coursework; skills training for business and industry; personal enrichment programs and public service activities.

See website for complete listing of programs offered:

www.racc.edu

10 S. 2nd Street

Reading, PA 19603

RACC Schmidt Training and Technology Center**Phone: 610-372-4721**

Hosts a variety of manufacturing technology programs including:

SimWelding, Electrical Machines Systems, CNC Operators and Milling, Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Robotics and Automated Systems, Water and Waste Management Treatment, Information Technology and Business Solutions

10 S. 2nd Street

Reading, PA 19603

Family and Parenting Resources

Berks Community Action Program (BCAP) Phone: 610-376-6571

Family Center offers parenting classes for mothers and fathers in Systematic Training for Effective Parents (STEP) curriculum. Also offers Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Program. Bilingual services available.

645 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Berks Counseling Center Phone: 610-373-4281

Assists pregnant or post-partum (up to one year) with opioid use disorder with medication assisted treatment, peer support and transportation to services and appointments. Also assists with childcare during appointments.

645 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) Phone: 610-987-2248

BCIU Childcare Phone: 610-987-8437

Provides subsidized childcare for low income families. Call to get on the waiting list. Comprehensive Preschool Education Center Based Program for children between 3-5 years of age. Array of programs for children.

1111 Commons Boulevard
PO Box 16050
Reading, PA 19605

Catholic Charities Phone: 610-435-1541

Assists with adoption services for married couples.

234 Grace Street
Reading, PA 19611

900 S. Woodward Street
Allentown, PA 18103

Mary's Shelter Phone: 610-376-1973

Offers prenatal care and child care. Classes on parenting, relational and housekeeping skills. Runs the Berks County Diaper Bank, providing a 12 month supply of diapers for \$5, every 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 9 am– 2 pm.

736 Upland Avenue
Reading, PA 19607

Second Street Learning & Technology Center (Opportunity House)

Phone: 610-374-4696 Extension: 242

Accepts childcare subsidies and assists with subsidy enrollment paperwork. Accepts children age 6 weeks to 13 years of age with special needs (depending on the severity).

430 N. 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19601

Soft Landing

Phone: 484-628-9050

Provides support services to pregnant and postpartum opioid and stimulant using women. Program offers care coordination, a therapist, referral for peer recovery support and parenting groups. Groups focused on pregnancy and parenting based recovery are also offered. Women are eligible up to one year after delivery.

420 South 5th Ave.
K-Bldg.
West Reading, PA 19611

Community Support

Hannah's Hope Ministries

Phone: 610-665-7716

Provides faith-based community support to individuals struggling with cancer, medical issues, divorce, and addiction. Through the HopeCare© program, provides healthcare and spiritual support those in medical crisis.

Find more information on their website at:

www.hannahshopeministriesreading.org

736 Upland Avenue

Reading, PA 19607

Reading Berks Conference of Churches (RBCC) Phone: 610-375-6108

Unifying organization for the Christian churches of Berks County. Engages in activities to connect, learn, and minister to the community. Connects individuals to ministries, prayer breakfast, volunteer opportunities, support groups, and community events. Call their office for current information on events, or visit their website at:

www.readingberkschurches.org

2395 Lancaster Pike

Reading, PA 19607

Hours: Monday–Friday

9:00am–1:00pm

LGBT Center of Greater Reading

Phone: 610-864-5800

Free professional counseling for the LGBTAIQ+ community. Also provides gender expansive possibilities, spiritual community group meetings, support group for parents of LGBTQIA+ youth and a drug or alcohol support group.

1501 N. 13th Street

Reading, PA 19604

Satellite Office at Calvary United Church of Christ

640 Centre Ave.

Reading, PA 19601

Domestic Violence Resources

Commonwealth Clinical Group New Client Referral

Phone: 610-372-5645

Phone: 844-331-3551

Offers services to adults and adolescents. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)-based program provides group, individual and family counseling. Services include risk assessment, anger management intervention, domestic violence evaluation, custody evaluation, community safety planning, and victim services / reunification. Specialized Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) are available for children and adolescents who have been diagnosed with severe emotional disturbance and have faced domestic violence.

450 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

SAFE BERKS

Phone: 610-373-1206

24/7 Bilingual Hotline: (844) 789-SAFE (7233)

TEXT 24/7@ SAFE BERKS to 20121

Domestic and sexual violence center providing individual counseling, advocacy services, case management, shelter, and safety to female victims of abuse and their families. Also offers a Safe House for 50 individuals for up to 30 days.

255 Chestnut Street
Reading, PA 19602

Legal Assistance

Berks County Bar Association

Phone: 610-375-4591

Lawyer Referral Service
544 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.berksbar.org

Berks County Clerk of Courts

Phone: 610-478-6550

Access your record and pay criminal case fines and costs.
Berks County Courthouse; 4th Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/clerks

Centro Hispano**Phone: 610-376-3748**

Provides information, referral and systems advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service and job applications.

501 Washington Street; 1st Floor

Reading, PA 19601

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am–4:00pm

www.centrohispano.org

Community Justice Project**Phone: 610-370-7296 / 610-370-7459**

Engages in class action litigation, administrative law, legislative advocacy and other forms of impact litigation to help create a positive change for low-income residents across Pennsylvania. Areas of expertise included civil rights cases in housing, public benefits, employment and immigration.

501 Washington St.

Suite 308

Reading, PA 19601

MidPenn Legal Services**Phone: 610-376-8656**

Provides legal services in the following areas: Barriers to Employment, Custody, Domestic Violence, Debt Collection, Housing (including landlord/tenant issues and utility issues), SSI/SSD, unemployment, wage claims and welfare issues. New clients call the above number between 8:30am–3:30pm. Existing clients should call 610-376-8656 to inquire about their case.

501 Washington Street, Suite 401

Reading, PA 19601

www.midpenn.org

Pennsylvania Prison Society**Phone: 215-564-4775**

Reviews prison conditions and provides assistance with inmate rights and advocacy services.

230 S. Broad Street, Suite 605

Philadelphia, PA 19102

www.prisonsociety.org

Hours: Monday-Friday**9:00am–4:30pm**

SAFE BERKS**Phone: 610-373-1206 ext. 107**

Free assistance with filing Protection from Abuse (PFA), Sexual Violence Protection Orders (SVPO), Protection from Intimidation (PFI). Must call and leave a message.

255 Chestnut Street
Reading, PA 19602

Financial and Budgeting Assistance

Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)

Offers an array of services to assist low income individuals / families such as the Budget Counseling Center and tax assistance through the VITA program.

645 Penn Street; 3rd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

**Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00am–4:30pm**

Budget Counseling Center**Phone: 610-375-7866**

Offers rental and utilities assistance, home ownership counseling, delinquency and mortgage assistance, family budgeting and credit repair. Applicants must meet the federal, state, and local poverty guidelines. More information and applications available on the BCAP website at: www.bcapberks.org/budgeting-counseling-services.html

VITA**Phone: 610-376-6571**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from January through April, where trained BCAP staff and volunteers prepare income tax returns free of charge to qualifying taxpayers

Mary's Shelter**Phone: 610-603-8010**

Pregnant women only. Must schedule intake interview and meet qualifications. Assistance with budgeting.

615 Kenhorst Blvd.
Reading, PA 19611

Register to Vote

Individuals may register to vote if they have been citizens of the United States for at least one month and residents of their Pennsylvania election districts for at least 30 days before the next election. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony and will be released before the next election are eligible to register to vote. Most libraries and post offices have voting materials.

Who Is Eligible to Register and Vote

Individuals awaiting trial on either felony or misdemeanor charges (pretrial detainees); individuals confined and convicted on misdemeanor charges only; individuals on probation or parole (even those in a halfway house); and individuals under house arrest, regardless of conviction status.

Who May Not Register or Vote

Individuals confined under a felony charge (even if also charged with one or more misdemeanor); individuals in a halfway house or correctional facility on pre-release status for a felony; and individuals who have been convicted of violating the Pennsylvania election code within the last four years.

How to Register

Individuals may apply to vote by mail or online. Obtain a mail application by contacting your local county board of elections, or request an application over the phone by calling the Department of State at 1-887-868-37772.

Alternatively, apply online by navigating the Department of State's website: www.VotesPA.com

How to Vote

You may vote in person at your assigned election district; the location should be included on your voter identification card, which you will have received after registering. Alternatively, apply for an absentee ballot if you are unable to attend your polling place on Election Day. Contact your county board of elections to obtain an absentee ballot. Those confined to a penal institution, under house arrest, or in a halfway house may only vote via absentee ballot.

Berks County Election Services

Berks County Services Center; 1st Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.co.berks.pa.us/elections

Phone: 610-478-6490

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