This resource guide was created by Berks Connections/Pretrial Services with assistance from local agencies and government departments that participate in Berks County Community Resources Network.

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
201 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 1-866-274-5960

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 900 S. Woodward Street
Reading, PA 19611 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**  
Admissions Office  
Phone: 717-933-4181  
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](http://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 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
Soles4Souls Program: Assists with boots and shoes necessary for employment.
234 Grace Street 900 S. Woodward Street
Reading, PA 19611 Allentown, PA 18103

Phone: 610-376-7144

Centro Hispano
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

Phone: 610-376-3748

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

Reading Store
745 N. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601
Mon-Sat: 8:30am–5pm

Phone: 610-376-7144
Hope Outlet (Cont.)

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

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

**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

**5th Street Location**
3413 N. 5th Street Highway
Reading, PA 19605

**Clearance Center**
3001 St. Lawrence Avenue
Reading, PA 19606

Phone: 610-777-5250
Phone: 610-921-8221
Phone: 484-525-4075

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

Berk 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

Berk 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® Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.  Phone: 877-728-5616  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

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/berkscouantwortypa

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

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

Manpower, Inc.
Spring Market Shopping Center
3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
www.manpower.com

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
PeopleShare
2 Meridian Blvd., Suite 220
Reading, PA 19610
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
www.peopleshareworks.com

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

TAB Staffing
2209 Quarry Drive
Reading, PA 19609
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm
www.tabstaffing.com

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

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.
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](http://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](http://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 LGBTQ+ 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  
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  
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
Provided 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.
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
Provides psychiatric services and medication management. Bilingual services available.
1235 Penn Avenue, Suite 205-206
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Mosaic House
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
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
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
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

484-659-2330
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  
Reading State Office Building  
625 Cherry Street; Room 401  
Reading, PA 19602  
Phone: 610-378-4377

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

BDHHS Interpreting Department  
Interpreting services, sign language classes. Information regarding hearing aids and hearing aid assistance.  
2045 Centre Avenue  
Reading, PA 19605  
Phone: 610-685-4523

Centro Hispano  
Information and referral regarding healthcare and government forms.  
501 Washington Street; 1st Floor  
Reading, PA 19601  
Phone: 610-376-3748

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

Farias Medical Clinic  
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  
Phone: 610-898-0766
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**  
Provides GED and job training.  
234 Grace Street  
Reading, PA 19611  
900 S. Woodward Street  
Allentown, PA 18103  
**Phone:** 610-435-1541

**Clare of Assisi House**  
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  
**Phone:** 484-869-5483

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

**Literacy Council of Reading / Berks**  
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  
**Phone:** 610-670-9960

**Reading Area Community College (RACC)**  
Provides ABE/GED/ESL classes and GED testing.  
11 Riverfront Drive  
Reading, PA 19602  
**Phone:** 610-372-4721  
**Extension:** 5322

**Reading Opportunity Center**  
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  
**Phone:** 610-370-8540
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](http://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

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Trade and Technology Schools/Programs

Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC)  
Phone: 610-374-4073

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)**
**BCIU Childcare** Phone: 610-987-2248
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 900 S. Woodward Street
Reading, PA 19611 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](http://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](http://www.readingberkschurches.org)

Hours: Monday–Friday
9:00am–1:00pm

2395 Lancaster Pike
Reading, PA 19607

**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  Phone: 610-372-5645  
New Client Referral  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

Berk County Bar Association  Phone: 610-375-4591  
Lawyer Referral Service  
544 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
www.berksbar.org

Berk County Clerk of Courts  Phone: 610-478-6550  
Access your record and pay criminal case fines and costs.  
Berk 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
Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00am–4:30pm
www.prisonsociety.org
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.

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Reading, PA 19601
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