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 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
Berk 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.

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. It can be replaced through the PennDOT website, must know ID/DL#, last four of SS#
https://www.dot2e.penndot.gov/driver_services/dllogin

PennDOT Driver’s License Center
Phone: 717-412-5300
530 East Lancaster Avenue
Shillington, PA 19607
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State-Issued Photo ID
If you have a PA State ID issued 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.

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.

You can create an online account with Social Security Administration and receive a replacement card. (Not applicable if your state ID is out of AL, NH, OK, WV, Guam, US Virgin Islands, PR, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands)
https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card

Social Security Administration Phone: 866-274-5960
201 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601
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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, housing assistance programs
600 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Shelters

Hope Rescue Mission

Phone: 610-375-4224
Offers food, clothing, and emergency shelter to men on a daily basis. Men are provided a single bed and a lockable wardrobe in a dormitory setting. Access to a 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
Emergency shelter for unaccompanied minors 14-17 (with parent’s consent) Maternity and homeless from 16-21, 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, laundry, 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 victims of domestic violence 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 and Assistance

**Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)**
Phone: 610-376-6571
Homelessness Assistance, Mortgage Assistance and rental 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 recovery-oriented transitional and permanent housing at various locations, residents can develop necessary skills to become self-sufficient. Community-based care management and parenting support. (Bi-lingual)
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

**Catholic Charities**
Phone: 610-376-7144
Provides emergency assistance with rent/mortgage and utilities.
234 Grace Street 900 S. Woodward Street
Reading, PA 19611 Allentown, PA 18103

**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 Club House**
Phone: 484-755-5980
Provides a safe meeting environment and a transitional housing facility for males. Referral services from Magisterial District Judges, Adult Probation/Parole, and any drug/alcohol providers.
647 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601
Housing Continued

**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

**Hannah’s Hope**
Phone: 610-655-7716
Housing suites for women with children (under 13 and 3 children max for program). Case management program working toward employment and transportation. The goal of leaving the program is for participants to have their own housing.
736 Upland Ave.
Reading, PA 19607

**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

**Human Relations Commission**
Phone: 610-655-6141
Emergency rental assistance, must live in the city of Reading
815 Washington St.
Reading, PA 19601

**Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)**
Phone: 610-372-8433
Educates returning citizens on their rights and responsibilities. Provides homeownership education and credit/budget counseling.
213 N. 5th Street; Suite 1030
Reading, PA 19601
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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

Safe Parking Lot  Phone: 610-372-7222
The Safe Parking Lot provides safe and secure overnight parking for people temporarily living in their vehicles, combined with connection to resources by BCEH staff. Kiara Rodriguez kiara@bceh.org

Salvation Army  Phone: 610-373-5208
Provides assistance with rent, electric, and gas bills for clients who have regular income coming in. Must live in the city of Reading. 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, and sexual and/or 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
Housing Continued

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:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
117 Morgan Drive  
Reading, PA 19608

**Soup Kitchens**  
Serve hot meals to the hungry and homeless.

**City Light Ministries**  
Phone: 610-207-5184  
Drop-in center from 6 a.m.-8 a.m. for breakfast, showers, and a mailing address for use if necessary  
246 N. 9th St.  
Reading, PA 19601

**Kennedy House**  
Phone: 610-378-1947  
Bread distribution Monday- 8am-10am, Food Pantry- Wednesday 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Soup Kitchen Sat and Sun 11:30 am-12:30 p.m.  
532 Spruce St.  
Reading, PA 19602

**LGBT+ Center**  
Phone: 484-513-3170  
Every third Wednesday of the month, hot meal from 5-7 p.m.  
640 Centre Ave.  
Reading, PA 19601

**New Journey Community Outreach**  
Phone: 610-375-3310  
Monday-Friday soup kitchen and weekly food pantry. Open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
138 S. 6th Street (yellow church, side entrance)  
Reading, PA 19602
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**Food Pantries**
Provide groceries or ingredients to those in need who take these items home to prepare themselves.

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service Inc.**  
Phone: 610-367-6957
Provides Meals on Wheels, food pantry, medical transport, grocery shopping assistance, 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

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
Phone: 610-375-7163
3rd Wednesday of the month. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
336 W. Franklin St  
West Reading, PA 19611

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
Phone: 610-376-0311
2nd Monday of the month from 11:00am–1:00pm. Pick up a ticket for food distribution at 9 a.m.
1301 Luzerne Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**First Unitarian Universalist**  
Phone: 610-372-0928
1st Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
416 Franklin Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Friend, Inc.**  
Phone: 610-683-7790
Runs the Northeastern Berks Food Pantry by appointment. Individuals must be a resident of Fleetwood, Kutztown, Topton, Albany, Greenwich, Longswamp, Maiden creek, Maxatawny, Richmond, Rockland, or Ruscombmanor Township. Usually the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. Call for an appointment.
658D Noble Street  
Kutztown, PA 19530
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**Holy Trinity Church of God**
Phone: 610-374-0790
3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Must sign up beforehand.
130 W. Buttonwood Street
Reading, PA 19601

**Hope Lutheran Church**
Phone: 610-374-2071
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
601 N. Front Street
Reading, PA 19601

**Kennedy House**
Phone: 610-378-1947
Bread distribution Mon- 8 a.m.-10 a.m., Food Pantry- Wednesday 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
532 Spruce St.
Reading, PA 19602

**Life Church**
Phone: 610-434-3117
Outdoor drive-up food pantry 1st Monday of the month from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
621 Centre Ave.
Reading, PA 19606

**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

**New Journey Community Outreach**
Phone: 610-375-3310
Kitchen Cupboard on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Can get emergency pantry food anytime-M-F 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

**Providing Hope**
Phone: 484-577-1463
Gives away food items and toiletries on Sundays and snack bags on Mondays. Contact phone number is for Paul.
Court St between 4th and 5th St from 3:15-4:30 p.m.
Reading, PA 19601
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**Salvation Army**  
Phone: 610-373-5208  
Last Friday of the month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., emergency food by appointment  
301 S. 5th Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church**  
Phone: 610-374-751  
Last Tuesday of the month 4-5 p.m.  
1001 E. Wyomissing Boulevard  
Reading, PA 19601

**St. James Chapel Church of God in Christ**  
Phone: 610-375-7537  
4th Wednesday of the month: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Breakfast club on Sundays.  
11 S. 9th Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**St. John’s Lutheran Church**  
Phone: 610-372-6950  
2nd Thursday of the month 6-7:30 p.m.  
521 Walnut St  
Reading, PA 19601

**St. John Missionary Baptist Church**  
Phone: 610-375-6197  
3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
436 S. 7th Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**  
Phone: 610-373-3135  
1st Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  
1559 Perkiomen Avenue  
Reading, PA 19602

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**  
Phone: 610-373-5545  
Provides vouchers for healthy foods for pregnant, breastfeeding and, postpartum women with infants and children up to age 5. Multiple locations.  
1110 Rockland St.  
Reading, Pa 19604
Clothing

Birdsboro Nazarene Church  Phone: 610-582-4700
Has clothing, shoes, socks, housewares, & toys on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4th Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m.
715 East 3rd St.
Birdsboro, PA 19508

New Journey Community Outreach  Phone: 610-375-2662
Clothing Center available at no cost to the public. M-F 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
*Please call ahead for an appointment
138 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602

Spring Valley Church of God  Phone: 610-929-7969
Free clothing for women, men, and children. 1st Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., (Call first to confirm they are open)
2727 Old Pricetown Road
Temple, PA 19560

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

Shillington Location  Phone: 610-777-5250
602 E. Lancaster Avenue
Shillington, PA 19607

5th Street Location  Phone: 610-921-8221
3413 N. 5th Street Highway
Reading, PA 19605

Clearance Center  Phone: 484-525-4075
3001 St. Lawrence Avenue
Reading, PA 19606

Robesonia Location  Phone: 610-693-6014
324 E. Penn Ave.
Robesonia, PA 19551

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](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

**Taxicab Service**

Reading Metro Taxi

Phone: 610-374-5111

615 Elm Street
Reading, PA 19601
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**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: 610-378-4700
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 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. 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
Reading State Office Building
625 Cherry Street
Reading, PA 19602

Phone: 610-378-4331

Bersks County Probation/Parole

Bersks County Adult Probation Office
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am– 5:00pm
Bersks County Services Center
633 Court Street; 7th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-478-3400

Bersks County Juvenile Probation Office
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am– 5:00pm
Bersks County Services Center
633 Court Street; 10th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-478-3200

Bersks County Domestic Relations

Bersks County Domestic Relations Section
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Bersks County Services Center
633 Court Street; 6th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-478-2900
Employment

Employment Programs

Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)  Phone: 610-376-6571
Work Ready Program- individuals must be referred by the County Assistance Office.
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.
645 Penn Street, 3rd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Connections Work  Phone: 484-260-3860
Provides employment education and assistance to participants in Berks County Treatment Courts, referred clients from the Department of Corrections and through the Working Toward Change program at the Berks County Jail.

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.

Reentry Works – Prepares individuals with current or prior justice system involvement for employment through education, coaching, case management and retention support.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
19 N. 6th Street, 4th Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Berks Latino Workforce Devolvement  Phone: 484-513-3348
Offers English classes, occupational training programs, virtual tech computer classes, and GED assistance.
450 S. 6th Street
Reading, PA 19602
https://blwdc.org/
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**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.  
**Hours:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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  
[www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us)

**Centro Hispano**  
**Phone:** 610-376-3748  
Provides information and assistance with job applications.  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
501 Washington Street; 1st Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**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](http://www.cwds.state.pa.us)  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
3602 Kutztown Road, Suite 200  
Reading, PA 19605
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Threshold Rehabilitation Services  Phone: 610-777-7691
Employment support services for individuals with disabilities/barriers to employment. Including career exploration, resume assistance, job interview skills training, job placement and coordination, on-the-job training, and follow-up services.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
1000 Lancaster Ave, #1699
Reading, PA 19607

United Community Services  Phone: 484-577-0190
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.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
1251 N. Front Street
Reading, PA 19601

Temporary Employment Agencies

Aerotek-Reading  Phone: 610-750-8360
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
999 Berkshire Blvd; Suite 180
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.aerotek.com

At-Work Personnel Services  Phone: 610-375-2773
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
945 Berkshire Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.atwork.com
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Champion Personnel  
**Phone:** 610-927-5221  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
2045 Centre Ave.  
Reading, PA 19605  
[www.championpersonnel.net](http://www.championpersonnel.net)

Elwood Staffing  
**Phone:** 610-376-9675  
**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8am-5pm, Tuesday & Thursday 8 a.m.-7p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
926 Penn Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.elwoodstaffing.com](http://www.elwoodstaffing.com)

Express Employment Professionals  
**Phone:** 610-750-7898  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park Plaza Office Center  
840 N. Park Road  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
[www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa](http://www.expresspros.com/berkscountypa)

Gage Personnel  
**Phone:** 610-376-1771  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
101 N. 7th Avenue  
West Reading, PA 19611  
[www.gagepersonnel.com](http://www.gagepersonnel.com)

Manpower, Inc.  
**Phone:** 610-678-170  
Spring Market Shopping Center  
3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608  
[www.manpower.com](http://www.manpower.com)

People Ready  
**Phone:** 610-372-5575  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 4:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
3276 N. 5th St. Hwy.  
Reading, PA 19605  
[www.peopleready.com](http://www.peopleready.com)
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People Share
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
2 Meridian Blvd., Suite 220
Reading, PA 19610
www.peopleshareworks.com

Spherion Staffing Agency
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Park Plaza Office Center
4 Park Plaza, Suite 300
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.spherion.com

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

The Performance Group
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
824 Penn Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610
www.tpgworks.com

TempStar Staffing
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
4411N. 5th Street Highway, Unit 6
Temple, PA 19560
www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/
Government Benefits

Public Assistance / Food Stamps / Medical Assistance

Berk's County Assistance Office

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.

Senior Life

Senior Life is designed to help older adults live their best lives at home for as long as possible. Services include assisting with gaining access to health care and the support they need. To qualify you must be age 55 or older, be determined as medically eligible, live in the Senior Life Reading coverage area, and be able to safely live within the community.

20 Shelbourne Road.
Reading, PA 19606
610-404-3200

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

Social Security Administration

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

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

201 Penn St., 2nd floor
Reading, Pa 19601

Phone: 866-274-5960

Phone: 610-736-4211

Phone: 610-404-3200
Veteran’s Assistance

**Berks County Veterans Affairs**  
Submits claims for service-connected benefits: pension, state, burial, and death benefits, for Berks veterans, their dependents, widow/widowers, and orphans.  
*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.)  
726 Cherry St.  
Reading, Pa 19602  
*Phone*: 610-378-5601

**Berks VA Clinic**  
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](https://www.lebanon.va.gov/locations/BerksCBOC.asp)  
Ridgeview Professional Center  
*Hours*: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
2762 Century Boulevard, Suite 120  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
*Phone*: 484-220-2572

**Catholic Charities**  
Provides emergency assistance with rent/mortgage and utilities under the Veteran’s program  
234 Grace Street  
900 S. Woodward Street  
Reading, PA 19611  
Allentown, PA 18103  
*Phone*: 610-376-7144

**Hope Rescue Mission**  
On-site social/resource center for veterans. Single occupancy rooms for homeless veterans. Food, clothing, and toiletries are available.  
[officemanager@HopeForReading.org](mailto: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.  
*Phone*: 610-375-4224

**Jared Yoder Foundation**  
Thorough Case management services for veterans  
444 Henningsville  
Mertztown, PA 19539  
*Phone*: 610-682-4376
Veteran’s Assistance Continued

Keystone Military Families Phone: 610-698-2122
Food pantry for military families, can sometimes assist with furniture and small appliances
331 Main St
Shoemakersville, PA 19555

Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Program Phone: 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

Lebanon VA Medical Center Phone: 717-272-6621
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
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.
Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
430 N. 2nd Street
Reading, Pa 19601
Veteran’s Assistance Continued

**Veterans Coalition of PA**  
Phone: 610-372-8267  
Assist with basic services, food, clothing, shelter, and employment assistance.  
Monthly “ Stand Down” events with food, clothing, and toiletries  
500 N. 13th St.  
Reading, PA 19604

**Veterans Making a Difference**  
Phone: 484-577-6898  
Aims to help homeless Veterans with meals and guidance  
645 N. 6th St  
Reading, PA 19601

**We Agape You**  
Phone: 484-240-9036  
Employment and housing services for Veterans  
30 Village Dr. Suite 5  
Reading, PA 19607
Substance Abuse Treatment

Referral Agencies

Council on Chemical Abuse
The Council on Chemical Abuse is the Single County Authority for Berks County dispersing government and other funding to appropriate agencies in the community. Provides free Narcan. You can learn more about the services the Council funds, and education at: www.councilonchemicalabuse.org

Phone: 610-376-8669

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
50 N. 5th St, 5th floor
Reading, Pa 19601

Treatment Access & Service Center (TASC)

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

Phone: 610-375-4426

www.berkstasc.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
19 N. 6th Street, Suite 300
Reading, PA 19601

Treatment and Counseling Services

Berks Counseling Center

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

Phone: 610-373-4281

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.
645 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601
Substance Abuse Treatment Continued

**Caron Foundation**  
Phone: 877-544-2936  
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](http://www.caron.org)  
**Hours:** Open 24 hours  
243 N. Galen Hall Road  
PO Box 150  
Wernersville, PA 19565

**Family Guidance Center**  
Phone: 610-374-4963  
Outpatient mental health, drug, and alcohol therapy. Bilingual services are available.  
**Hours:** Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
[www.familyguidancecenter.com](http://www.familyguidancecenter.com)  
1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

**LGBT+ Center of Greater Reading**  
Phone: 610-864-5800  
Free professional counseling for the LGBTAIQ+ community. Also provides a drug and alcohol support group.  
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.  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
[www.ndts.org](http://www.ndts.org)  
832 N. Park Rd.  
Wyomissing, Pa 19610
Substance Abuse Treatment Continued

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
Offers Bilingual mental health services: intake assessments, psychiatric evaluations, therapy, and diagnosis & treatment.
**Hours:** M-F 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat.9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
https://readingbehavioralhealthcenter.com/
40 S 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

ReNew Phone: 717-415-1637
Support for pregnant mothers with a substance abuse disorder. Intensive case management and advocacy
Bethany Christian Services
1692 Reading Rd
Mohnton, PA 196540

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
Substance Abuse Treatment Continued

**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

**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: 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

**Hogar Crea**

Phone: 610-372-8410

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

302 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602
Substance Abuse Treatment Continued

Jubilee Ministries
Phone: 717-274-7528
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

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.
317 N. 6th St
Reading, PA 19601

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
Admissions Office
Phone: 717-933-4181
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

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 days prior to admittance. Individuals with a history of arson, child abuse, sexual, and/or violent crimes are not permitted.
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.
www.ymca-berkscounty.org
631 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601
Substance Abuse Treatment Continued

Recovery Coaching Services
Recovery Coaching Services provides a recovery pathway for parents and individuals struggling with addiction.
505 Penn St 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-816-5101

EDI Atonement
Recovery planning, family reunification, employment, and education services.
Walkin-ins welcome.
5 Wyomissing Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Phone: 610-898-7911
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 budgeting.
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
Mental Health Treatment Continued

Treatment Providers

Berks Counseling Center  Phone: 610-373-4281
Provides mental health counseling and related services for children, 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, stress and anger management.
1418 Clarion St
Reading, PA 19601

Family Guidance Center  Phone: 610-374-4963
Provides psychiatric services and medication management. Bilingual services
are available.
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
1235 Penn Avenue, Suite 205-206
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Holcomb  Phone: 610-363-1488
Holcomb provides outpatient services that meet the treatment needs of
individuals with mental health, substance use and or co-occurring disorders in a
comprehensive, holistic and individualized manner. Mental health outpatient
services provide treatment to children, adolescents, adults and families.
Holcomb is able to address medication management needs if a client is
enrolled in our program to see our psychiatrist.
**Crisis Intervention:** 610-379-2007 (24/7)
**Crisis Residential:** 610-947-1987
**Olivia Best,** Director of Crisis Services
484-877-2601
Health and Dental Services

Berks Community Health Center  Phone: 610-988-4838
for all locations
A 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, 5 p.m.–9 p.m.
and Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at the Penn Street location.

838 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

1040 Liggett Avenue
Reading, PA 19611

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

1110 Rockland St.
Reading, PA 19604

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, vision, and flu shots at the following locations:

- **City Light**  Phone: 610-207-5184
  246 N. 9th Street
  Reading, PA 19601

- **New Journey Soup Kitchen**  Phone: 610-375-3310
  138 S. 6th Street
  Reading, PA 19602

- **Hope Rescue Mission**  Phone: 610-375-4224
  645 N. 6th Street
  Reading, PA 19601

- **YMCA of Reading**  Phone: 610-378-4701
  631 Washington Street
  Reading, PA 19601

To contact the Street Medicine Program, call **610-816-4002** between 9 a.m.–4
p.m., Monday-Friday. Schedules vary depending on location.
Health and Dental Services Continued

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
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: 610-685-1275

Co-County Wellness Services
Provides services that address risk behaviors for HIV/STD 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.

Hours: STD screenings by walk-in Monday; by appointment Tuesday & Thursday.
HIV testing by walk-in Tuesday 11 a.m.–7 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
429 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-375-6523

Farias Medical Clinic
Medical services include: new patient office visits, physicals, sick visits, follow-up appointments, and injections. Payment is based on household income.

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
525 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 610-898-0766
**Health and Dental Services Continued**

**Planned Parenthood**  
Phone: 610-376-8061  
Provides education about safe sex, STD care/prevention, birth control, and pregnancy tests to clients under the age of 18 (fee-based on income). Bilingual services are available.  
1920 Kutztown Rd, Suite H  
Reading, PA 19604

**St. Joseph Dental Clinic**  
Phone: 610-378-2000  
Six times per year dental clinic and oral cancer screenings. Free to uninsured children. Accredited by the American Dental Association.  
145 N. 6th Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**Salvation Army**  
Phone: 610-373-5208  
May be able to provide assistance with prescriptions  
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](http://www.wbfmc.net)  
**Hours:** Open Wednesday evenings by appointment only  
**Women’s Clinic:** 3rd Tuesday of every month by appointment only  
480 Big Spring Road  
Robesonia, PA 19551
Educational Resources

GED/ESL Related Assistance

**Centro Hispano**  
Provides a 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**  
Offers ESL and citizenship classes and one on one training to improve literacy skills and GED classes.  
35 S. Dwight Street  
West Lawn, PA 19609

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

**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, a legal resident of Reading, or receive services in Reading.  
800 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Reading Public Library**  
Offers computer classes and other various adult classes.  
Main Library  
100 S. 5th St  
Reading, PA 19602
Educational Resources Continued

**United Community Services**

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

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**Trade and Technology Schools/Programs**

**Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC)**

Phone: 610-374-4073


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

**East Campus**

1057 County Road
Leesport, PA 19533

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**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
Educational Resources Continued

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

Comprehensive, open-enrollment education institution that provides the following: Associate degree, Certificate, and Diploma Programs, GED assistance and testing, and continuing education programs. See website for a 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 1960

**United Community Services**  
**Phone: 484-890-0316**

GED Class and testing, OSHA and CPR Certification, Job Training

Megan Welsh

mwelsh@ucswf.org
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
Head start program for ages 3-5
2101 Centre Ave
Reading, PA 19605

Childcare Works-Early Learning Resource Center Phone: 484-651-8000
Provides subsidized childcare for low-income families. Daycare and pre-school assistance provided. Application on the website www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Works-Program.aspx
1138 Rockland St
Reading, PA 19604

Catholic Charities Phone: 610-435-1541
Assists with adoption services for married couples and help for pregnant mothers.
234 Grace Street 900 S. Woodward Street
Reading, PA 19611 Allentown, PA 18103

Lifeline of Berks County Phone: 610-374-8545
Offers crisis pregnancy support. Education, pregnancy tests, and limited ultrasound assistance.
612 Reading Ave
West Reading, PA 19611
Mary’s Shelter  
Phone: 610-603-8016  
Offers prenatal care and child care. Parenting/relationship classes and housekeeping skills. Runs the Berks County Diaper Bank, providing a 12-month supply of diapers for $5, Every month on the 3rd Tuesday from 9 am–2 pm.  
736 Upland Avenue  
Reading, PA 19607

Mercy Pregnancy Center  
Phone: 610-376-0828  
Biblically-based peer support counseling, supplies, and education  
105 S. 5th St  
Reading, PA 19602

ReNew  
Phone: 717-415-1637  
Support for pregnant mothers that have a substance abuse. Intensive case management and advocacy  
Bethany Christian Services  
1692 Reading Rd  
Mohnton, PA 196540

Safe Families  
Phone: 717-431-7843  
Program through Bethany Christian Services to help families in a crisis with temporary care for their child (children) through a volunteer family.  
Bethany Christian Services  
1692 Reading Rd  
Mohnton, PA 196540

Second Street Learning & Technology Center (Opportunity House)  
Phone: 610-374-4696  
Childcare for ages 6 weeks to 13 years old of varying levels of ability. Accepts state subitizes for low-income families  
430 N. 2nd Street  
Reading, PA 19601
Family and Parenting Resources Continued

**Soft Landing**

Provides support services to pregnant and postpartum opioid and stimulant using women. Program offers care coordination, therapy, 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

**Phone:** 484-628-9050

**Pennies**

Pregnancy-Health-Coverage-Pennie is a collateral piece you can order free of charge from the website [www.pennie.com](http://www.pennie.com).

Judy Wechter

[jwechter@pa.gov](mailto:jwechter@pa.gov)

**Phone:** 717-439-4414
Community Support

**Connections Work**  
Phone: 484-260-3860  
Provides assistance with basic needs and referral services for individuals with prior or current justice system involvement.  
**Hours:** M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
19 N. 6th Street  
Reading, PA 9601

**Centro Hispano**  
Phone: 610-685-1260  
Interpreters for medical appointments. Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
501 Washington Street; 1st Floor  
Reading, PA 19601

**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 groups 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

**Mary’s Shelter**  
Phone: 610-603-8010  
Community Outreach for 14-21 years old, drop-in services: tutoring, laundry room, computer lab, gym equipment, kitchen available to use. Call ahead to confirm days for specific programs  
615 Kenhorst Blvd,  
Reading, PA 19611

**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 a.m.-1 p.m.  
2395 Lancaster Pike  
Reading, PA 19607
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault 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

F.R. E. E
(Freedom from Enslavement for Everyone)
Phone: 610-473-4243
Case management for survivors of human trafficking. Shelter for survivors is in progress.
andrea@freefromht.org

Safe Berks
Phone: 610-373-1206
24/7 Bilingual Hotline: (844) 789-SAFE (7233)
TEXT 24/7@ SAFE BERKS to 20121
Domestic violence and sexual assault center that provides individual counseling, advocacy services, case management, shelter, and safety to 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

Worth While Wear
Phone: 215-541-5401
Offers help to survivors of human trafficking and sexual violence. Wrap around program that provides: vocational training, housing, and supportive services.
Legal Assistance

Berks County Bar Association
Lawyer Referral Service
544 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
www.berksbar.org

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

Centro Hispano
Provides information, referral, and systems advocacy to those seeking help
with basic needs. Such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, and
legal issues.
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
501 Washington Street; 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601
www.centrohispano.org

Catholic Charities
Based out of Allentown (may need to travel there once, but can-do virtual
meetings), Can provide efficient and low-cost immigration services
909 S. Woodward St
Allentown, PA 18103

Community Justice Project
Provides legal help to low-income residents across Pennsylvania on human
rights, trauma, and immigration. All staff are bilingual.
501 Washington St., suite 308
Reading, PA 19601
Legal Assistance Continued

Public Defenders Office  Phone: 610-478-6650
The Berks County Public Defenders provide legal counsel to any indigent person in the following cases: juvenile delinquency, preliminary hearings, state trials, appeals, parole proceedings, extradition, and any situation where representation is constitutionally required.

Mid-Penn 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 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. 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. M-F 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 230 S. Broad Street, Suite 605 Philadelphia, PA 19102 www.prisonssociety.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)  Phone: 610-375-7866
Offers an array of services to assist low-income individuals/families such as the Budget Counseling Center
**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
645 Penn Street; 3rd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

**Budget Counseling Center**
Offers rental and utility assistance, homeownership 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](http://www.bcapberks.org/budgeting-counseling-services.html)
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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NEED HELP? CALL 2-1-1

Do you need help finding community resources? CALL 2-1-1

2-1-1 provides information on a broad range of services, including child care, after-school programs, food banks, elderly care, basic needs, health services and much more

2-1-1 is a FREE service

Available Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.