

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**
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.

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

201 Penn Street; 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Phone: 866-274-5960

Identification Continued

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
Reading, PA 19611

900 S. Woodward Street
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

Housing Continued

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

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

Food Continued

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: 610-374-7511

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

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

24-hour service, door to door.

Phone: 610-375-3333

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

Berks County Probation/Parole

Berks County Adult Probation Office

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

Phone: 610-478-3400

Berks County Juvenile Probation Office

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

Phone: 610-478-3200

Berks County Domestic Relations

Berks County Domestic Relations Section

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Berks 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/>

Employment Continued

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

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®

Phone: 877-728-5616

Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.

Phone: 610-376-3380

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

1150 Berkshire Boulevard, Suite 210
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

Phone: 610-621-5800

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

www.cwds.state.pa.us

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

3602 Kutztown Road, Suite 200
Reading, PA 19605

Employment Continued

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

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

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

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

Manpower, Inc.

Phone: 610-678-170

Spring Market Shopping Center

3564 Penn Avenue; Suite 6

Sinking Spring, PA 19608

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

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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

Phone: 610-372-2727

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

Phone: 484-335-1000

TAB Staffing

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2209 Quarry Drive

Reading, PA 19609

www.tabstaffing.com

Phone: 610-406-5725

The Performance Group

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

824 Penn Avenue

Wyomissing, PA 19610

www.tpgworks.com

Phone: 610-378-7818

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/

Phone: 610-921-4560

Government Benefits

Public Assistance / Food Stamps / Medical Assistance

Berks County Assistance Office

Phone: 610-736-4211

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

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

Reading State Office Building

625 Cherry St., 3rd Floor lobby

Reading, Pa 19602

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

Senior Life

Phone: 610-404-3200

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

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.

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

201 Penn St., 2nd floor

Reading, Pa 19601

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/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

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

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2762 Century Boulevard, Suite 120

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Catholic Charities

Phone: 610-376-7144

Provides emergency assistance with rent/mortgage and utilities under the Veteran's program

234 Grace Street

Reading, PA 19611

900 S. Woodward Street

Allentown, PA 18103

Hope Rescue Mission

Phone: 610-375-4224

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

Jared Yoder Foundation

Phone: 610-682-4376

Thorough Case management services for veterans

444 Henningsville

Mertztown, PA 19539

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

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. Provides free Narcan. You can learn more about the services the Council funds, and education at: www.councilonchemicalabuse.org

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

50 N. 5th St, 5th floor

Reading, Pa 19601

Treatment Access & Service Center (TASC)

Phone: 610-375-4426

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.

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

Phone: 610-373-4281

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: 610-816-5101

Recovery Coaching Services provides a recovery pathway for parents and individuals struggling with addiction.

505 Penn St 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601

EDI Atonement

Phone: 610-898-7911

Recovery planning, family reunification, employment, and education services.

Walkin-ins welcome.

5 Wyomissing Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610

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 for all locations

Phone: 610-988-4838

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

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 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Schedules vary depending on location.

Health and Dental Services Continued

Berks County State Health Center

Phone: 610-378-4377

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

Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Phone: 610-685-4523

VP: 484-388-4086

BDHHS Interpreting Department

Interpreting services, sign language classes. Information regarding hearing aids and hearing aid assistance.

2045 Centre Avenue
Reading, PA 19605

Centro Hispano

Phone: 610-685-1275

Information and referral regarding healthcare and government forms.

501 Washington Street; 1st Floor
Reading, PA 19601

Co-County Wellness Services

Phone: 610-375-6523

Provides services that address risk behaviors for HIV/STD 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

Farias Medical Clinic

Phone: 610-898-0766

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

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

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

Phone: 610-376-3748

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

Phone: 610-670-9960

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)

Phone: 610-372-4721

Extension: 5322

Provides ABE/GED/ESL classes and GED testing.

11 Riverfront Drive
Reading, PA 19602

Reading Opportunity Center

Phone: 610-370-8540

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

800 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19602

Reading Public Library

Phone: 610-655-6362

Offers computer classes and other various adult classes.

Main Library
100 S. 5th St
Reading, PA 19602

Educational Resources Continued

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

Trade and Technology Schools/Programs

Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC)

Phone: 610-374-4073

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

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

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
Reading, PA 19611

900 S. Woodward Street
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

Family and Parenting Resources Continued

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 Extension: 242

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

Phone: 484-628-9050

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

Pennies

Phone: 717-439-4414

Pregnancy-Health-Coverage-Pennie is a collateral piece you can order free of charge from the website www.pennie.com.

Judy Wechter

jwechter@pa.gov

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

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

2395 Lancaster Pike

Reading, PA 19607

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Resources

Commonwealth Clinical Group New Client Referral

Phone: 610-372-5645

Phone: 844-331-3551

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

450 S. 5th Street
Reading, PA 19602

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 24/7 Bilingual Hotline: (844) 789-SAFE (7233) TEXT 24/7@ SAFE BERKS to 20121

Phone: 610-373-1206

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

Phone: 610-375-4591

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

Berks County Clerk of Courts

Phone: 610-478-6550

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

Centro Hispano

Phone: 610-685-1260

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

Phone: 610-435-1541

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

Phone: 610-370-7296

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.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)

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

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

Phone: 610-478-6490

Berks County Services Center; 1st Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601

www.co.berks.pa.us/elections

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