

# 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; 6<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.dot2e.penndot.gov/driver_services/dllogin)

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

## **Identification Continued**

### **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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.  
317 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

### **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](mailto: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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (yellow church, side entrance)

Reading, PA 19602

## **Food Continued**

### **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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> St from 3:15-4:30 p.m.  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Food Continued**

### **Salvation Army**

**Phone: 610-373-5208**

Last Friday of the month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., emergency food by appointment  
301 S. 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Breakfast club on  
Sundays.  
11 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19602

### **St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Phone: 610-372-6950**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 6-7:30 p.m.  
521 Walnut St  
Reading, PA 19601

### **St. John Missionary Baptist Church**

**Phone: 610-375-6197**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
436 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19602

### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Phone: 610-373-3135**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m.

715 East 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19602

## **Spring Valley Church of God**

**Phone: 610-929-7969**

Free clothing for women, men, and children. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **5<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.yourgoodwill.org/shop/stores-donation-centers/)



# Transportation

## Bus Service

### **BARTA**

**Phone: 610-921-0601**

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

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

[www.bartabus.com](http://www.bartabus.com)

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

- Passes are sold for One Day, 31 Days or 10 Trips
- The current Standard Fare (as of January 2021) is \$1.80, no charge to transfer or ride between different route Zones if used within 2 hours. A One Day Pass is \$4.00 when purchased on the bus and \$3.70 if purchased ahead of time.
- Passes can be purchased at the BARTA Transportation Center at 1700 N. 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19604

## Taxicab Service

### **Reading Metro Taxi**

**Phone: 610-374-5111**

615 Elm Street  
Reading, PA 19601

## **Transportation Continued**

### **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; 7<sup>th</sup> 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; 10<sup>th</sup> 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; 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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

## **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](http://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](http://www.atwork.com)

## **Employment Continued**

### **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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Hwy.

Reading, PA 19605

[www.peopleready.com](http://www.peopleready.com)

## **Employment Continued**

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.tpgworks.com)

**Phone: 610-378-7818**

### **TempStar Staffing**

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

4411N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Highway, Unit 6

Temple, PA 19560

[www.tempstarstaffing.com/industrial-temp-agencies/reading-pa/](http://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](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

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

Reading State Office Building

625 Cherry St., 3<sup>rd</sup> 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., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:officemanager@HopeForReading.org)

645 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Reading, PA 19604

### **Veterans Making a Difference**

**Phone: 484-577-6898**

Aims to help homeless Veterans with meals and guidance

645 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.councilonchemicalabuse.org)

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

50 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St, 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.berkstasc.org)

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

19 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.pacounseling.com)

#### **Reading Psychiatric**

**Phone: 610-685-2188**

125 S. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.oxfordhouse.org)

1045 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/MHDD/Pages/)

633 Court Street; 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

**Phone: 610-207-5184**

### **New Journey Soup Kitchen**

138 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19602

**Phone: 610-375-3310**

### **Hope Rescue Mission**

645 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601

### **Salvation Army**

**Phone: 610-373-5208**

May be able to provide assistance with prescriptions

301 S. 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.racc.edu)

10 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Reading, PA 1960

### **United Community Services**

**Phone: 484-890-0316**

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

Megan Welsh

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# 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Works-Program.aspx)

[Program.aspx](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pennie.com).

Judy Wechter

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# 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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; 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/clerks](http://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; 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.centrohispano.org](http://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](http://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](http://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; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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; 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
[www.co.berks.pa.us/elections](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/elections)

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