

Driver’s License and ID Reinstatement/ Replacement

PA Department of Transportation.....800-932-4600

Call or go online for Driver’s license status/suspense.on info

Berks Co. Domestic Relations Section.....610-478-2900

Handle suspensions related to child support

Berks County Services Center- 6th Floor 633 Court St. Reading, PA

PA Driver’s License Center.....610-775-7728

Renewal fees: DL is \$30.50, ID is \$29.50. Checks/money orders only

600 East Lancaster Avenue Shillington, PA 19607

Social Security Card

Social Security Administration.....1-866-274-5960

Bring photo ID, no cost 201 Penn St. 2nd Floor Reading, PA 19601

Birth Certificate

Fee varies by state (PA is \$20), complete paper or online

application, photo ID is required, family may be able to help apply

Housing

Berks Coalition to End Homelessness.....610-372-7222

Oversight and governance to local agencies receiving HUD funding.

336 S 18th St. Reading, PA 19601

Berks Community Action Program.....610-376-6571

Housing referral. 247 N. 5th St. 1st Floor Reading, PA 19601

Housing Programs and Shelters

Hope Rescue Mission.....610-375-4224

Homeless shelter and rooms for rent. Services available to men only.

645 N. Sixth St. Reading, 19601

Mary’s Shelter610-376-1973

Pregnant women and children only. Must schedule intake interview and meet qualifications. Diaper drive available.

736 Upland Ave. Reading, PA 19607

Opportunity House610-374-4696

430 N. 2nd St. Reading, PA 19601

ADDAPT.....610-478-8800

428 Walnut St. Reading, PA 19601

Berks Counseling Center610-373-4281

Transitional/permanent housing at various locations.

645 Penn St. Reading, PA 19601

Berks County Housing Authority610-370-0822

Subsidized housing: low-income/ elderly individuals.

1803 Butter Lane Reading, PA 19606

Bridge of Hope – Berks County.....610-568-1250

2 yr. holistic program assisting single mothers: must be 20 years of age or older. Must have a GED & 12-24 months of sobriety. Referrals preferred.

300 Church St. Reading 19601

City of Reading Housing Authority.....610-372-3933

Housing assistance to low income families through public housing and section 8 programs. *Must be a Reading resident.*

815 Franklin St. Reading, PA 19602

Easy Does ItLeesport 610-373-2463 , Reading 610-373-955

Transitional & permanent housing for chemically dependent men & women 1300 Hilltop Rd, Leesport and 647 Walnut St, Reading

Family Promise of Berks County.....610-373-3323

Provides housing for low income homeless families in Berks County 325 N 5th St. #1 Reading, PA 19601

Freedom Gate Ministries.....610-750-5685

Christian aftercare support for ex-prisoners.

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

Hogar Crea.....610-372-8410

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

302 S. 5th St. Reading, PA 19602

Mary’s Home.....610-603-8010

Provides up to 2 years of transitional housing for single mothers with newborns. 736 Upland Avenue Reading, PA 19607

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks610-372-843

Educates returning citizens on their rights and responsibilities.

213 N. 5th St. Suite 1030 Reading, PA 19601

New Person Center.....610-777-2222

Transitional housing for men (primarily sexual offenses) coming out of prison. Private Christian faith-based 3 month program. Application process. 730 Philadelphia Ave. Reading, PA 19607

Oxford House – Reading.....610-372-0631

Group Home for recovering male substance abusers. New members must be approved by existing members. 1045 N. 5th St. Reading 19601

Oxford House –East Reading

1806 Perkiomen Avenue Reading, PA 19606

Salvation Army.....610-373-5208

Provides assistance with electric and gas bills.

PO Box 1099 301 S. 5th St. Reading, PA 19601

PA Adult & Teen Challenge Treatment Center 717-933-4181, 717-673-4219

Medical detox, 30 day rehab and 14 mo. Recovery program.

PO Box 98 33 Teen Challenge Road Rehersburg, PA

YMCA of Reading and Berks County.....610-378-4736

Group home settings for chemically dependent, men/ women. Must be Berks County resident for 90 days. History of Arson, Child Abuse, Sex and Violent Crimes not permitted 631 Washington St.

YMCA Camp Joy Program.....20 bed program for men with history of substance abuse and involvement in the Criminal Justice system.

Single Room Occupancy Units – at the YMCA

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

Soup Kitchens / Food Pantries

Holy Trinity Church of God/C.A.R.E.....610-374-0790

130 W. Buttonwood St. Reading 19601 M- F 11:30am to 1:30pm

Kennedy House.....610-378-1947

530 Spruce Street Reading Soup Kitchen Sat-Sun 11:30pm –12:30pm

Food Pantry: Wed. 9:30-11:30am

New Journey United Methodist Church.....610-375-2662

138 S. 6th Street Reading. Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 11:30-12:30p

Mobile Faith Kitchen.....610-621-5227

5th and Penn St. (1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of month starting at 5:30pm and kitchen cupboard Wed. 10am-1pm.....610-375-3310

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Inc.....610-367-6957

Provides services to individuals in Boyertown School District – townships of Amity, Oley, Hereford, District and Pike. Call for appts.

200 W. Spring St. Boyertown, PA 19512

City Reach Church’s Faith.....610-621-5227

1011A Cotton St. Reading, PA 19602

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month 11:30am

Friend, Inc.....610-683-7790

658D Noble St. Kutztown, PA 19530

Must be resident of Fleetwood/Kutztown/Topton/Albany/Greenwich/ Longswamp/Rockland/ Maiden creek/Maxatawny/Richmond/

Ruscombmanor. 658D Noble St. Kutztown, PA 19530

1st & 3rd weeks of the month (Call for appt.)

Greater Berks Food Bank.....610-926-5802

Provides food to local pantries/ soup kitchens/shelters. Call to get food pantry closest to you. 117 Morgan Drive Reading, PA 19608

New Journey United Methodist Church.....610-375-3310

138 S. 6th St. Reading 19602 Kitchen Cupboard: Wed: 10a-12p (Bring ID) Lunch served Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 11:30am-12:30pm

Salvation Army.....610-373-5208

PO Box 1099 301 S. 5th St. Reading, PA 19601. 2nd and last Thursday of month at 4:30pm & Tues. and Thurs. at 9:30am

St. James Chapel Church of God and Christ.....610-375-7537

11 S. 9th St. Reading, PA 19602

4th Wed. of month: 10:00am - 12:00pm (Need ID)

Women Infants & Children.....610-939-8353

Vouchers for healthy food for pregnant/breastfeeding/postpartum women with infants and children under 5yrs.

Clothing Resources

Catholic Charities.....610-376-7144

Assistance with footwear necessary for employment

400 Washington St; Suite 100 Madison Bldg. Reading, PA 19601

City Thrift Shop.....610-376-3320

Clothing for men and women available at a discounted price.

314 Penn St. Reading, PA 19602

Goodwill.....610-777-5250

Clothing and footwear available at a discounted price.

602 E. Lancaster Ave Shillington, PA 19607

Hispanic Center.....610-376-3748

Provides info/referrals/advocacy to those seeking help with basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, health care, education, legal issues, financial concerns, government forms, notary service, job apps.

501 Washington St. Reading, PA 19601

New Journey Community Outreach.....610-375-2662

Clothing Center available at no cost to the public. Back to work clothing available by appointment.

138 S. 6th Street Reading, PA 19602 Fridays 10:30am - 12:30pm

Spring Valley Church of God.....610-929-7969

Free clothing for women, men and children. 1st Sat of each month

10a-12pm (call first to confirm open)

2727 Old Pricetown Road Temple, PA 19560

Hope Rescue Mission.....610-375-4224

Sells used clothing, shoes and furniture at affordable prices.

645 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601

Childcare or Parenting Needs

Berks Community Action Program610-376-6571

Fatherhood Initiative Program – Fathers learn values and responsibility, Family Center and Parenting classes

645 Penn St. Reading, PA 19601

BCIU – Berks County Intermediate Unit..... 610-987-2248

Subsidized childcare for those who are unable to afford it

1111 Commons Boulevard PO Box 16050 Reading, PA 19605

Even Start Family Literacy Program.....484-258-7000

Offers ESL, Parenting skills, PACT and Child Development classes for residents in the Reading School District with children between the ages of 0 and 8 years old.

Second Street Learning Center.....610-374-4696, ext. 242

Accepts childcare subsidies and assists with subsidy enrollment paperwork. Accepts children age 6 weeks to 13 years of age with special needs. 430 N. 2nd St. Reading, PA 19601

Mary’s Shelter.....610-376-1973

Prenatal care/child care. Parenting, relational and housekeeping skills.

Partnering with Diaper Bank. 736 Upland Ave. Reading, PA 19607

Caring Community

Community Prevention Partnership..... 610-921-9820

New Road Ministry.....610-373-3907

Interactive coaching centering on life topics and fellowship around a family-style meal. Hopewell Mennonite Church 6th & Cherry St. Reading, PA 19602 Thursdays at 5:45pm

Domestic Violence

SAFE BERKS.....610-373-1206

24 hr. Bilingual Hotline: 844-789-SAFE (7233)

TEXT LINE: TEXT SAFE BERKS to 20121

255 Chestnut St. Reading, PA 19602

Reentry Guide

A resource guide for returning citizens

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

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

Berks Connections/Pretrial Services

Berks County Courthouse – 16th Floor

633 Court Street

Reading, PA 19601

610-478-6920



United Way of Berks County

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Employment Programs

Pennsylvania CareerLink Berks County.....610-988-1300

Government “one stop” location for employment-related assistance.

www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us 1920 Kutztown Rd, Suite F Reading, PA

Berks Connections/Pretrial Services.....610-478-6920

Referrals/assistance for residents of BCJ-CRC, referred clients of the DOC and Berks County Treatment Courts.

Berks County Courthouse - 16th Fl. 633 Court St. Reading, PA 19601

Berks Personnel Network / Threshold.....610-288-1448

Employment support services; Available to individuals with disabilities/barriers to employment. 1015 Rockland St. Reading, PA 19604

Community Skills Program®.....610-376-3380

Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc. Vocational/psychological testing, job develop & placement, case management and cognitive rehab therapy to people with brain injuries/neurological impairments. Referrals only. 1150 Berkshire Blvd Suite 210 Wyomissing, PA 19610

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.....610-621-5800

Vocational evaluation, training, placement & support services for individuals with disability. Applications online/phone. 3602 Kutztown Road, Suite 200 Reading, PA 19605

United Community Services.....610-374-3319

GED and vocational education, work readiness and on-site construction experience and job placement. 1251 N. Front St. Reading, PA 19601

Hispanic Center.....610-376-3748

Provides assistance with job applications. 501 Washington St. Reading, PA 19601

Public Assistance / Food Stamps / Medical Assistance/Veterans Assistance

Berks County Assistance Office.....610-736-4211

Apply in person or apply online 625 Cherry St. 3rd Floor Reading, PA

Social Security Administration.....866-274-5960

Must be aged, blind, disabled or Medicare eligible through employment to apply. 201 Penn Street, 2nd Floor Reading, PA

Berks VA Clinic.....484-220-2572

Provides Primary Care, nurses, lab, social work, psychiatry, psychology, group therapy support/ counseling, assessments, treatments and referrals to honorably discharged vets and their spouses through the CHAMP program.

2752 Century Blvd. Wyomissing, PA 19610

Berks County Veterans Affairs.....610-378-5601

Submits claims pertaining to service connected benefits/pension/ burial/death benefits/state veteran’s benefits. 726 Cherry St. Reading

Lebanon VA Medical Center(Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Center).....717-272-6621 or 800-409-8771

Substance abuse treatment, vocational and independent living skills programs, Community Transitional Residence Programs, ongoing support, case management and coordination of treatment. 1700 South Lincoln Ave Lebanon, PA 17042

Opportunity House.....610-374-4696

Provides assistance to veterans. 430 N. 2nd. St. Reading, PA 19601

Hope Rescue Mission.....610-375-4224

On site social/resource center for veterans. Single occupancy rooms for homeless veterans. Food, clothing and toiletries available for veterans. 645 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601

Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Referrals and Treatment Treatment Access & Service Center..... 610-375-4426

Intake and assessment services for individuals without private insurance. 19 N. 6th Street Suite 300 Reading, PA 19601

Council on Chemical Abuse.....610-376-8669

Offer educational resources on their website: www.councilonchemicalabuse.org

ADAPPT.....610-478-8800

Intensive drug & alcohol program for state parolees with maximum stay of 90 days where parolees are provided with treatment services. 428 Walnut St. Reading, PA 19601

Berks Counseling Center.....610-373-4281

Outpatient and intensive outpatient counseling services for chemically dependent individuals. 645 Penn Street Reading, PA 19601

Caron Foundation.....610-678-2332

Inpatient and outpatient services for patients 13+ years of age 243 N. Galen Hall Road PO Box 150 Wernersville, PA 19565

Family Guidance Center.....610-374-4963

Outpatient mental health and drug and alcohol therapy. 1235 Penn Avenue; Suite 205-206 Wyomissing, PA 19610

New Directions Treatment Services.....610-478-0646

Dual diagnosis treatment, methadone maintenance and chemical dependency services 20-22 N. 6th Avenue West Reading, PA 19611

Pennsylvania Counseling Services.....610-478-8088

Reading Psychiatric.....610-478-8088

Outpatient and intensive outpatient drug and alcohol counseling 125 S. 5th Street Reading, PA 19602

Reading Hospital Medical Center.....610-988-8070

Drug & alcohol center offers detox, short-term residential, individual/group counseling, aftercare. 401 Buttonwood St. West Reading, PA

Easy Does It, Inc.....610-373-2463

Provides space for 12 step meetings, drug and alcohol free social events. Meetings for AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, Alateen 1300 Hilltop Road, Leesport PA & 647 Walnut Street Reading, PA

Hogar Crea.....610-372-8410

18-20 month intensive drug and alcohol program for males. 302 S. 5th St. Reading, PA 19602

Adult/Teen Challenge Treatment Center.....717-933-4181/717-673-4219

Medical detox, 30 day rehab and 14 month recovery program. 33 Teen Challenge Rd. Rehrersburg, PA 19550

YMCA of Reading and Berks County.....610-378-4736

Group home settings for chemically dependent homeless men and women. Must be resident for at least 90 days. 631 Washington St. Reading, PA 19601

Berks County MH/DD Program.....610-478-3271

Subcontracts with SAM to provide MH and MR programs & administers oversight with the HealthChoices program. 633 Court Street; 8th Floor Berks County Services Center Reading, PA 19601

Service Access Management, Inc.....610-236-0530

Mental Health intake and assessment services for individuals who do not have private insurance. 19 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601

Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance.....610-775-3000

Referral information and advocates for parents and children. 1234 Penn Avenue Wyomissing, PA 19610

Berks Counseling Center.....610-373-4281

Mental health counseling/services for children adolescents and adults. 645 Penn. St. Reading, PA 19601

Child & Family Support Services, Inc..... 610-376-8558

Therapy for adults/couples/families. 4 South 4th St. 2nd Fl. Reading, PA

Family Guidance Center.....610-374-4963

Provides psychiatric services and medication management. 1235 Penn. Ave. Suite 205-206 Wyomissing, PA 19610

New Directions Treatment Services.....610-478-0646

Licensed psychiatric outpatient services for adults, provides evaluation, medications management, psychotherapy. 20-22 N. 6th Ave. West Reading, PA 19611

Mosaic House.....610-375-7840

Psycho/Social rehabilitation center. Assists with a MH/MR diagnosis with education and employment services. 525 Franklin St. Reading, PA 19601

Pennsylvania Counseling Services Reading Psychiatric....610-685-2188

Provides outpatient mental health counseling and psychiatric care. Spanish-speaking services available. 125 S. 5th St. Reading, PA 19609

Pennsylvania Counseling Services Reading-Wyomissing..610-670-7270

Provides mental health counseling. Medical Assistance not accepted. 1733 Penn Ave. Reading, PA 19609

Progressions.....610-375-7454

Outpatient MH/MR therapy for adults, family and children. 144 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601

Reading Hospital Medical Center.....610-988-8070

Provides inpatient and outpatient services as well as partial hospitalization programs for individuals experiencing psychiatric, emotional or behavioral health problems. 6th and Spruce St. West Reading, PA 19611

Health and Dental Needs

Berks County State Health Center.....610-378-4377

Tuberculosis treatment and diagnosis, communicable disease control/investigation, info on PKU, SIDS, Animal Bite and Child Lead Poisoning. 625 Cherry St.; Room 401 Reading

Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services.....610-685-4520

TTY: 610-685-4525 2045 Centre Avenue Reading, PA 19605

Berks Community Health Center.....610-988-4838

838 Penn Street Reading, PA 19602

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

Services for HIV/STD/HCV prevention, risk reduction, counseling, planning, testing and screening in addition to services for HIV positive individuals. 429 Walnut St. Reading, PA 19601

Farias Health Care.....610-898-0766

New patient visits, physicals, sick visits, follow-up appointments and injection. Payment based on household income. 525 Penn St. Reading, PA 19601 Monday – Friday (Hours 8:30am-4:30pm)

Planned Parenthood of Northeast PA.....610-376-8061

Education about safe sex, STD care and prevention, birth control and pregnancy tests to clients under the age of 18 (fees are based on household income) 48 S. 4th Street Reading, PA 19601

St. Joseph Medical Center.....610-378-2445

Dental Clinic 145 N. 6th St. Reading, PA 19601

Salvation Army.....610-373-5208

Prescription Assistance when funds available. 301 S. 5th St. Reading

Western Berks Free Medical Clinic610-693-6207

Clinic at St. Daniel’s Lutheran Church and meets the minor acute healthcare needs 480 Big Spring Road Besonia, PA 19551

Wednesdays beginning at 6pm by appointments only. Women’s Clinic 3rd Tues. of every month by appt. only

GED/ESL/Education Related Assistance

Catholic Charities.....610-376-7144

Provides GED and job training. 400 Washington St. Suite 100 Madison Bldg. Reading, PA 19601

Even Start Family Literacy Program.....610-370-8540 ext. 60218

ESL/ Parenting skills/PACT/Child Development classes for residents in the Reading School District: children between 0-8 yrs. old

Hispanic Center.....610-376-3748

Refers to appropriate agencies who provide ESL testing. 501 Washington St. Reading, PA 19601

Literacy Council of Reading / Berks.....610-670-9960

Workplace foundation skills training, support, materials and linkage services for clients. Also offers ESL classes and 1:1 literacy trainings and GED classes. 35 South Dwight Street West Lawn, PA 19609

Reading Area Community College (RACC).....610-372-4721 ext. 5322

ABE/GED/ESL classes & GED testing. 10 S 2nd Street Reading 111 Riverfront Dr. Reading, PA 19602

United Community Services.....610-374-3319

YouthBuild Program provides 17-24 yr. olds with GED and vocational education, on site construction experience and job placement 1251 N. Front St. Reading, PA 19601

Wisdom 31.....610-373-5777

Beginning intermediate and advanced ESL classes as well as citizenship classes. 640 Centre Avenue Reading, PA 19601

Berks County Career & Technology Center.....610-374-4073

1057 County Road Leesport, PA 19533

Berks Technical Institute.....610-372-1722

2205 Ridgewood Road Wyomissing, PA 19610

Lead.....610-624-3712

Charter school provides Associate’s Degrees in human services 401 Penn St. Reading, PA 19601

RACC Schmidt Training and Technology Center.....610-372-4721

10 S. 2nd St. Reading, PA 19603

Bus and Taxi

BARTA.....610-921-0601

www.bartabus.com 1700 N. 11th St. Cost: \$1.70 plus \$0.25 to transfer or ride between different route Zones. 1 Day Pass is \$4 when purchased on the bus and \$3 if purchased ahead

Inter-City Bus Terminal.....610-373-9911

Bus transportation between Reading and surrounding cities 20 N. 3rd St. Reading, PA 19601

Reading Metro Taxi.....610-374-5111

615 Elm Street Reading, PA 19601

Grab-A-Cab.....610-478-1111

YMCA Reconnect Program.....610-378-4700

Transportation costs to reconnect with supportive services and loved ones outside the Berks County area. 631 Washington St. Reading, PA

Miscellaneous

Berks Community Action Program610-376-6571

Budgeting assistance/credit repair/tax assistance 247 N. 5th Street, 1st Floor Reading, PA

Berks Co. Election Services.....610-478-6490

Berks County Services Center – 1st Fl. 633 Court St. Reading, PA

Legal Services

Pennsylvania State Parole.....610-378-4331

Reading State Office Building 633 Cherry Street Reading, PA

Berks Co. Adult Probation & Parole Office.....610-478-3400

633 Court St, 7th Floor Reading, PA Mon. – Fri. 8am – 5pm

Berks Co. Juvenile Probation Office610-478-3200

633 Court St, 10th Floor Reading, PA Mon.-Fri. 8am – 5pm

Berks Co. Domestic Relations Section.....610-478-2900

633 Court St, 6th Floor Reading, PA Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm

Berks County Bar Association..... 610-375-4591

Lawyer Referral Service 544 Court Street Reading, PA

Berks County Clerk of Courts.....610-478-6550

Access your record and pay criminal case fines and costs. Berks County Courthouse – 4th Fl. 633 Court St. Reading, PA

Mid-Penn Legal Services.....1-800-326-9177

Provides legal services for Barriers to Employment, Custody, Domestic Violence, Debt Collection, Housing (including landlord/tenant issues and utility issues), SSI/SSD, unemployment, wage claims and welfare issues. 501 Washington Street – 4th Floor Reading, PA 19601

Pennsylvania Prison Society.....215-564-4775

Reviews prison conditions & provides assistance with inmate rights/advocacy. 245 N. Broad St; Suite 200 Philadelphia, PA

Hispanic Center.....610-376-3748

Provides info. and referrals regarding legal issues and government forms. 501 Washington St. Reading, PA