

GENERAL RESOURCES FOR RELEASING OFFENDERS (04/18/18, Version 2)

Health Insurance

- BadgerCare Plus
 - ✓ With your social worker, apply for Badger Care Plus on the **20th of the month prior to your scheduled release date**
 - ✓ Rides, Gas Money, & bus Tickets for Medical Appointments
 - ✓ Apply online at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>, in person at your county or tribal agency, or call 1-800-362-3002

Medication/Prescription Assistance

- **Access Wisconsin** – apply online for at <https://www.access.wisconsin.gov>
- **Wisconsin ADAP** (AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program) - HIV/AIDS medications. Call 1-800-991-5532.

Food

- **FoodShare Wisconsin** – Apply online at <https://www.access.wisconsin.gov>, or by phone at 1-800-362-3002
- **Feeding America** - Emergency Food Assistance (Food Banks, Mobile Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, etc.) - To find a food bank in your county, go to this website: <http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank/>. Enter your zip code, and you will be routed to the website for the Foodbank that serves your area.

Housing/Shelter

- **WIBOSCOC** (Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care) - Assistance with emergency shelters, 24 hour shelters, hotel vouchers, transitional housing programs, rapid rehousing, eviction prevention – <http://www.wiboscoc.org> – Click on the “Find Services” tab, and select your county/geographic area. Alternatively, call 1-800-569-4287.
- **Salvation Army** - Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing http://www.salvationarmywi.org/wum/social_services_housing
- **Goodwill** – <http://www.goodwill.org> add services
- **Homeless Services Consortium** - For shelter and other housing or financial information call 1-855-510-2323.

Employment & Education

- **CCEP** (Community Corrections Employment Program) –Work experience, on-the-job training, and educational and training assistance. Ask your agent to refer you to the CCEP Coordinator.
- **FSET** (FoodShare Employment and Training Program) – if a FoodShare member, you can receive free services to build job skills and find jobs.
- **Workforce Development Board** – Connect with your local Workforce Development Board to access Wisconsin Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding opportunities. These opportunities include employment, postsecondary credentials, on the job training/apprenticeships, etc.
- **DWD** (Department of Workforce Department) – Employment searches, unemployment services, etc. <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov>
- **Job Center of Wisconsin** – Ex-offender Toolkit, Job search, apprenticeships, training programs at <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org>
- **Wisconsin Technical College System** – Free HSED/GED programs; job training and education programs with employers in critical industry sectors. Call 608-266-1207, or contact your nearest technical college.
- Tools to help a job applicant with risk factors (criminal record, etc.) get and keep a job
 - ✓ Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) – Employer can claim a \$2400 tax credit for hiring individuals with significant barriers to employment.
 - ✓ Fidelity Bonding - Free employer insurance policy of up to \$5000 for hiring an applicant with a risk factor in the applicant’s background.

Mental Health

- **OARS** (Opening Avenues to Reentry Success) – DOC & DHS program providing assistance with obtaining/maintaining safe and affordable housing; access to psychiatric care and medications; access to local transportation, budgeting and financial resources; access to educational programs, employment, treatment and social support. Talk to your social worker to discuss eligibility requirements.

MULTI-SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ACCESS (Access to Eligibility Support Services)

- Apply online at <https://access.wisconsin.gov> for the following services: BadgerCare Plus, FoodShare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, SeniorCare, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Child Care, Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, Wisconsin Works (W-2), WIC, State Life Insurance Fund.

Benefits.gov

- A single source federal government website that can assist you in learning which benefits you may be eligible for, including: FoodShare, BadgerCare Plus, Head Start, WI Home Energy Assistance Program, Medicaid, WI School Breakfast and Lunch Program, WI Special Milk Program, WI Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), WI Summer Food Service, WI Unemployment Insurance, WI Weatherization Assistance, Wisconsin Works (W-2). <https://www.Benefits.gov>

2-1-1 Wisconsin

- Call 2-1-1 for up to date community resources information. Or go online to search for available services in Wisconsin relating to the following: Health Insurance, Food Services, Tax Assistance, Immigration Issues, Utility Assistance, Children & Families, Housing & Shelter, Mental Health, Employment & Education, Veterans, Transportation, Substance Use Disorder, Aging and Disabilities, Domestic Violence. <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org> or call 2-1-1.

WISCAP (Wisconsin Community Action Program Association)

- Grant funded programs serving low-income families with various services and assistance programs (depending on your county). Go to <http://wiscap.org/member-agencies> and click on your county to locate contact details for their community action agency. [NOTE: Community Action agencies are in all counties except Calumet, Washington, Ozaukee.]

Salvation Army

- Housing, Nutrition, Child Care Programs, Basic Needs (Rent / Utilities Assistance), etc. To find what services are offered in your area, go to <http://salvationarmyusa.org> then select “Locations” and enter your zip code. Alternatively, call the Wisconsin Divisional Headquarters at 1-800-264-6412 {Milwaukee residents call 414-459-3900}

Goodwill Industries

- Family Support Services, Housing, Clothing Assistance, Child-Care and After-School Programs, Tax Preparation, Entrepreneur Resources, etc. Go to the following website to see what programs are available in your county/area. <http://www.goodwill.org/find-jobs-and-services/personal-and-family-services/>

Fairshake Reentry Resource Center

- National Web-based reentry resource center to connect you to many local resources for education, transportation, clothing, finances, health, food, etc. <http://www.fairshake.net>