



HUDSON VALLEY
Connections

A Resource Guide for Ex-Offenders
returning to Columbia, Dutchess,
Greene, Putnam or Ulster Counties
in New York State

Free and Confidential

**UNITED WAY'S
2-1-1**



A HELPLINE FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY

REAL PEOPLE GIVING REAL ANSWERS

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.hudson211.org

Knowledgeable call specialists available to listen, to care, and most of all to give you the information you need on: **Food, Housing & Shelters, Abuse prevention, Government services, Senior services, Health and mental health, Child care, Youth programs, Job assistance, Substance abuse and more.**

County Re-Entry Task Force Program

The Task Force in your community may be able to help you:

- Obtain identification such as a non-driver's license or Social Security card.
- Find a job and/or a place to live.
- Find services to promote your growth and good behavior.
- Reconnect with family and community.

Available in...

Columbia County

C/O First Reformed Church
52 Green St.
Hudson, NY 12534
Phone: (518) 828-1604

Dutchess County

C/O Exodus Transitional Community
85 Cannon St.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: (845) 452-7620

Ulster County

C/O Family of Woodstock, Inc.
39 John St., PO Box 3516
Kingston, NY 12402
Phone: (845) 331-7080

Adult Education & Literacy Providers

Columbia-Greene Counties

Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley
Hudson Area Association Library
51 N. 5th St., Hudson NY 12534
Phone: 518-828-1792 ext. 104

Questar III BOCES
Columbia County Office
Phone: 518-828-4157 ext. 7252

Greene County Office
Phone: 518-943-9434

Dutchess County

Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley
504 Haight Ave
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Phone: 845-452-8670

Dutchess BOCES Adult Learning Institute
One Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-483-3640

Putnam County

Putnam / Northern Westchester BOCES
Phone: 914-248-2414

Ulster County

Ulster Literacy Association
480 Aaron Court
Kingston, NY 12401
Phone: 845-331-6837

Ulster BOCES
175 Route 32 North
New Paltz, NY 12561
Phone: 845-331-5050 ext. 2821

Orange / Ulster BOCES Adult Education
Phone: 845-781-6715 ext. 2

Resources

The Fortune Society

29-76 Northern Boulevard
Long Island City, NY 11101
Phone: 212-691-7554
<http://fortunesociety.org/>
Mission is to support successful reentry from prison and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

Legal Action Center

225 Varick Street
New York, NY 10014
Phone: 1-800-223-4044
<http://www.lac.org>
Mission is to help people rebuild their lives with dignity. Information & free downloadable publications including:

- Your New York Rap Sheet: A guide to getting, understanding & correcting your criminal record
- Criminal Records & Employment: Protecting yourself from discrimination
- How to Gather Evidence of Rehabilitation

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Serving: Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan counties
Phone: 1-877-574-8529 (1-877-LSHV-LAW)

New York State Career Centers

Columbia-Greene Counties

Columbia-Greene Community College
4400 Route 23
Hudson, NY 12534
Phone: 518-828-4181 Ext. 5510

Dutchess County

Dutchess Career Center
191 Main Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-473-9000

Putnam County

Westchester/Putnam Career Center
110 Old Rte. 6
Building 3
Carmel, NY 10512
Phone: 845-808-1651 ext. 46600

Ulster County

Ulster County Career Center
521 Boices Lane
Kingston, NY 12401
Phone: 845-443-8066

New York State Career Centers: Convenient NO COST Job Search Services

Career Counseling

Our counselors will help you assess your needs, skills and interests. They will guide you through a step-by-step approach to your job search and your re-entry into the workforce.

Resume Development

Expert staff will help you to write and design a resume that gets results. Our SMART program will help match you to job openings. We will show you how to tailor your resume for firms that use resume scanning software and how to market your skills on the Internet.

Career Workshops

You can explore topics in a group setting, including:

- Job Search Strategies
- Networking
- Salary Negotiations
- Motivational Issues
- Transferring Skills
- Resume Preparation
- Managing Stress
- Finances and Budgeting
- Practice Interviewing
- Obtaining a Job and Keeping It
- Moving Up with Your Employer

Computers/Internet Access

Job seekers can use our personal computers, equipped with high-speed Internet connections. You'll learn how to tap the Internet to locate jobs around New York State and across the nation. We also have hardware and software for the visually impaired.

Find Your Career Center

Visit: www.labor.ny.gov/career-center-locator

Computer Workshops

We offer workshops in Microsoft Office Applications, QuickBooks, Internet Applications and various graphics programs.

Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language

We can refer you to free courses to obtain a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and/or to improve your English-language skills.

Phones, Faxes and Copiers

We have telephones that allow you to speak privately to prospective employers, both locally and throughout the United States. There are faxes and copiers for your use at no charge, as well as a TDD/TTY line.

Career Resource Library

Our library has books, videos, newspapers, special directories and other materials related to careers, as well as job search and labor market information.

Job Search Resources and Job Placement Assistance

Employers throughout New York State list diverse job openings with the Labor Department. Many employers use our centers to conduct on-site interviews. Placement Specialists can help you make a targeted job search.

Vocational Classroom Training (For Those Who Qualify)

We can provide short-term training for long-term careers. (Subject to funding availability and program regulations.)

Internet-Based Job/Talent Bank

You can use this site to post your resume and search local or national job openings from your home at any hour of the day or night. Go to: www.labor.ny.gov/jobs

A Division of the New York State Department of Labor



**Looking for a new job?
Looking for ways to connect as a family?
Looking for ways to save money?**

———— We've got what you need! ————

Find your local library at midhudson.org/libraries

Columbia County

Chatham Public Library & Canaan Branch Library
Claverack Library
Germantown Library
Hudson Area Association Library
Kinderhook Memorial Library
Livingston Free Library
New Lebanon Library
North Chatham Free Library
Philmont Public Library
Roeliff Jansen Community Library / Hillsdale, Copake & Ancram
Valatie Free Library

Dutchess County

Adriance Memorial Library & Boardman Rd. Branch Library / Poughkeepsie
Amenia Free Library
Beekman Library

Blodgett Memorial Library / Fishkill

Clinton Community Library
Dover Plains Library
East Fishkill Community Library
Grinnell Public Library District / Wappingers Falls
Howland Public Library / Beacon
Hyde Park Library District
LaGrange Association Library
Millbrook Library
Morton Memorial Library and Community House / Rhinecliff
Northeast-Millerton Library
Pawling Free Library
Pine Plains Free Library
Pleasant Valley Library
Red Hook Public Library
Staatsburg Library
Stanford Free Library
Starr Library / Rhinebeck
Tivoli Free Library

Greene County

Cairo Public Library
Catskill Public Library & Palenville Branch Library
D.R. Evarts Library / Athens
Greenville Public Library
Mountain Top Library / Tannersville
Heermance Memorial Library / Coxsackie
Hunter Public Library
Windham Public Library

Putnam County

Brewster Public Library
Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library / Cold Spring
Desmond-Fish Library /Garrison
Kent Public Library
Mahopac Public Library
Patterson Library
Putnam Valley Free Library
Reed Memorial Library / Carmel

Ulster County

Elting Memorial Library / New Paltz
Town of Esopus Library
Highland Public Library & Clintondale Branch Library
Hurley Library
Kingston Library
Marlboro Free Library
Morton Memorial Library / Pine Hill
Olive Free Library Association
Phoenicia Library
Plattekill Public Library
Rosendale Library
Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library / Milton
Saugerties Public Library
Stone Ridge Library
Town of Esopus Library
Town of Ulster Public Library
West Hurley Public Library
Woodstock Public Library District



As a resident of the Hudson Valley, the public library in your town is for *YOU*, with information on jobs, health, education, and for leisure activities...all at no charge, already paid by taxes. All have free public computers & Internet. A free library card is available for residents—to get one present valid photo identification and proof of address (for example a recently postmarked envelope with your current address, such as a utility bill).