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# HUDSON VALLEY, CONNECTIONS

A Resource Guide for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals returning to Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam or Ulster Counties in New York State

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# A HELPLINE FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY REAL PEOPLE GIVING REAL ANSWERS

# Dial 2-1-1 or visit https://www.211hudsonvalley.org/

Toll-Free Alternative Number: 1-800-899-1479

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.

#### Available in...

#### **Columbia County**

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

- Find a job and/or a place to live.
- Reconnect with family and community.

#### **Dutchess County**

C/O Exodus Transitional Community 97-99 Cannon St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Phone: 845-452-7620

- Find services to promote your growth and good behavior.

#### **Ulster County**

C/O Family of Woodstock, Inc. 39 John St. Kingston, NY 12402 Phone: 845-331-7080 After Hours: 845-338-2370

### **Adult Education & Literacy**

#### **Columbia-Greene Counties**

#### Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley

Hudson Area Library 51 N. 5th St., Hudson NY 12534 Phone: 518-828-1792 ext. 104

#### Questar III BOCES

Adult Education and Workforce Development Phone: 518-479-6838

#### **Dutchess County**

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

#### **Dutchess BOCES Adult Learning Institute**

5 Boces Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Phone: 845-483-3640

#### **Putnam County**

#### **Putnam / Northern Westchester BOCES** Adult Education Office Phone: 914-248-2431

#### **Ulster County**

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

#### **Ulster BOCES Assistant Director of Adult Education** Phone: 845-331-5050 ext. 2821

**Orange / Ulster BOCES Adult Education** Phone: 845-781-6715

#### Resources

#### The Fortune Society

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

#### Legal Action Center

225 Varick Street, 4th Floor New York, NY 10014 Phone: 212-243-1313 https://www.lac.org The Legal Action Center (LAC) uses legal and policy strategies to fight discrimination, build health equity, and restore opportunity for people with arrest and conviction records, substance use disorders, and HIV or AIDS.

#### Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley provides free civil legal assistance to low-income individuals and does not charge our clients for legal services.

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

### **Career Centers**

#### **Columbia County Career Center** 4400 Route 23 Hudson, NY 12534 Phone: 518-828-4181 ext. 5510

#### **Dutchess Career Center**

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

#### Westchester - Putnam Career Center

110 Old Rte. 6, Building #3 Carmel, NY 10512 Phone: 845-808-1651 ext. 46600

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

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### 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 process to help you in your job search.

#### **RESUME DEVELOPMENT**

Expert staff will help you write and design a resume that gets results. We will show you how to tailor your resume and how to market your skills on the Internet.

#### WORKSHOPS AND JOB CLUBS

You can explore topics in a group setting, including:

- Job search strategies
- Networking
- Salary negotiations
- Transferring skills
- Resume preparation
- Managing stress
- Finances and budgeting
- Practice interviewing

# RESOURCE ROOMS: COMPUTER / INTERNET, PHONE, FAX AND COPIER ACCESS

Job seekers can use our personal computers, equipped with high-speed Internet connections. We have telephones that allow you to speak privately to prospective employers. There are printers, copiers and faxes available for your use at no charge.

# ADULT BASIC EDUCATION / ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

We can refer you to no-cost courses to help you earn a high school equivalency diploma or to improve your English-language skills.

#### JOB SEARCH RESOURCES AND JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

Businesses throughout New York State list job openings with the Labor Department. You can review job boards and online job openings. Placement Specialists can also help you make a targeted job search.

#### **EVENTS AND RECRUITMENTS**

Many businesses use our centers to conduct job recruitments and on-site interviews. Visit **www.labor.ny.gov** or ask our Career Center staff for a list of upcoming recruitments and events.

#### VOCATIONAL CLASSROOM AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY)

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

#### **ONLINE JOB / TALENT BANKS**

Jobs Express – **jobs.ny.gov** – sorts the thousands of jobs listed on New York State's Job Bank by region to help you evaluate current job openings in New York's ten regional economies. You can also visit **www.jobzone.ny.gov** to post your resume, and search local or national job openings.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS AND ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

If you have a disability and need an accommodation or assistance in order to fully benefit from services offered at the Career Center, please let our staff know. Our Career Centers have adaptive technology to help you access resources, including: screen readers, magnifiers, textto-speech software, TTY text telephone, trackball, and large-print keyboards.

#### FIND YOUR CAREER CENTER

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



#### 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 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, Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library and Boardman Rd. Branch Library / Poughkeepsie

Amenia Free Library

Beekman Library

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

Blodgett Memorial Library / Fishkill

Starr Library / Rhinebeck Tivoli Free Library

Stanford 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 Public Library / Garrison Kent Public Library Mahopac Public Library Patterson Library

Putnam Valley Free Library

#### **Ulster County**

Elting Memorial Library / New Paltz Town of Esopus Library Highland Public 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).