

Resources for Ex-Offenders and Advocates

Websites

National Hire Network

www.hirenetwork.org

- assist with survival, stabilization, and self-sufficiency needs
- free publications to learn about transitional issues
- information on companies that get paid to hire ex-offenders
- state-specific rules and procedures to follow
- both a national clearinghouse for information and an advocate for policy change

After Prison: Roadblocks to Re-entry

www.lac.org

- legal barriers for those with records
- LAC advocates adoption of public policies that:
 - protect people in recovery or still suffering from addiction, people with HIV/AIDS, and people with criminal records against discrimination in employment, housing, benefits, zoning and other areas, and violations of privacy
- reform mandatory sentencing laws to enable community sanctioning of appropriate—especially non-violent, often addicted—offenders
- expand funding for community corrections, including alternatives to incarceration

Eastbay Works

<http://www.eastbayworks.org/categories.php?id=343>

- database of websites helping connect ex-offenders with employment opportunities

Family and Corrections Network

www.fcnetwork.org

- provide ways for those concerned with families of prisoners to share information and experiences in an atmosphere of mutual respect
- advocates criminal justice policy reform that upholds the value of families;
- encourage networking among families of prisoners for mutual support and cooperative action
- creates opportunities for linking with and learning from families of prisoners.

Ex-Offenders Job Search in the USA

http://www.cvtips.com/job_search_ex_offender.html

- job search information center with information targeted to ex-offenders

Federal Bureau of Prisons

http://www.bop.gov/inmate_programs/itb/refereces.jsp

- provides employment resources

How to do good after prison place

www.jointfx.com

- created by ex-inmate Michael B. Jackson to help ex-offenders find success after incarceration

Getting back to work: employment programs for ex-offenders

<http://www.nicic.org/Library/016727>

- issues surrounding ex-offender employment programs are discussed
- five case studies of ex-offender employment programs

Books for Ex-Offenders and Advocates***Best resumes and letters for ex-offenders***, by Wendy S. Enelow

- Step-by step instructions on creating resumes and cover letters specifically designed for ex-offenders

Clean, sober and unemployed: Strategies for the post-rehabilitation job seeker, by Carter E. Elliot

- Job hunting strategies for drug and alcohol addicts and those with poor employment histories

Double you: the person you are and the person you are meant to be, by Ronald C. Mendlin

- Prepares the ex-offender for the job search by including basic job search resources and life skills for living on the outside world

Ex-Inmate's Complete Guide to Successful Employment, by Errol Craig Sull

- Designed for soon-to-be released or newly released ex-offenders
- Discusses how to answer difficult questions, gives advice on resume writing, interviewing, and provides tips on managing stress

Expungement: freedom from the disability and life sentence of a legal record, by J.D. Eastman

- A guide to clearing your criminal record

No one is unemployable: creative solutions for overcoming barriers to employment, by Debra L. Angel

- Includes a 10 step approach for overcoming barriers to employment

Videos***After prison: how the ex-convict can find a place to live, get work, and stay straight***

- Inmates answer questions including: What can I do about housing? How can I overcome stigma? What do I tell potential employers?

Putting the bars behind you: a guide to job interviewing for the ex-offender

- Provides job search and interview skills for the ex-offender

Self-Help/Inspirational Resources***How to do good after prison: a handbook for the committed man***, by Michael B. Jackson

- A young man turns his life around after being incarcerated at the age of 18
- Learned to direct his anger towards positive change

Cooked: from the streets to the stove, from cocaine to foie gras, by Jeff Henderson

- Sentenced to 19 years in prison for dealing cocaine, Jeff Henderson found inspiration and direction while working in the prison kitchen which gave him the skills he needed to eventually work for the Caesar's Palace Hotel

Legal Resources***Center for Law and Social Policy***

<http://www.clasp.org/publications.php?id=10#0>

- Organization dedicated to encourage policies and programs that help, not hinder, ex-offenders make a fresh start with their families and the labor market
- A collection of policy briefs, fact sheets, legislative and regulatory analyses, presentations, and testimonies for ex-offenders

National American Civil Liberties Union

www.aclu.org

- A national non-profit organization which actively helps fight for the civil liberties of individuals

National Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

www.eeoc.gov

- A federal organization which enforces Title VII (prevents employment discrimination) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Criminal Record Repository

State's department of law enforcement

Ex. www.fdle.state.fl.us/CriminalHistory

- Obtain a copy of rap sheet and learn about sealing, expunging, or cleaning it up