



Corrections to Community Workshop Resources

Resources for Workshop 5: From Corrections to Community, from MassHousing's 2011 Community Services Conference.

Statewide Resources

Worcester Homeless Action Committee Discharge Planning Guide

The [WHAC Discharge Planning Guide](#) is a compilation of housing programs and resources available statewide in Massachusetts for people exiting institutions such as jails, prisons, or hospitals. [www.greaterworcesterhomeless.org/resources/WHAC DischargeGuid Web.pdf](http://www.greaterworcesterhomeless.org/resources/WHAC_DischargeGuid Web.pdf)

Coming Home Directory

www.cominghomedirectory.org

The transition of offenders from incarceration to the community is a difficult time for ex-offenders and this transition affects their families and the communities to which they return. This directory is intended to identify and describe the many services and agencies in these communities that provide the type of assistance that can mean the difference between an ex-offender's success and a return to prison or jail.

Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) - the Juvenile Division of the Public Defender Agency, the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS).

www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/contact/contactyad.html

Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS)

www.mass.gov/DYS

Direct link to DYS offices statewide

www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2terminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Department+of+Youth+Services&sid=Eeohhs2&b=terminalcontent&f=dys_g_dys_contact&csid=Eeohhs2

Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF)

www.mass.gov/DCF

Direct link to DCF offices statewide:

www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2terminal&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Department+of+Children+and+Families&L4=Contact+Us&sid=Eeohhs2&b=terminalcontent&f=dss_g_dss_offices&csid=Eeohhs2

DCF- Adolescent services, including tuition assistance for DCF youth

www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2subtopic&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Consumer&L2=Family+Services&L3=Services+for+Youth&L4=Adolescent+Services&sid=Eeohhs2

DCF regulations regarding providing care to 18 to 22 year olds

www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dss/regs/110cmr8.pdf

Worcester / Central MA Area Resources

Center for Nonviolent Solutions

901 Pleasant Street
Worcester, MA 01602
(774) 641-1566

www.nonviolentsolution.org

Mosaic Culture Complex

YMCA
766 Main Street
Worcester, MA
Brenda Jenkins or Nate Pickens (508) 755-6101 x-286

MCC aids ex-prisoners, the homeless, young adults who wish to leave the violence of the streets, and many others, linking them to social services or simply providing a listening ear. Referrals cover everything from food stamp assistance to accessing an education at one of the local colleges. The MCC program also provides life coaches, former participants in the Mosaic Culture Complex who now serve as mentors.

Worcester Youth Center

326 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
508-791-4702

www.worcesteryouthcenter.org

Our mission is to provide a place where young people can build lasting, positive changes in their lives. We accomplish this mission by seeking resources, collaborations and opportunities that help young people to realize their full potential, sharpen skills and enable them to become vital, responsible and contributing members of society.

Y.O.U., Inc.

81 Plantation Street,
Worcester, MA 01604
(508) 849-5600

www.youinc.org

Y.O.U., Inc. offers a comprehensive continuum of human services to more than 8,000 children, adolescents, and families each year in Central Massachusetts. We have five distinct service areas: Community-Based Services, Educational and Vocational Schools, Family Centers containing Licensed Mental Health and Substance Abuse Clinics, Residential Out of Home Services, and Family Networks.

Chelsea

ROCA

www.rocainc.org

Lowell

UTEC

www.utec-lowell.org

Related Websites and Bibliography

The Council of State Governments

Justice Center

www.justicecenter.csg.org

Justice Center June 15, 2011 Webinar

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/announcements/webinar-on-how-education-and-work-can-contribute-to-a-strong-juvenile-reentry-plan

National Reentry Resource Center

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org

Massachusetts Recidivism Study: A Closer Look at Releases and Returns to Prison

Urban Institute

Kohl, Rhiana, April 2008

Service Coordination Strengthens Youth Reentry

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/publications/service_coordination_strengthens_youth_reentry

National Collaboration for Youth / National Juvenile Justice Network

May 2006

The Dimensions, Pathways and Consequences of Youth Reentry

www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/410927_youth_reentry.pdf

Urban Institute Justice Policy Center

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State Sentencing and Corrections Program, Preventing Homelessness Among People Leaving Prison

Vera Institute of Justice
Rodriguez, Nina, Dec. 2003

Employment and Training for Court-Involved Youth

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/publications/employment-and-training-for-court-involved-youth

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November 2000