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LETTER FROM THE STATE LIBRARIAN

Dear Fresh Start Participants,

Public libraries have existed for hundreds of years as the heart of communities. They are welcoming, safe spaces for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The New Jersey State Library has a mission to ensure that all New Jersey residents have equal access to library services and to the information resources they need to achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals. For returning citizens, this path can sometimes be complicated and challenging, and too often leads to recidivism. We recognize the gaps in resources and services that may exist locally, and we are committed to changing this by offering supplemental library programs that assist returning citizens in their transition home.

We are proud to partner with the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, the New Jersey State Parole Board, and the Long Branch Free Public Library (LBFPL) to expand the progressive vision of Library Director Tonya Garcia and provide support to returning citizens in their local public libraries. In 2009, Garcia launched Fresh Start in LBFPL’s technology lab, offering workshops that taught computer skills, job search, resume writing skills, and offered personalized support. With generous funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), we are now able to leverage the Long Branch Free Public Library’s original program and bring reentry services to six public libraries throughout the state. This IMLS grant will enable us to provide one-on-one counseling with a licensed social worker at each participating library, and it will fund payment for 100 people at each location to take the high school equivalency examination.

We are proud of the Fresh Start @ Your Library team:

Peggy Cadigan, Deputy State Librarian for Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, Program Director
Jondhi Harrell, Program Manager
Nicole Warren, LSW, Social Worker
Sarah Swiderski, LSW, Social Worker

Our hope is that Fresh Start will give you the tools, resources, and support you need to help you make a smooth and successful transition back to your community. On behalf of the New Jersey State Library and our partners, we wish you well as you begin a Fresh Start @ Your Library.

Mary L. Chute
State Librarian
YOUR FRESH START TEAM

PATERNSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
250 Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07501
973-321-1223
www.patrononpl.org

Social Worker | Nicole Warren
nwarren@njstatelibrary.org
609-847-9420 (Cell)
609-278-2640 ext. 180

THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
5 Washington St., Newark, NJ 07102
973-733-7784
www.npl.org

Social Worker | Nicole Warren
nwarren@njstatelibrary.org
609-847-9420 (Cell)
609-278-2640 ext. 180

LONG BRANCH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
328 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-222-3900
www.longbranchlib.org

Social Worker | David Perez
dperez.lbpl@gmail.com
732-222-3900

CUMBERLAND COUNTY LIBRARY
800 E. Commerce St, Bridgeton, NJ 08302
856-453-2210
www.ccclnj.org

Social Worker | Sarah Swiderski
sswiderski@njstatelibrary.org
609-847-9273 (Cell)
609-278-2640 ext. 170

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1 North Tennessee Ave., Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-345-2269
www.acfpl.org

Social Worker | Sarah Swiderski
sswiderski@njstatelibrary.org
609-847-9273 (Cell)
609-278-2640 ext. 170

TRENTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
120 Academy St., Trenton, NJ 08608
609-392-7188
www.trentonlib.org

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PATERSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
250 Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07501
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Social Worker | Nicole Warren
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609-847-9420 (Cell)
609-278-2640 ext. 180

2020 GUIDE TO A FRESH START @ YOUR LIBRARY
YOUR FRESH START SERVICES

MONTHLY RESOURCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Check our website and ask your library to find out when service providers and employers will visit Fresh Start libraries to answer questions and give information about their offerings.

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT SESSIONS: Schedule time to meet weekly or biweekly with one of our Fresh Start social workers to privately discuss your needs, develop goals, and find resources. When social workers are not available on site, visit the program liaison at one of your Fresh Start libraries.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDES: Visit your Fresh Start library to pick up a free booklet of contacts for obtaining identification, housing, employment, and other resources.

EARN YOUR GED: Use computers at Fresh Start libraries to get ready for the GED at your own pace, using the Aztec GED Prep Services. When you’re ready, you have a chance to be one of 100 participants to take the exam for free.

LONG BRANCH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

IN-PERSON

Career and Technology Center offers a variety of programs, all FREE of charge. If you need job search assistance, resume and cover letter building, public computer usage, basic computer skills instruction, WiFi, printing, faxing, scanning, and more. Contact our Community Engagement Librarian, Kate Angelo, MLIS or our Library Assistant, Mariela Osorio at 732-222-3900 ext. 2270. You can also email Kate at kangelo.lbpl@gmail.com and Mariela at mosorio.lbpl@gmail.com.

Social Work Office offers one-on-one sessions, advocacy, resource and referral services, and so much more with a professional library social worker, FREE of charge. Contact David Perez, MSW at 732-222-3900 ext. 2290 or email at dperez.lbpl@gmail.com.

ONLINE

Virtual Reentry Resource Center provides important information to help formerly incarcerated people in our community: www.FreshStartLibrary.org

Business, Research, and Educational Research Tools are accessible with your library card. Online tools can be found on our main library website page: www.longbranchlib.org/

Grow with Google - allows us to offer tools and resources that help patrons prepare for and build meaningful careers, including small businesses.

Back to Business is an initiative that focuses on assisting our patrons in recovering from the economic impact of the pandemic. https://www.longbranchlib.org/back-to-business
GENERAL SUPPORT

NJ 2-1-1 is a database that has over 10,000 local programs and services that are available to you.

Phone: 1-877-652-1148
Website: https://www.nj211.org

*Text your zip code to 898211

NJHELPS will help you find out if you are eligible for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health insurance (Medicaid/NJ Family Care). See below for information about applying for each of these programs.

For more information, visit: https://www.njhelps.org

VISIT YOUR LOCAL FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER

Cost: $0

What to Bring: Identification

Where to go:

Coastal Communities
Family Success Center
300 Broadway
Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-571-1670
Email: info@coastalfsc.org
Website: https://coastalfsc.org

What they offer:

- Access to information on child, maternal, and family health services, economic self-sufficiency, and job readiness
- Parent education
- Parent-child activities
- Advocacy
- Information and referral services (connection to off-site public and private resources)
- Life skills training
IDENTIFICATION

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
Cost: Free Online

What to bring: Photo Identification
Where to go: Social Security Administration
3310 NJ-66, Neptune City, NJ 07753
Phone: 877-405-0475

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE
Cost: $10.00

What to bring: Please submit copies of your ID with your request, and a check or money order for the correct amount, along with a return address.

Where to go:
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Health Department
344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740
Phone: 732-222-7000

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

GREEN CARD/ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD/NATURALIZATION OR CITIZENSHIP
Cost: $260 for Green Card Replacement

What to bring: Completed I-90 Form or N-565 Form
Where to go:
USCIS Newark Field Office
Peter Rodino Federal Building
970 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: 800-375-5283

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00am – 4:00pm, closed Saturday and Sunday

**DRIVER’S LICENSE**

To request a copy of your driving record (abstract), visit: [https://www.state.nj.us/mvc](https://www.state.nj.us/mvc)

**Cost:** $15 abstract, $11 license replacement fee, $100 license restoration fee

**What to Bring:** Birth certificate, passport or current license and 2 other forms of identification, including: social security card, bank statement, ATM card, expired license, veteran affairs photo I.D.

**Where to go:**
NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
109 NJ-36, Eatontown, NJ 07724

Phone: 609-292-6500
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 a.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**What they offer:** Driver conferences, driver records (issuances and inquiries), points and surcharge (inquiries), suspensions and restorations, inspections.

**MVC suspension and restoration hotlines:** 609-292-7500

**Website:** [https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/suspension.htm](https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/suspension.htm)
VETERANS’ SERVICES

MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS & VETERAN’S BENEFITS

To request personnel records, visit:  www.vetrecs.archives.gov

Cost: $0

What to bring: Completed Form SF-180 and/or DD214

Where to go:

NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (VSO Office)
630 Bangs Avenue #3, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Phone: 732-775-7009

HEALTHCARE

Monmouth Medical Center
300 2nd Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-222-5200

Monmouth Family Health Center
270 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-923-7100

Tinton Falls VA Clinic
55 Gilbert Street North, Tinton Falls, NJ 07701
732-842-4751
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

VISIT YOUR ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER

Cost: $0
What to Bring: List of education, work and volunteer experience, or resume draft

Where to go:
Monmouth County One Stop Career Center
145 Wyckoff Road, Suite 201
Eatontown, NJ 07724

Phone: 732-683-8850

What they offer: Job search assistance, training and education assistance

LONG BRANCH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

What to Bring: List of education, work and volunteer experience, or resume draft

Where to go:
Long Branch Free Public Library
328 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-222-3900 ext. 2270

What they offer: Job search assistance, cover letters, resumes, current job listings

VISIT POPULAR JOB SEARCH WEBSITES

- Indeed: www.indeed.com
- Monster: www.monster.com
- Google Careers: https://careers.google.com/jobs

- State and local community resources
- Information on improving your employment prospects
- Updates on laws and practices that affect you
* You must register on their website for a free membership to access many of the resources.
70 Million Jobs: https://www.70millionjobs.com/
This site was created by a formerly incarcerated person to help returning citizens find jobs.
- Job listings
- Resume help
- Apply for jobs directly through site

Help for Felons: https://helpforfelons.org/temp-agencies-that-hire-felons
Listings of employers who have a history of hiring people with criminal records.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Monmouth County Business Resource Guide
This guide includes the contact information for agencies and organizations that are focused on helping people start and grow small businesses. https://ucedc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/COUNTY-OF-MONMOUTH.pdf

Score Association at Brookdale Community College
765 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ 07738
732-224-2573
OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT OR PREPAID DEBIT ACCOUNT

Cost: $0

What to Bring: Picture I.D., proof of address, birth certificate, and a social security card.

Where to go: Any local bank. Below are banks that have special accounts that might appeal to returning citizens.

PREPAID DEBIT ACCOUNTS (no credit check required):

- Bluebird: https://bluebird.com
- Chime: http://chimebank.com
- Walmart Money Card Visa: https://walmartmoneycard.com

BANK OF AMERICA – SAFEBALANCEBANKING® ACCOUNT

- Open account with $25
- $4.95 monthly service fee
- No overdraft fees, decline transactions
- No check writing privilege

TD BANK – TD SIMPLE CHECKING

- No minimum deposit to open
- No minimum balance
- $5.99 monthly service fee
FOOD ASSISTANCE

Monmouth County Pantries and Soup Kitchens:

St. Vincent DePaul/ Holy Trinity Church Food Pantry
408 Prospect Street, Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-222-3216 ext.116

St. Luke’s United Methodist Church
535 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-222-1341

Lutheran Church of the Reformation
992 Broadway, West Long Branch, NJ 07764
732-963-9610

Fulfill
3300 Route 66, Neptune, NJ 07753
732-918-2600
HOUSING ASSISTANCE

NJ HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

Find rentals, temporary housing, and homes for sale.
https://www.state.nj.us/njhrc/

Cost: $0
What to Bring: Identification

TEMPORARY HOUSING

MEN

Jersey Shore Rescue Mission
701 Memorial Drive, Asbury Park NJ 07712
Phone: 732-988-0242

FAMILY

Family Promise of Monmouth County
PO Box 70, Middletown, NJ 07748
Phone: 732-495-1050

Easter Seals Adult Shelter at Ft. Monmouth
417 Burns Avenue, Ft. Monmouth, NJ 07703
Phone: 732-542-8264

WOMEN

Women’s Hospitality Network
PO Box 575, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
Phone: 908-902-0769

WOMEN & CHILDREN

180 Turning Lives Around
1 Bethany Rd, Suite 3, BLDG 42
Hazlet, NJ 07730
Phone: 732-264-4360

RENT & HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Long Branch Housing Authority
2 Hope Lane, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-222-3747

Community Affairs and Resource Center
913 Sewell Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
Phone: 732-774-3282

Affordable Housing Alliance
3535 Route 66 Parkway, BLDG 4
Neptune, NJ 07753
Phone: 732-389-2958

Interfaith Neighbors
810 4th Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
Phone: 732-775-0525
HEALTHCARE

APPLY FOR TANF/SNAP/GA OR MEDICAID

Cost: $0  
What to Bring: Photo I.D., social security number, proof of any income, proof residence, proof of financial resources (bank statement, credit card statement, etc.), Visa, green card or immigration papers if you are not a citizen.

Where to go:  
Monmouth County Division of Social Services  
2405 Route 66, Ocean, NJ 07712  
Phone: 732-431-6000  
Website: http://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us  
What they offer: Debit cards to purchase food, cash assistance for eligible adults and families, and Medicaid enrollment.

*If you were convicted of an offense involving distribution or sale of drugs after August 22, 1996, you cannot receive cash benefits under GA or TANF.

Where to go:  
Fulfill  
3300 Route 66, Ocean, NJ 07712  
Phone: 732-643-5888  
Website: http://fulfillnj.org

What they offer: Fulfill’s mission is to alleviate hunger and build food security in Monmouth & Ocean Counties to make sure that people have access to enough nutritious food to maintain an active and healthy life.

HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE

If you are not eligible for Medicaid, visit the Healthcare Marketplace to find affordable health insurance options.

Phone: 1-800-318-2596  
Website: www.healthcare.gov
MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

Monmouth Medical Center
300 2nd Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-923-7100

Monmouth Family Health Center
270 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-923-7100

The Dr. Barry D. Elbatim Dental Center at
Monmouth Family Health Center
335 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-475-3800

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ReachNJ: 844-732-2465
24/7 helpline for New Jersey residents affected by a substance abuse addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous at Monmouth Medical Center
300 Second Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-245-1377

RWJBarnabas Institute for Prevention and Recovery
300 Second Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 833-233-4377

344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Email: info@longbranchhears.com
EDUCATION & TRAINING

GED/HiSET/TASC PREPARATION

Work toward earning your high school equivalency diploma at home, in the library, or on-the-go with the Aztec Learning System. You can use their Internet-based program to build your literacy and math skills to get ready for adult basic education tests: GED, HiSet or TASC.

To register and create an account, ask the staff at your local library.

After you create an account, you can access the program on a computer in the library or at home.

Log-in to Aztec at: https://nextgen.aztecsoftware.com

HIGHER EDUCATION

Brookdale Community College - Long Branch Campus
213 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Phone: 732-229-8440
Website: https://brookdalecc.edu
What they offer: Free tuition to earn an associate’s degree for eligible students via the Community College Opportunity Grant

JOB/ CAREER TRAINING

Monmouth County Vocational School District (MCVSD)
4000 Kozloski Road, PO Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: 732-431-7942
LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Aid Society of Monmouth County
2407 Route 66, Ocean, NJ 07712
Phone: 732-869-5619

South Jersey Legal Services
303 West Main Street, 3rd Floor, Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: 732-414-6750

REENTRY SERVICES

New Jersey Reentry Corporation
72 Morris Avenue, 2nd Floor, Neptune City, NJ 07753
Phone: 848-217-7455

GEO Reentry Services
2040 6th Avenue, Suite A, Neptune City, NJ 07753
Phone: 732-774-0777 ext. 2317
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