

# First Stop after Prison: Re-entry Support Resources (Iowa)

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**Introduction:**

This guide was created for those leaving incarceration in Iowa. There are many challenges upon leaving prison. Finding support and identifying community resources is vital. Whether it is finding a job, a place to live, a mentor, health care, or an encouraging environment - we hope this guide is helpful.

When possible, “**RECOMMENDED PLACE’S TO START**” are noted. These are great places to get started and you can contact most of them before leaving prison.

Many thanks to the Iowa Department of Corrections and DOC Services/parole staff for their assistance. Thanks also to the organizations who do so much to help Iowans as they return to their community after prison. **We welcome any additions and/or clarifications.**

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<b>Reentry Planning Guide and Letter Writing format</b>

State-Wide Resources:

**AA:** [www.aa.iowa.org](http://www.aa.iowa.org) or 212-870-3400

**NA:** [www.iowa-na.org](http://www.iowa-na.org) or 1-800-897-6242

**[www.211iowa.org](http://www.211iowa.org)** - list of resources online

**Gambling Anonymous:** 1-800-BETS OFF

# 1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Dubuque/Waterloo and area)

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
<p>STATEWIDE</p> <p>Hope4Healing</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635</p> <p>855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist with finding resources in your community</li> <li>- Connect with a church to provide mentor and other support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Christian-based organization.</li> <li>- Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need.</li> <li>- You can write to them from prison.</li> </ul>
<p>DUBUQUE and AREA</p> <p>Jail &amp; Prison Ministry (Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque)</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>1229 Mount Loretta Ave. Dubuque, IA 52003</p> <p>563.552.0203 (800) 772-2758</p> <p>Karen Hoeger k.hoeger@dbqarch.org</p>	<p>Support and mentoring (in prison and after release)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connecting with community resources</li> <li>- Help find work &amp; housing,</li> <li>- Circles of Support</li> <li>- Establishing positive relationships</li> <li>- Healthy social activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catholic affiliation, but you don't have to be Catholic to work with them.</li> <li>- You can contact them before your release.</li> <li>- <u>Must participate in mentoring or Circles of Support.</u></li> <li>They cover <u>30 counties</u> in NE Iowa.</li> </ul>
<p>DUBUQUE</p> <p>Fountain of Youth Program (United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States)</p>	<p>220 W. 7th Street Dubuque, IA 52001</p> <p>(563) 587-8316</p> <p>Contact: Caprice Jones capricejones14@gmail.com (773) 440-2228</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aim to provide gainful and sustainable employment to youth 16-24 in Dubuque</li> <li>- Curriculum called "Real Talk" aimed toward reducing the recidivism rate and also providing living tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very positive and encouraging</li> </ul>
<p>WATERLOO and AREA</p> <p>Jail &amp; Prison Ministry (Catholic Charities)</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>1425 Kimball Ave. Waterloo, IA 50702</p> <p>800-772-2758 or 319-272-2080</p> <p>Email: d.shafer@dbqarch.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support and mentoring (in prison and after release)</li> <li>- Connect with resources</li> <li>- Find work and housing</li> <li>- Circles of Support</li> <li>- Establishing positive relationships</li> <li>- Healthy social activities</li> <li>- On-site mental health counselor available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catholic affiliation, but you don't have to be Catholic to work with them.</li> <li>- You can contact them before your release.</li> <li>- Must participate in mentoring or Circles of Support.</li> <li>They cover <u>30 counties</u> in NE Iowa.</li> </ul>
<p>WATERLOO</p> <p>One City</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>907 Independence Ave. Waterloo, IA 50703</p> <p>(319) 334-0263 or 334-0156</p> <p>onecityunited@gmail.com</p> <p>app.onecitycv.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Empowerment classes.</li> <li>- Mentors</li> <li>- Connecting to area resources.</li> <li>- Connect with area employers and provide transportation to work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Momentum Urban Employment Initiative for reentry</li> <li>- You can contact them from prison.</li> <li>- Great group of people.</li> <li>- Restore Program</li> </ul>

WATERLOO Hospitality House	1003 Mulberry St. Waterloo, IA 50704  (319) 234-1311	Offer a light breakfast, shower, laundry, free clothing, backpacks, cold weather attire, sleeping bags, tents, blankets, food sacks, an address for mail, telephone messaging, local bus tickets and connect with area resources.	- Located in a house. - Warm and welcoming people.
WATERLOO 312 Transformational Ministry	% Mike Smith 5112 Lafayette Rd. Waterloo, IA 50707  (319) 231-4307	- help connect with area resources. - supportive community	- You can contact them before leaving prison. - Faith-based. (Faith Assembly of God)

## HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
DUBUQUE Operation Empower: Manasseh House and Salvia House	For Men: 2080 Elm St. #103 Dubuque, IA 52001  Main: (563) 599-2980  For Women: 2160 Elm St. Dubuque, IA 52001	Emergency and Transitional Housing - employment help - education assistance - aid in setting goals for success - Will help with substance use/recovery - Manassah House for men. - Salvia House for women.	- Very positive and encouraging people. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's. - You can apply before leaving prison.
DUBUQUE Davis Place Apartments	521 Garfield Ave. Dubuque, IA 52001  563-583-9111  Mailing address: 1909 Johnson Street Dubuque, IA 52001	Housing for men:  - Own bedroom - Shared living space - Utilities included - \$375/month	- Possible parole location, but only on case-by-case situation. - They have living supplies including clothing and household needs. - Not available for SO's
WATERLOO Junkman/Knobel Sober-Living Unit	1014 West 4th Street Waterloo, IA 50702  319-235-8855	- Transitional housing for people dealing with addiction issues. - For men only	- Connected to Pathways Behavioral Services. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
WATERLOO Salvation Army	89 Franklin Street Waterloo, IA 50703  319-235-9358	- Emergency assistance including meals, medical care and housing. - Help connect with community resources - Men's Shelter	- They are committed to helping you connect to area resources. - Welcoming and warm. - Available for discharge. - Pastoral care and religious services.

WATERLOO Catholic Worker House	321 E 8th St Waterloo, IA 50703  319-232-2116	- Provide temporary housing (10 days)	- You do not have to be Catholic to stay here. - Available for discharge, but not parole.
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## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
DECORAH  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 312 Winnebago Decorah, IA 52101  (563)382-0457 Email: Region1.Web@iwd.iowa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
DUBUQUE  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 680 Main St. Dubuque, IA 52001  (563) 556-5800 Email: DubuquelowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
WATERLOO  Goodwill of Northeast Iowa	2640 Falls Ave Waterloo, IA 50701  319-234-4626	Reentry Program: Develop, plan and arrange employment	- They have classes that include job training.
WATERLOO  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: OWDS Coordinator 3420 University Ave. Waterloo, IA 50701  319) 235-2123 Email: WaterloolowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
WATERLOO  Hawkeye Community College	Hawkeye Community College 3420 University Ave. Suite E Waterloo, IA 5070  319-296-4296 Ext. 2  brenna.schaefer@hawkeyecollege.edu	- Free job placement assistance for those on SSI or Disability. - No cost evaluation of benefits and how working may affect them.	- Available to <u>all</u> regardless of location. - Will return calls within 48 hours.

<p>WATERLOO</p> <p>Hawkeye Community College</p>	<p>319-296-4296 Ext. 3</p> <p>webuildr@hawkeyecollege.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building and construction trades job training.</li> <li>- 12 week program.</li> <li>- No cost evaluation of benefits and how working may affect them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can earn OSHA 10 certification and industry credentials.</li> </ul>
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## HEALTH CARE

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
<p>DUBUQUE</p> <p>Crescent Community Health</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>1690 Elm St. #300 Dubuque, IA 52001</p> <p>Contact - Ann Morris 563-690-2417</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sliding scale general health services.</li> <li>- Dental Care</li> <li>- Mental Health Care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very helpful and positive people.</li> <li>- Will help you find and connect with other resources/help.</li> <li>- You can contact them from prison.</li> <li>- You can set up appointments from prison.</li> </ul>
<p>WATERLOO</p> <p>People's Clinic</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>905 Franklin St. Waterloo, IA 50703</p> <p>319-874-3000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have social workers to help connect with community resources including housing.</li> <li>- Provide a variety of medical services including getting a primary care physician.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friendly and helpful staff.</li> <li>- Sliding-scale fee.</li> </ul>
<p>WATERLOO</p> <p>Pathways Behavioral Services</p>	<p>3362 University Avenue Waterloo, Iowa 50701</p> <p>Phone: 319-235-6571</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Out-patient Substance Abuse Treatment</li> <li>- Out-patient Mental Health Treatment</li> <li>- In-patient/residential also available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sliding scale fee at first.</li> <li>- Need insurance soon after initial assessment.</li> </ul>

## **2nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT** (Fort Dodge, Mason City, Ames and area)

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT INFO</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
FT. DODGE and AREA  The Church of the Damascus Road	239 North 11th St. Fort Dodge, IA 50501  Office: (515) 955-3579	Support:  - Team of 3-7 commits to a returning citizen for up to a year to assist with transition  - Mentoring and accountability	- <u>Write or call them to get an application.</u> - They prefer to start while you are incarcerated. - Great organization and people. Religious Affiliation: - Western Iowa synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
STATEWIDE  Hope4Healing  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635  855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5	- Assist with finding resources in your community - Connect with a church to provide mentor and other support	- A Christian-based organization. - Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need. - You can write to them from prison.
MARSHALLTOWN  New Hope Christian Church	3901 S. Center St. Marshalltown, IA 50158  641-752-1612	- Very supportive church that can help with food and connecting to area services.	- They are connected to other organizations in the community.

### **HOUSING**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT INFO</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
AMES  Matthew 25 House	330 S. Second St. Ames, IA 50010  515-231-4385	- Christian-based reentry housing - Year-long commitment - Connecting to area resources. - Housing for men.	- You can contact them before leaving prison - Caring, positive people who understand the challenges of leaving prison. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
FT. DODGE  Beacon of Hope Shelter	1021 1st Ave. N. Fort Dodge, IA 50501  Phone: 515-955-3366	Provides a safe and secure emergency shelter, clothing and food. Temporary assistance to create opportunities and programs in working towards self-sufficiency.	- Christ-centered faith-based ministry. - Men only. - Not a parole location, possible for discharge.

FT. DODGE  Lotus Community Project	PO Box 1654 Fort Dodge, IA 50501  (515) 571-8802	- Emergency shelter - Personal development and life coaching - Peer Support	- For women only. (Children also) - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
FT. DODGE  Gateway to Discovery	PO Box 432 Fort Dodge, IA 50501  (515) 302-8162  <a href="https://hopesweethope.org">https://hopesweethope.org</a>  Angela Fisher: Angela@hopesweethope.org	Two-year residential program for women struggling with addiction and trauma. - Housing, Therapy, Healthcare, Job training, Opportunities for education	- Faith-based. - <u>Possible parole location.</u> - Women only.  Also at: 1900 5th Ave. South Fort Dodge, IA 50501 515-302-8016
MASON CITY  On Common Ground Ministries/In Faith  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	Contact: Ken Quintus  PO Box 32 Garner, IA 50438  641-430-4536	- Transitional housing for men. - Safe and sober living. - Support groups available. - Will work with you on your first month.	- Faith-based. - Welcoming and positive - Possible parole location - Not available for SO's. - Can contact from prison
MASON CITY  Living Free  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	124 W. State St. Mason City, IA 50401  641-423-6793	- Residential facility for women. Not a parole location. - Connect with area resources. - 12-step based. - Mentors available. - Christian counseling	- Faith-based. - Can contact from prison. - Celebrate Recovery
MASON CITY  Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless	202 1st Street NW Mason City, IA 50401  641-423-5920	- Men's and women's shelter. - Children allowed at women's shelter. - Will help you connect with area resources.	- Sober transitional housing - Can contact before leaving prison. - Not a parole location, possible for discharge.

## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
AMES  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 903 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010  (515) 725-5495	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.



<p>FT. DODGE</p> <p>IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: OWDS 3 Triton Circle Ft. Dodge, IA 50501</p> <p>(515) 576-3131</p> <p>Email: FortDodgelowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.</p> <p>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</p>	<p>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></p> <p>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</p>
<p>MARSHALLTOWN</p> <p>IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: Operations Manager 204 1/2 W. State St. Marshalltown, IA 50158</p> <p>(641) 754-1400</p> <p>Email: MarshalltownIowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, education/training and more.</p> <p>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</p>	<p>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></p> <p>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</p>
<p>MASON CITY</p> <p>IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: Operation Manager 600 S. Pierce Ave Mason City, IA 50401</p> <p>(641) 422-1524</p> <p>Email: MasonCityIowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.</p> <p>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</p>	<p>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></p> <p>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</p>

## HEALTH CARE

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
<p>AMES</p> <p>Primary Health Care</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>3510 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50014</p> <p>515-232-0628</p>	<p>- Health care services including mental health and substance use.</p> <p>- Can help find a primary care physician</p> <p>- Can help with housing, food, clothing and more.</p>	<p>- You can write to them before leaving prison.</p> <p>- Sliding scale fee.</p>
<p>CARROLL</p> <p>New Opportunities</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>23751 Hwy 30 E. Carroll, IA 51401</p> <p>712-792-9266</p>	<p>- Counseling, assessment and referrals for substance use.</p> <p>- Sliding scale fees.</p> <p>- Help with basic needs and connecting to area resources.</p>	<p>They serve Audubon, Calhoun, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie and Sac counties.</p>
<p>FT. DODGE</p>	<p>211 Ave. MW Fort Dodge, IA 50501</p> <p>515-576-7261</p>	<p>Counseling &amp; Therapy</p> <p>Substance use treatment:</p> <p>- Inpatient</p> <p>- Outpatient</p>	<p>- Possible parole location.</p> <p>- 30-day treatment.</p>

Community and Family Resources		- Transitional housing	
FORT DODGE Community Health Center	126 N 10th St Fort Dodge, IA 50501  (515) 576-6500	- Health care services: mental health, substance use, primary care physician, dental. - Will also help connect with other resources.	- You can contact them from prison. - Sliding scale fee. - Positive and supportive.
MARSHALLTOWN Primary Health Care  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	412 E. Church St. Marshalltown, IA 50158  641-753-4021	- Health care services including mental health and substance use.  - Can help find a primary care physician - Can help with housing, food, clothing and more.	- You can write to them before leaving prison. - Sliding scale fee.
MASON CITY, ALGONA FOREST CITY,, CHARLES CITY, HAMPTON  Prairie Ridge Integrated Behavioral Healthcare	320 N. Eisenhower Ave. P.O. Box 1338 Mason City, IA 50402  Toll free: 866-429-2391  www.prairieridge.net	- Mental health and substance abuse treatment. - Both residential and outpatient services. - Walk-in hours available.	- Sliding scale fee. - County social services can provide assistance.
MASON CITY Community Health Center	404 N Federal Ave Mason City, IA 50401  (641) 450-0601	- Health care services: mental health, substance use, primary care physician, dental. - Will also help connect with other resources.	- You can contact them from prison. - Sliding scale fee. - Positive and supportive.

### 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Sioux City/Spencer and area)

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT INFO</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
STATEWIDE  Hope4Healing  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635  855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5	- Assist with finding resources in your community - Connect with a church to provide mentor and other support	- A Christian-based organization. - Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need. - You can write to them from prison.
SIOUX CITY  Community Action of Siouxland  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	MAIN OFFICE: 2700 Leech Ave Sioux City, IA 51106  712-274-1610 800-352-3725 SLOAN OFFICE: 2711 S. Helen Sioux City, IA 51106  712-274-9940	- Food pantry - Will help connect with area resources - Welcome Home Program to help with finding housing.	- Great place to find help when first starting back. .
SIOUX CITY  Sunnybrook Community Church  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	5601 Sunnybrook Dr. Sioux City, IA 51106  712-276-5814	- Very supportive church with a Hope Center that can help with housing, employment, food and more. - Also have mentors.	- You can contact them from prison. - Celebrate Recovery is part of the church.
SIOUX CITY  Full Circle Recovery Community Center	800 Nebraska Street Suite 2 Sioux City, IA 51101  (712) 560-6561  <a href="https://recoverfullcircle.org/">https://recoverfullcircle.org/</a>	- Peer recovery coaching - Peer support groups - Social activities - Connect with resources in community	- Positive and encouraging people. - Can contact before leaving prison. - Drop-in center
SPENCER  Atlas of Spencer	816 S. Grand Avenue Spencer, IA 51301  712-580-3277  Write to: PO Box 907	- Mentoring - Resource guidance - Housing (will help you find an apartment) - Faith-based	- They have prison reentry teams to help. - They are connected to many churches. - Willing to go the extra step.

<b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	Spencer, IA 51301		- Can contact from prison.
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## HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
SIOUX CITY  Hope Street of Siouxland  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	406 12th Street Sioux City, IA 51105  (712) 266-3644  Or call Transitional Services: (712) 255-0204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sober living home for men</li> <li>- Positive environment.</li> <li>- Will help with employment and connecting with services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send letter to address for application and to ask about openings.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- Nice, comfortable housing near downtown and bus lines.</li> </ul>
SIOUX CITY  Oxford House (Nebraska Street)	2931 Nebraska St. Sioux City, IA 51104  712-224-4546	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sober, cooperative, self-governing housing option</li> <li>- They can help you connect to area resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location.</u></li> <li>- A 12-step focused community.</li> <li>- This house is for women only.</li> </ul>
SIOUX CITY  Oxford House (Douglas House)	3217 Cheyenne Blvd. Sioux City, IA 51104  712-560-8351	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sober, cooperative, self-governing housing option.</li> <li>- They can help you connect to area resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- This house is for men only.</li> <li>- A 12-step focused community.</li> </ul>
SIOUX CITY  Oxford House (16th Street)	209 16th Street Sioux City, IA 51103  712-560-4134	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sober, cooperative, self-governing housing option.</li> <li>- They can help you connect to area resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- This house is for men only.</li> <li>- A 12-step focused community.</li> </ul>
SIOUX CITY  Gospel Mission	500 Bluff St. Sioux City, IA 51103  712-255-1769  <a href="mailto:paul@thegospelmission.org">paul@thegospelmission.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shelter for men and women.</li> <li>- Financial planning help.</li> <li>- Employment assistance.</li> <li>- Recovery support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faith based.</li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- Not a parole location, possible for discharge.</li> </ul>
SPIRIT LAKE  Discovery House	1411 Hill Ave. P.O. Box 163 Spirit Lake, IA 51360  (712) 336-5340	Transitional housing (up to 6 months) for: Men and women who struggle with substance abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christian affiliation.</li> <li>- Not a parole location.</li> <li>- Possible for discharge.</li> </ul>

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## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
SIOUX CITY  Goodwill of the Great Plains	3100 W. 4th St. Sioux City, IA 51103  877-608-7775 or 712-258-4511	- Entry-level jobs	- Programs support those exiting the justice system.
SIOUX CITY  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 2508 4th St. Sioux City, IA 51101  (712) 233-9030 Email: SiouxCityIowaWORKS@iwd.io wa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them            before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
SPENCER  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 217 W Fifth St. Spencer, IA 51301  (712) 262-1971 Email: SpencerIowaWORKS@iwd.iow a.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them            before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.

## HEALTH CARE

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
SIOUX CITY, CHEROKEE, DENISON, HARLAN, LE MARS, ONAWA  Jackson Recovery Centers	800 5th St. Sioux City, IA 51101  (712) 234-2300  <a href="https://www.jacksonrecovery.com">https://www.jacksonrecovery.com</a>	Walk-in appointments, assessments, consultation - Women's Center and Sanctuary Apartments - Inpatient/outpatient - Substance abuse and mental health services	- Sliding scale fees - Accept Medicaid - Available for both men and women - Possible parole location
SIOUX CITY  Siouxland Community Health <b>*RECOMMENDED            PLACE TO START</b>	1021 Nebraska St. Sioux City, IA 51105  712- 252-2477	- Health care services: mental health, substance use, primary care physician, dental. - Will also help connect with other resources.	- You can contact them from prison - Sliding scale fee - Positive and supportive

<p>SIOUX CITY</p> <p>Family Access Center</p>	<p>1221 Pierce St. Sioux City, IA 51105</p> <p>712- 255-0204</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mental health care services including substance use.</li> <li>- Will also help connect with other resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can contact them from prison</li> <li>- Sliding scale fee</li> <li>- Positive and supportive</li> </ul>
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## 4th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Council Bluffs and area)

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
<p>STATEWIDE</p> <p>Hope4Healing</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635</p> <p>855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist with finding resources in your community</li> <li>- Connect with a church to provide mentor and other support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Christian-based organization.</li> <li>- Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need.</li> <li>- You can write to them from prison.</li> </ul>
<p>CASS, CRAWFORD, FREMONT, MILLS, HARRISON, MONONA, MONTGOMERY, PAGE, SHELBY &amp; POTTAWA- TOMIE counties</p> <p>West Central Community Action</p>	<p>PO Box 709 Harlan, Iowa 51537</p> <p>Call: (712) 755-5602</p> <p>Outreach Office: 1017 7th St.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food pantry</li> <li>- Assist with connecting to area resources</li> <li>- Clothing and other needs</li> <li>- Employment possibilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have offices in most counties in South/Central Western Iowa</li> <li>- Contact central office to find location in your county</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Hope Net</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>PO Box 281 Council Bluffs, IA 51502</p> <p>402 - 321-1313</p> <p>www.hopenetministries.org</p> <p>jstephenshopeaftercare@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reentry services</li> <li>- Bicycles available</li> <li>- Will assist with locating housing</li> <li>- Winners' Circle is a peer-driven support group of, and for, formerly incarcerated women.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Help connect with area services.</li> <li>- Faith based</li> <li>- You can contact them from prison</li> <li>- Very encouraging and supportive.</li> <li>- Circle of Support mentoring</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Full Circle Recovery Community Center</p>	<p>Omni Centre Business Park 300 West Broadway Suite 112 Council Bluffs, IA 51503</p> <p>(712) 560-6360 <a href="https://recoverfullcircle.org/">https://recoverfullcircle.org/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peer recovery coaching</li> <li>- Peer support groups</li> <li>- Social activities</li> <li>- Connect with resources in community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive and encouraging people.</li> <li>- Can contact before leaving prison.</li> <li>- Drop-in center</li> </ul>

### HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
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<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Remnant Fellowship</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>634 Willow Ave. Council Bluffs, IA 51501</p> <p>(712) 435-8368</p> <p>sherylbostwick71391@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sober and supportive housing.</li> <li>- 2 houses for men; 1 house for women. .</li> <li>- Cooperative living with on-site support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faith-based.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- You can contact them from prison.</li> <li>- Very warm and welcoming environment.</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Heartland Family Services - Bridges Program</p>	<p>600 9th Ave. Council Bluffs, IA 51501</p> <p>712-325-5653</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short-term housing available (men and women)</li> <li>- Potential SO availability.</li> <li>- Will help you connect with area resources including health care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can contact them from prison.</li> <li>- Trusting and welcoming environment.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Some SO's allowed.</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Heartland Family Works</p>	<p>1722 Avenue C Council Bluffs, IA 51501</p> <p>712-435-5383</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long-term residential substance abuse and mental health program.</li> <li>- Women and children only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to have ASAM substance abuse evaluation.</li> <li>- Only for those incarcerated less than one year.</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>4th District Transitional House</p>	<p>901- 8th Avenue Council Bluffs, IA 51501</p> <p>Jen.Foltz@iowa.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing option for men who have a disability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Available for SO's.</li> <li>- Shared living.</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Oxford House: Loess Hills</p>	<p>200 S. 1st St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503</p> <p>(712) 355-3232</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sober, cooperative, self-governing housing option.</li> <li>- They can help you connect to area resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- A 12-step focused community.</li> <li>- This house is for women.</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Micah House</p>	<p>1415 Avenue J Council Bluffs, IA 51501</p> <p>(712) 323-4416</p> <p><a href="http://www.themicahhouse.org/">http://www.themicahhouse.org/</a></p>	<p>Emergency shelter for women and families.</p> <p>Also: credit issues, transitional housing, counseling, parenting skills, health services, computer access, financial classes, legal advice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you meet with them, you can access services.</li> <li>- <u>Not</u> always an approved parole location.</li> <li>- Not available for SO's</li> </ul>
<p>COUNCIL BLUFFS</p> <p>Church of Freedom</p>	<p>701 S. 4th St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503</p> <p>Pastor Bart 402-714-3618 Pastor Donnie: 402-960-2237, or 712-256-5558</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing option for men.</li> <li>- 5 beds.</li> <li>- Will help with employment and other area resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faith-based.</li> <li>- Men only.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- You can contact them from prison.</li> </ul>

COUNCIL BLUFFS  Woodspring Suites	3541 14th Ave Council Bluffs, IA 51501  712-388-8000	- A hotel that is available for 1-2 months. - Rent must be paid in advance. (\$378/week)	- <u>Possible parole location</u> - Available for SO's. - Used to be Value Place. - Very expensive.
COUNCIL BLUFFS  New Visions  (Timothy House, Joshua House and David's House)	1435 N. 15th St. Council Bluffs, IA 51501  (712) 256-3940  www.mohmsplace.org	Men's shelter: 2-year transitional living program, long-term housing, support meetings, counseling staff - Help you connect with area resources.	- You can contact them from prison. - Very welcoming. - Joshua House is a wet shelter. - Won't turn anyone away, but <u>not</u> an approved parole location.

## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
COUNCIL BLUFFS  IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 300 W Broadway Council Bluffs, IA 51503  (712) 352-3480  Email: CouncilBluffsIowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.

## HEALTH CARE

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
COUNCIL BLUFFS  All Care Health Center  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	902 S. 6th Steet Council Bluffs, IA 51501  712-256-6582	- Health care services: mental health, substance use, primary care physician, dental.  - Will also help connect with other resources.	- You can contact them from prison  - Sliding scale fee  - Positive and supportive



## **5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT** (Des Moines, Ames, Newton and area)

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT INFO</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
STATEWIDE  Hope4Healing	P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635  855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5	- Assist with finding resources in your community - Help you connect with a church to provide mentoring and other support	- A Christian-based organization. - Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need. - You can write to them from prison.
DES MOINES  Society of St. Vincent de Paul  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	% Randi Radosevich 1426 6th Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314  (515) 282-8327  resourcedirector@svdpdsm.org	- Reentry resources including employment. - Food pantry, clothing, and furniture - Will help connect with area resources. - Assist with driver's license	- They understand the challenge of reentry. - Nobody turned away. - You can write to them from prison. - Mentoring available for those in the program.
DES MOINES  Urban Dreams	601 Forest Ave. Des Moines, 50314  515-288-4742	- Employment preparation - Internet/phone available. - Substance use and mental health support. - FAFSA prep/academic counseling and registration.	- Positive and encouraging people. - Can contact before leaving prison. - Help connect with area resources.
DES MOINES  Full Circle Recovery Community Center  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	1750 48th Street Suite 101A Des Moines, IA 50310  (515) 783-6382  <a href="https://recoverfullcircle.org/">https://recoverfullcircle.org/</a>	- Peer recovery coaching - Peer support groups - Social activities - Connect with resources in community	- Positive and encouraging people. - Can contact before leaving prison. - Drop-in center
DES MOINES  Creative Visions (Ex-Offender & Family Reunification Program)	1343 13th St Des Moines, IA 50314  (515) 244-4003 Ako Abdul-Samad (director)	- Provides employment support for people who have been to prison and others.	Also have food pantry, education programs and other assistance.
DES MOINES  Lutheran Church of Hope	Celebrate Recovery % Melissa Dale 925 Jordan Creek Pkwy. West Des Moines, IA 50266	- Positive people offering mentoring and community support.	- Christian-based recovery program. - You can contact them from prison.

	515-222-1520	- Weekly meetings that provide a healing, healthy environment.	- Support for family. - SO's can be allowed.
DES MOINES Des Moines Catholic Worker	Bishop Dingman House (Drop-In Center) 1310 7th St. Des Moines, IA 50314  (515) 214-1030	- Showers are available the first two hours the house is open -Clothing, food, toiletries - A phone is available. - Can receive mail here.	You don't have to be Catholic.
DES MOINES Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families	1171 7th St. Des Moines, IA 50314  (515) 697-7700	- Job search, interview prep, certificate training, resume, job placement, Adult Education, FASFA, credit repair and EITC.	Offers fatherhood course geared (in part) toward formerly incarcerated fathers.
DES MOINES Plymouth Church	4126 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines, IA 50312  515-255-3149	"Transition from Prison" Ministry Program has mentors to assist with your reentry.	- Very supportive group that can help you rebuild your life. - You can contact them from prison.
OSKALOOSA SIEDA Community Action	114 N. Market St. Oskaloosa, IA 52577  641-673-8758	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.

## HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
COLFAX Teen Challenge	900 N. League Road Colfax, IA 50054  (800) 718-8804 www.tcmid.org	- Year-long faith-based residential program.  - Includes mentoring and classes.	- Open to both men and women. (over 18-yrs) - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
DES MOINES Kingdom Living	<u>Mailing address:</u> 763 S. 60th Ave E Newton, IA 50208  www.kingdomlivingia.com	- Safe, structured, peaceful, happy sober living - Very supportive and welcoming. - 5 houses in Des Moines for men and women.	- Faith-based. - Not available for SO's. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Excellent organization and great people. - 12 Step based recovery.
DES MOINES Freedom Houses	Deb Theeler  (515) 402--6909	- Transitional housing for men and women (two houses for men, two houses for women)	- <u>Only for discharge at this time</u> - Contact before leaving prison if possible. - Great people. - Not available for SO's.

<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>The Beacon</p>	<p>1717 Woodland Ave. Des Moines, IA 50309</p> <p>(515) 244-4713</p> <p>www.beaconoflifedm.org</p> <p>Director: Melissa Vine (MA, LMHC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Base and additional housing (6-24 month) program:</li> <li>- health &amp; wellness</li> <li>- financial empowerment</li> <li>- employment</li> <li>- recovery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For women and those who identify as women.</li> <li>- Positive and encouraging people.</li> <li>- Trauma-informed and equity-centered</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>Hope Ministries</p>	<p>Hope Ministries P.O. Box 862 Des Moines, IA 50304 (515) 265-7272</p> <p>Services for women: 515-264-0144 Services for men: 515-244-5445 Email: info@hopeiowa.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shelter (both crisis and long-term) and meals</li> <li>- low-cost, good-quality clothing, etc...</li> <li>- substance use counseling</li> <li>- GED &amp; life skills classes</li> <li>- nutrition/health counseling</li> <li>- work skills training and business practicum</li> </ul>	<p>Bethel Mission: men's shelter (1310 6th Ave)</p> <p>Door of Faith: For Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Certain SO's allowed.</li> <li>- Hope Center for Women and Children: short-term shelter and long-term life recovery.</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>Discovery House</p>	<p>Mailing address: Ken Silver 4745 Estero Blvd. #201 Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931</p> <p>515-499-6486</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transitional housing for men. (3 houses)</li> <li>- Recovery support.</li> <li>- Faith based.</li> <li>- Need to have employment set up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location</u></li> <li>- Very positive group who understands the challenge of reentry.</li> <li>- Write letter stating your situation and employment.</li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>Central Iowa Shelter and Services</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>1420 Mulberry Street Des Moines, IA 50309 (515) 284-5719 (515) 883-1692</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temporary housing (90 day)</li> <li>- Recovery and mental health staff.</li> <li>- Job training program (Kitchen, janitorial, garden)</li> <li>- Health care available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nobody turned away.</li> <li>- Good place to get started while finding housing.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location.</u></li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>Harbor of Hope</p> <p>Alcohol &amp; Substance Abuse Recovery House</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED FOR AA INFO.</b></p>	<p>3650 Cottage Grove Ave. Des Moines, IA 50311</p> <p>(515) 244-0370</p>	<p>Recovery assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Employment</li> <li>- Financial training</li> <li>- Reconnecting to family and friends</li> <li>- Physical and mental health</li> </ul>	<p>Residents are required to stay a minimum of six months and allowed to stay a maximum of two years. All residents are required to pay \$550/a month rent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Possible parole location.</u></li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>House of Mercy</p>	<p>1409 Clark St. Des Moines, IA 50314</p> <p>(515) 643-6500</p> <p>Rebecca Peterson: rpeterson@mercydesmoines.org</p>	<p>Residential substance abuse and mental health treatment, housing, transportation, behavioral therapy, family therapy, relapse prevention, support groups, education, employment, skill training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women and families only.</li> <li>- Very supportive community.</li> <li>- Childcare and support.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location.</u></li> <li>- Outpatient treatment for men and women.</li> <li>- Not available for SO's</li> </ul>

DES MOINES Harvest Academy	8769 G24 Hwy Indianola, IA 50125  515-423-0004	- 2+ year residential program for men. - Therapeutic community designed to help overcome barriers. - Peer support.	- Not available for SO's. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Job training and employment
DES MOINES Patron Hands	1612 Forest Avenue Des Moines, IA 50314  Contact: Edwin Daye at 515-822-0076	- Housing for men - Community involvement and engagement - Fatherhood group	- Not available for SO's. - Focused on being good fathers. - <u>Possible parole location.</u>
DES MOINES Dad's with Purpose	1615 Arlington Des Moines, IA 50314  515-339-1210 Keith Meeks	- Sober-living house - Focused on being good fathers.	- Have 24 beds. - Not available for SO's. - <u>Possible parole location.</u>
DES MOINES The Salvation Army in Des Moines (Adult Rehabilitation Center)	The Salvation Army 133 E. 2nd Street Des Moines, IA 50309  Prefer phone contact:  (515) 243-4277	Long-term residential program for men: - 6-level recovery system - - six months minimum - Individual and Group Counseling - Relapse Prevention	- Not available for SO's. - AA, NA, and Celebrate Recovery - Work therapy - Faith based - <u>Possible parole location</u>
DES MOINES YMCA Supportive Housing	2 SW 9th Street Des Moines, IA 50309 (515) 288-2424	- Housing - Transportation - Laundry - Computer lab - Food/clothing	- Have to qualify under Low Income Housing Tax Credit. - They will do a background check. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
DES MOINES Tim's Club	PO Box 65533 West Des Moines, IA 50265  (515) 478-0985	- Bible-based recovery housing. - 2 houses in Des Moines and 1 in Waukee	- <u>Possible parole location.</u> - New organization. - Have connection with Celebrate Recovery. - Not available for SO's.
DES MOINES Bernie Lorenz Recovery	4018 Kingman Boulevard Des Moines, IA 50311 (515) 262-0349 Email: info@bernielorenzrecovery.org	Residential substance abuse treatment; 60-90 day program, vocational training, education, developing budget, counseling services, assistance in finding work.	- Women only  - <u>Possible parole location.</u>
DES MOINES Recovery in Action	PO Box 13342 Des Moines, IA 50310  3312 Fourth St. Des Moines, IA 50313 (515) 249-7520	Sober, safe, and permanent housing for those striving for sobriety, accountability and independence.	- Need to get a sponsor. - Must have legal employment. - Discharge only. - Not available for SO's.
DES MOINES Honest Journey	Honest Journey 1924 E. Bell Ave. Des Moines, IA. 50320	- Transitional housing for men. - Need to be active in recovery.	- <u>Possible parole location</u> - Write letter stating your situation and employment. - Not available for SO's.

	515-219-4911	- Have single or double rooms available	
<p>NEWTON</p> <p>Discover Hope 5:17</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>733 1st Ave. E Newton, IA 50208</p> <p>641-841-0598 Email: info@discoverhope517.com Contact: Bonnie Claussen</p>	<p>Re-entry and recovery -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employment help</li> <li>- Housing available</li> <li>- Substance use recovery</li> <li>- Connecting with area resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faith-based, but will work with anyone needing help.</li> <li>- Not available for SO's.</li> <li>- Supportive and encouraging.</li> <li>- Men only.</li> <li>- <u>Possible parole location.</u></li> </ul>

## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
<p>CRESTON</p> <p>IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: Operation Manager 215 N Elm St Creston, IA 50801</p> <p>(641) 782-2119 Email: Region14.Web@iwd.iowa.gov</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></li> <li>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>Project IOWA (Iowa Opportunities for Workforce Advancement)</p>	<p>1420 Mulberry St. Des Moines, Iowa 50309</p> <p>(515) 280-1274 Email: office@projectiowa.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have options for employment training.</li> <li>- Include personal and professional development.</li> <li>- Goal is for career track and high wage jobs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can contact them before leaving prison.</li> <li>- Work with area employers.</li> <li>- Great people.</li> <li>- No cost for classes and program.</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>Change Course</p>	<p>2500 University Ave Ste 311 Des Moines, IA 50311</p> <p>(515) 779-6108</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employment training.</li> <li>- Personal development</li> <li>- Leadership development</li> <li>- Skill development.</li> <li>- One-on-one coaching sessions.</li> <li>- Goal is for career track and high wage jobs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can contact them before leaving prison.</li> <li>- Work with area employers.</li> <li>- Great people.</li> <li>- No cost for classes and program.</li> </ul>
<p>DES MOINES</p> <p>IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: Operation Manager 200 Army Post Rd. Des Moines, IA 50315</p> <p>Phone: 515-281-9619 Email: DesMoinesIowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, education/training and more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></li> <li>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</li> </ul>
<p>JOHNSTON</p> <p>Goodwill of Central Iowa</p>	<p>5355 NW 86th St. Johnston, Iowa 50131 Phone: (515) 265-5323</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forklift, custodial, retail and food service certifications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understands the challenges of reentry.</li> </ul>

## HEALTH CARE

DES MOINES Primary Health Care <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	CONTACT: 1200 University Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314  (515) 248-1500	- Health care services including mental health and substance use. - Can help find a primary care physician - Can help with housing, food, clothing and more.	- Sliding scale fee - Intakes Mon-Fri.
DES MOINES Prelude Services Central Iowa	3451 Easton Blvd. Des Moines, Iowa 50317 (515) 262-0349  Email: info@meccaia.com	- Prevention services for addiction.  - Transitional housing.	- Have Spanish-speaking staff. - <u>You can contact them before leaving prison.</u>
PRAIRIE CITY Clearview Recovery	501 North Sherman Prairie City, Iowa 50228  (515) 994-3562	Substance abuse treatment, parenting classes, counseling, job training, self-esteem improvement	- Women only (children allowed)

## **6th JUDICIAL DISTRICT** (Cedar Rapids/Iowa City and area)

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)**

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
STATEWIDE Hope4Healing <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635  855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5	- Assist with finding resources in your community - Help you connect with a church to provide mentoring and other support	- A Christian-based organization. - Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need. - You can write to them from prison..
CEDAR RAPIDS RISE program <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	901 29th St. Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  Main: (319) 382-2350	Guidance on: - finding a job - finding housing - food and clothing - transportation - creating plans & goals - Clothing/hygiene available	- Warm and welcoming people. - <u>You can contact them from prison.</u> - Have a mentor program called AMP.
CEDAR RAPIDS Living Beyond the Bars <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	Reentry Organizer: Mike Cervantes  319-321-3048  mike.livingbeyondthebars@gmail.com	- Provide information on resources across the state. - Will assist and provide information via phone or Corrlinks.	- In Cedar Rapids and Coralville, they hold support meetings for family/friends. - <u>You can contact them from prison.</u>

IOWA CITY Inside Out Reentry <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	500 N. Clinton Street Iowa City, IA 52245  Main: (319) 338-7996 Cell: (319) 621-6263  Email: Hello@insideoutreentry.com	Drop-in & Resource Center: - tutoring - life skills classes - employment readiness - Help for housing - resource information - mentors	- <u>You can contact them from prison.</u> - Supportive community.
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## HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
CEDAR RAPIDS  The Safe Place Foundation	527 6th Avenue SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  Main: (319) 366-3430  <a href="http://www.safeplacefoundation.org/">http://www.safeplacefoundation.org/</a>	A drug- and alcohol-free living environment with ongoing staff support, community volunteer involvement and peer-to-peer mentorship.	- 40 bed program: 6 Phase One beds and 34 Phase Two beds. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's. - Men only.
CEDAR RAPIDS  Hope CDA	842 14th St. SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  319-560-1196	- Jobs training program that includes housing.  - Life Skills classes  - Mentoring	- Faith-based. - Men only. - 12-month program - Must be part of program to be included in housing. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
CEDAR RAPIDS  Willis Dady Shelter	1247 4th Ave. SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  CONTACT: Waypoint Shelter and Housing Services:: 319-366-7999	- Shelter available for men and women with children. - Help connect with community resources - Case management	- This is a good place to start as you look for permanent housing. - Welcoming and warm. - <u>Not</u> a parole location, possible for discharge.
IOWA CITY  Prelude Services	430 Southgate Ave. Iowa City, IA 52240  319-351-4357	- Prevention services for addiction.	- You can contact them before leaving prison.

## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
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<p>CEDAR RAPIDS IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: Operation Manager 4444 1st Ave. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402</p> <p>(319) 365-9474 Email: CedarRapidslowaWORKS@iw d.iowa.gov</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.</p> <p>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</p>	<p>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></p> <p>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</p>
<p>IOWA CITY IowaWORKS Center</p>	<p>Attn: Operation Manager 1700 S 1st Ave. Iowa City, IA 52240</p> <p>(319) 351-1035</p>	<p>IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.</p> <p>- Have computers, job listings and staff to help.</p>	<p>- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u></p> <p>- Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.</p>

## **7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT** (Quad Cities/Clinton/Muscatine and area)

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)**

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
<p>STATEWIDE Hope4Healing <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635</p> <p>855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5</p>	<p>- Assist with finding resources in your community</p> <p>- Help you connect with a church to provide mentoring and other support.</p>	<p>- A Christian-based organization.</p> <p>- Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need.</p> <p>- You can write to them from prison.</p>
<p>CLINTON Information Referral <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>415 S. 3rd Street Clinton, IA 52732</p> <p>563-243-5818</p>	<p>- Housing assistance including list of landlords and rent assistance.</p> <p>- Connect with area resources for food, clothing, health care and more.</p>	<p>- They are connected to area agencies and churches.</p> <p>- Committed to helping and they know the community very well.</p>
<p>CLINTON Community Action</p>	<p>242 N Bluff Blvd. #203 Clinton IA 52732</p> <p>(866) 243-5220</p>	<p>- Food pantry</p> <p>- Resource guide</p> <p>- Housing assistance including list of apartments</p>	<p>- Will help with connecting to area resources</p>
<p>DAVENPORT Community Action</p>	<p>500 East 59th Street, Davenport, IA 52807</p> <p>(866) 324-3236</p>	<p>- Food pantry</p> <p>- Resource guide</p> <p>- Housing assistance including list of apartments</p>	<p>- Will help with connecting to area resources</p>



ROCK ISLAND  Project Now  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	418 19th St. Rock Island, IL: 61201  (309) 793-6391  www.projectnow.org	- Housing assistance including list of apartments  - Basic needs assistance.	- Can help <u>even if you are not an Illinois resident.</u> - Call to make appointment. - Supportive and encouraging staff
MUSCATINE  Community Action	1903 Park Ave. #18 Muscatine IA 52761  (563) 263-9290	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources
MUSCATINE  Jesus Mission Church/ Pearl City Outreach	509 Mulberry Ave. Muscatine, IA 52761  (563) 261-6173	- Helps with jobs - Rides to work - Sack lunches - Laundry and showers	- Emergency shelter available. - No cost.
TIPTON  Community Action	101 Lynn Street Tipton IA 52772  563-886-3191	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources

## HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
CLINTON  ASAC/King House	2219 Garfield St. Clinton, IA 52732  563-242-6805	- Sober housing available. - Need ASAM assessment to qualify. - Residential substance abuse services for men.	- You can contact them from prison. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Some SO's allowed.
CLINTON  ASAC/Hightower Place	2727 S. 19th Street Clinton, IA 52732 (563) 242-2042	- Sobre housing available. - Need ASAM assessment to qualify. - Residential substance abuse services for women.	- Work with prison counselor on applying. - <u>Possible parole location</u>
DAVENPORT  Unity House  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	2341 E. Pleasant St. Davenport, IA 52803  (563) 676-5488 or (563) 210-1513 EMAIL: eric.hoffmann@unityhouseofdavenport.org	- Transitional housing. - Semi-structured sober and recovery living.	- They have six houses. - - Online application can be printed off and mailed in. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
DAVENPORT  Pine Meadows Residential Treatment	4656 W. Kimberly Road Davenport, IA 52806  (563) 345-5673	- Residential care facility for those with mental health illness.	- Work with counselor on applying. - <u>Possible parole location</u>
DAVENPORT  One Eighty	601 N. Marquette St. Davenport, IA 52802	Houses men and women coming out of incarceration, domestic	- 14-month program. - Home-like setting and great people.

<b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	phone: 563-424-4589 www.oneeighty.org Contact: Chad Williams	abuse, sex trafficking, homelessness or addiction. Assigns mentor and helps with furthering education.	- <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's. - Faith based. . - You can contact them from prison.
DAVENPORT Freedom Homes	720 E. Locust St. Davenport, IA 52803 (563) 326-4056	Transitional housing.	- No time limit. - Semi-structured. - No Parole, Discharge only
DAVENPORT Salvation Army	310 W. 6th St. #1 Davenport, IA 52803 563-324-4808 Contact: PO Box 1656 Davenport, IA 52806	- Shelter - Will help connect with area resources - Rent assistance program	.- Faith based, 6 mo. to 1 yr residential program. - No Parole, Discharge only
LETTS Cedar River Haven	2978 Casey Avenue Letts, IA 52745 319-726-2360 fsojka@cedarriverhaven.org	Rural Recovery Residence - 12 Step Immersion - Social, spiritual, community driven. - Life skills, therapy and group support	.- Supportive recovery community using Peer Social model - 24 beds - Women only

## EMPLOYMENT

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
CLINTON IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 105 Main Ave. Clinton, IA 52732  319-423-0333	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, education/training and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
DAVENPORT IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 1801 E. Kimberly Rd. Davenport, IA 52806  563- 445-3200  Email: DavenportIowaWORKS@iwd.iowa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, education/training and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
DAVENPORT Safer Foundation	1702 N. Main St. Davenport, IA 52803  (563) 322-7002	Employment: - Orientation, intake, and retention for employment	

	Contact: Sue Davison	- ACE program for those looking for a career.	
MUSCATINE IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 1903 Park Ave. #18 Muscatine, IA 52761  319-423-0333	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, education/training and more. - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.

## HEALTH CARE

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
DAVENPORT  Community Health Care  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	500 W. River Drive Davenport, IA 52801  (563) 336-3000  Contact person: Bob Davis	- They have social workers to help connect with community resources including housing.  - Provide a variety of medical services including getting a primary care physician.	- Friendly and helpful staff. - Sliding-scale fee

## 8th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Burlington, Ottumwa, Keokuk, Ft. Madison and area)

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Connecting and Mentoring)

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
STATEWIDE  Hope4Healing  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	P.O. Box 48, Gladbrook, IA 50635  855-584-4673 Mon-Friday 8-5	- Assist with finding resources in your community - Help you connect with a church to provide mentoring and other support	- A Christian-based organization. - Will go the extra mile to help you find the resources you need. - You can write to them from prison.
BLOOMFIELD	300 E. South Street Bloomfield, IA 52537	- Food pantry - Resource guide	- Will help with connecting to area resources.

SIEDA Community Action	641-664-1911	- Housing assistance including list of apartments	
BURLINGTON Community Action <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	700 Jefferson St. Burlington, IA 52601  319-753-2893	- Food pantry  - Resource guide  - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.
BURLINGTON and FT. MADISON Celebrate Recovery	550 Division St. Burlington, IA 52601 319-237-8400 Ext. 201  1602 Ave. F Ft. Madison, IA 52627 319-237-8400 Ext. 301	Celebrate Recovery meets every week and provides a healing, healthy environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups, and habits.	Christian-based recovery program.
CENTERVILLE SIEDA Community Action	111 N. Main Centerville, IA 52544  641-856-8437	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.
FAIRFIELD SIEDA Community Action	201 S. 23rd Fairfield,, IA 52556  641-472-6140	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.
KALONA Family Love	2015 State Highway 22 Kalona, IA 52247  (319) 430-4378  www.familylove4u.com	- Assist with finding resources in your community anywhere in Iowa. - Communicate via Corrlinks or regular mail.	- Aware of the challenges of reentry because they have all been there (or have family members who have). - Strong in their faith, but not faith-based. - You can contact them from prison.
FT. MADISON Eichacker Community Action Center	3433 Avenue O Ft. Madison, IA 52627  319-372-4471	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.
KEOKUK Tallarico Community Action Center	220 S. 22nd St. Keokuk, IA 52632  319-524-6383	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.
KEOSAUQUA SIEDA Community Action	906 Dodge Street Keosauqua, IA 52565  319-293-3722	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources.
MT. PLEASANT	1303 W. Washington Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641	- Food pantry - Resource guide	- Will help with connecting to area resources

Tolson Community Action Center	319-385-2310	- Housing assistance including list of apartments	
MT. PLEASANT Fellowship Cup	203 North Jefferson Street Mt Pleasant, IA 52641  (319) 385-3242  director@thefellowshipcup.org	- Will assist with connecting to area services/resources.  - Have food, clothing, vouchers and other supports	Their mission is to provide food, shelter and clothing to those in Henry County.
OTTUMWA O-Town Recovery	202 W. Davis St. Ottumwa, IA 52501  641-980-7455	- Supportive recovery community. - Meetings every day at noon.	- Can help connect with area resources including housing.
OTTUMWA SIEDA Community Action	725 W. Second Ottumwa, IA 52501  641-682-8741	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources
SIGOURNEY SIEDA Community Action	114 West Washington Sigourney, IA 52591  641-622-3443	- Food pantry - Resource guide - Housing assistance including list of apartments	- Will help with connecting to area resources

## HOUSING

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
BURLINGTON Transitions	515 S. Main St. Burlington, IA 52602  Contact: Sara or Craig 319-209-2217, or 309-221-8492  transitionsdmc@gmail.com	- Can help apply for medicaid and referrals to local resources for substance abuse and employment. - Housing options available. - Assist with household goods.	- Available for discharge, but not parole. - Their housing program is being developed, but may be considered as a parole location.
BURLINGTON Burlington Shelter	123 N. Marshall St. Burlington, IA 52601  319-754-6791	- Shelter for extended or short-term stay.	- Need Iowa ID. - Not available for SO's. - Available for discharge, but <u>not</u> parole.

			- Sober house.
KALONA Retrograde Ministries	507 3rd St Kalona, IA 52247  Main: (319) 779-1024  contact:: Mike Evans - m.evansretro@gmail.com	- Men's recovery housing.  - Six-month in-house program.  - Sober living housing available upon completion of program.	- Faith-based. - They are a great group of people. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
KEOKUK Talbot Sober Living Residence	810 Timea St. Keokuk, IA 52632  319-795-5535	- Sober house - 12-step based - 3-month stay	- Faith-based - Positive and encouraging people. - <u>Possible parole location</u> - Not available for SO's.
OTTUMWA Oxford House  <b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b>	Oxford House 606 E. Fillmore St. Ottumwa, IA 52556  641-919-2510	- Sober, cooperative, self-governing housing option for men. - They can help you connect to area resources.	- <u>Possible parole location</u> - A 12-step focused community. - Very positive group.

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NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
BURLINGTON IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Carolyn Farley 1000 N. Roosevelt Burlington, IA 52601  (319) 753-1674  Email: BurlingtonIowaWORKS@iwd.io wa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.  - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.
OTTUMWA IowaWORKS Center	Attn: Operation Manager 15260 Truman St. Ottumwa, IA 52501  (641) 684-5401  Email: OttumwaIowaWORKS@iwd.io wa.gov	IWD (IowaWORKS) provides help with resumes, job applications, training/education and more.  - Have computers, job listings and staff to help.	- <u>You can write to them before leaving prison.</u> - Include: your skills/job interests, resume (if you have one) and a little about your work experience.

## HEALTH CARE

NAME	CONTACT INFO	SERVICES	NOTES
BURLINGTON	1340 Mt. Pleasant St. Burlington, IA 52601	- Will help you connect to area resources	- Even if you do not have any substance use issues,

<p>Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS)</p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED PLACE TO START</b></p>	<p>(319) 753-6567</p> <p>Email: nuneztamara@addsiowa.org</p> <p>Contact: Tamara</p>	<p>- Outpatient and residential treatment for substance abuse, prevention work, distance support services, gambling treatment</p>	<p>they will help you connect to area services.</p> <p>- Positive and encouraging people.</p>
<p>KEOKUK</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS)</p>	<p>928 Main St. Keokuk, IA 52632</p> <p>(319) 524-4397</p>	<p>Outpatient and residential treatment for substance abuse, prevention work, distance support services.</p>	
<p>MT. PLEASANT</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS)</p>	<p>122 N. Main St. Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641</p> <p>(319) 385-2216</p>	<p>Outpatient and residential treatment for substance abuse, prevention work, distance support services.</p>	<p>- Residential treatment is located in Burlington.</p>
<p>OTTUMWA</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS)</p>	<p>SEIDA 310 W. Main Street Ottumwa, IA 52501</p> <p>641-683-6747 Ext. 201</p>	<p>Outpatient treatment for substance abuse, prevention work, distance support services.</p>	<p>- They will help you connect to other area resources.</p> <p>- They can refer you for residential treatment.</p>
<p>OTTUMWA</p> <p>First Resources</p>	<p>102 North Hancock St. Ottumwa, IA 52501</p> <p>(641) 682-2800</p>	<p>- Mental health services; Individual/family therapy; drop in centers</p> <p>- They have a list of area resources including housing.</p>	<p>Substance abuse support groups are offered to enhance continued success of sobriety and prevent relapse.</p>
<p>WAPELLO</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS)</p>	<p>304 Highway 61 North Wapello, IA 52653</p> <p>Main: (319) 523-8436</p> <p><a href="http://www.addsiowa.org/index.php/about-us/">http://www.addsiowa.org/index.php/about-us/</a></p>	<p>Chemical dependency services</p>	<p>- Residential treatment is located in Burlington.</p>

## Owning Your Journey: A planning guide for starting over after prison in Iowa

Some of the wisest advice given when a person first gets to prison is, "Don't waste this time." While incarcerated, you have the opportunity to make a solid, detailed plan for your return into society. This planning guide is designed to aid you in your eventual success upon reentry. However, because no situation is the same, it is up to each of us to make our own plan.

A. Start with Your Dreams (What would happiness and contentment look like for you?)

- What is the job/career that you really want?
- Where would you like to live if you could choose?

## B. Steps towards Achieving Your Dreams

**KEY POINT:** *It is hard getting accurate community information while in prison. The state-wide resource guide "First Stop After Prison" is available in every institution. Ask to see it!*

DIRECTIONS: On a separate sheet (s) of paper, write a detailed description for each item (#1,2,3).

1. Identify and list support people/organizations in your community
  - These could be family, friends, sponsors, health care professionals.
  - Also, think of people or places you should avoid.
  - Include substance use and mental health support if needed.
2. List work/employment possibilities
  - Think broadly and include employment services like IowaWORKS.
3. Describe your living situation choices. (It is important to have more than one option.)

### HELPFUL STRATEGIES:

- Make a 'short-term' list of goals. (e.g. Find a job by Friday. Get an ID. Exercise twice this week...)
- Make a 'long-term' list of goals. (These are things that will take time to achieve.)
- The first 3 days out of prison can be the hardest. Write a detailed plan of what you will do during those first three days.

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## Letters DO Make a Difference

*Here is the basic format for writing letters. A letter (hand-written or typed) tends to be taken more seriously than a phone call. Most organizations prefer to be contacted with a letter. Be upfront about your situation and why you are writing.*

Contact Information (where you will be able to receive letters)

Your Name, Your Address, Your City, State, Zip Code



Date (Today's Date)

Contact Information *(the person or organization you are writing to)*

Name, Title, Company, Address, City, State, Zip Code

Greeting

Dear Mr./Ms. Last Name (or name of organization),

Body of Letter

The first paragraph of your letter should provide an introduction as to why you are writing so that your purpose is obvious from the very beginning. ("I am writing because...")

Then, in the following paragraphs, provide more information and specific details about you (e.g., date of release, location) and your request or the information you are providing. You can describe your situation, but try not to dwell on the past. It is helpful to talk about how you have changed and your plans for the future.

The last paragraph of your letter should state again the reason you are writing and thank the reader for reviewing your request. If appropriate, it should also politely ask for a written response or for the opportunity to arrange a phone call to further discuss your request.

Closing

Best regards (or Sincerely,)

Signature

Handwritten Signature

Typed (or printed) Name