

Essential Life Skills Resources

Housing Tips

- Check Eligibility – Look into local reentry housing programs, Section 8, and supportive housing.
- Use Community Resources – Contact nonprofits, churches, and shelters for transitional housing.
- Search Online Listings – Use Craigslist, Zillow, or local housing boards for affordable rentals.
- Budget First – Aim for rent that's 30% or less of your monthly income.
- Tenant Rights – Know your rights regarding deposits, repairs, and evictions.

Transport Help

- Public Transit – Research local bus/train routes and discount passes.
- Carpool or Rideshare – Use apps or community boards to share rides and reduce costs.
- Low-Cost Alternatives – Biking or walking when possible saves money and builds health.
- Plan Routes – Download Google Maps or local transit apps for schedules.
- Job Access Programs – Some cities offer free/discounted transit for job interviews and new employment.

ID Guide

- Start with State ID/Driver's License – Visit your DMV with proof of address and identity.
- Gather Key Documents – Birth certificate, Social Security card, or prison release papers.
- Proof of Address – Utility bill, shelter verification letter, or halfway house confirmation.
- Replace Lost Documents – Apply online or at local agencies for new birth or Social Security cards.
- Use ID for Stability – IDs are required for housing, jobs, healthcare, and banking.