



Reentry Resource Guide for Haywood County



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Nothing is more frustrating these days than trying to get an actual human being to answer the phone when you call organizations for assistance. This can especially be true for government agencies. If this happens to you when contacting any of the service providers listed in this Reentry Resource Guide, remember the following:

- Try to find all the information you need on the service provider's website, which OurJourney gives for every service provider that has one. That way you won't even need to call. If the website gives an email address, you might try emailing the service provider with your non-emergency questions.
- Sometimes by pressing the zero button on your phone you can skip past the recorded message and be sent straight to a human operator.
- Know ahead of time exactly what you want to ask; have any materials you need on hand before you call (such as ID, application, etc.).
- Be patient. If you simply can't wait on hold any longer, choose the option that lets you leave a voicemail (if available).
- If you leave a voicemail, remember to state your name and phone number clearly, along with the reason for your call.
- Make sure you're available for call-back during normal business hours. If you can't be, when you leave your voicemail provide a time range for call-back.

Also remember, many people in your community need help too. So you may be placed on a waiting list for some services. OurJourney always recommends that you begin your search for assistance by contacting the One-Stop Resource Centers listed at the front of this guide. Why? Because these service providers usually have the resources and connections in the community to provide more immediate and specific help.

Agencies, organizations, ministries or businesses with a  beside their listing are close partners of OurJourney. We have verified not just their basic information but that they are dedicated to helping you rebuild your life. Make sure you mention that OurJourney sent you!

Finally, remember that your success ultimately depends on **YOU!** OurJourney encourages you not to give up if you can't find help when and how you need it. We know firsthand how frustrating it can be when things don't go the way you hope, but we also know that **the worst day in freedom is better than the best day in prison**, and that patience and perseverance are just as important to your success as the assistance you need.

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Resource Guide - Haywood County

The service providers listed below are for Haywood County and surrounding areas. Agencies, organizations or businesses may be listed multiple times if they offer services in multiple categories. Agencies, organizations or businesses listed under the category "One-Stop Resource Centers" offer assistance in all or nearly all other categories. OurJourney does not endorse any of the agencies, organizations or businesses listed below, unless otherwise noted by a green check mark beside the listing.

OurJourney has verified the accuracy of the information in this Resource Guide as of the date printed on the bottom of each page. There may be other service providers in Haywood County not listed. Please call (888) 50 REENTRY or email contact@ourjourney2gether.com to report any discrepancies or to suggest other service providers in Haywood County.

One-Stop Resource Centers

Mountain Projects

2177 Asheville Rd.

Waynesville NC 28786

828-452-1447

<https://mountainprojects.org/>

Monday through Thursday: 7:30 AM
to 5:30 PM

Mountain Projects seeks to develop and implement comprehensive programs which are designed to improve the social, economic, educational, health, emotional and environmental aspects of the lives of the families and individuals eligible to participate in programs in Haywood County. They offer Section 8 housing assistance, food assistance, transportation and more. You will need to fill out a pre-application online. Click on "What We Do" on the main menu, then select "Apply for Assistance" from the drop-down menu.

Assistance is free to those who qualify; some services provided by partner organizations may charge fees

One-Stop Resource Centers

Haywood Pathways Center

179 Hemlock St.
Waynesville NC 28786
828-246-0332

Provides food, shelter and individualized supportive services for individuals returning from prison, including mental health/substance use assistance, job preparation and healthcare.

Assistance is free; some services provided by partner organizations may charge fees

[https://
www.haywoodpathwayscenter.org/](https://www.haywoodpathwayscenter.org/)

Always Open
(Community Dinner: 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM each night)

United Way of Haywood County

81 Elmwood Way
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2832

<https://www.uwhaywood.org/>

Provides support to dozens of member agency programs in Haywood County. In addition to calling the number provided for the Haywood office, you can get assistance by calling the United Way hotline by dialing 211.

Assistance is free; some services provided by partner organizations may charge fees

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

WNC Salvation Army

290 Pigeon St.
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-456-7111

[https://
southernusa.salvationarmy.org/
waynesville](https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/waynesville)

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Provides a wide variety of services, including Disaster Relief, Shelter, Food, Rent and Utility Assistance, and Clothing.

Assistance is free

Recidivism Reduction Call Center

[https://rreps.net/recidivism-
reduction-hotline](https://rreps.net/recidivism-reduction-hotline)

888-852-0004

The Recidivism Reduction Call Center allows people recently released from prison in North Carolina to connect with a RREPS operator to request information about, and set up warm referrals to, employment, housing, healthcare, and public benefits services.

Assistance is free; some services provided by partner organizations may charge fees

One-Stop Resource Centers



Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte (Western Region Office)

50 Orange Street
Asheville, NC 28801

828-820-5147

<https://ccdoc.org/>

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4pm

Main office is located in Asheville however some services are virtual or provided in community. Services provided in Haywood County include- Case Management- Assistance with resources to transition to stability Counseling- Licensed clinical counseling (virtual/Spanish counseling available, sliding fee scale) Direct Assistance- financial requests for assistance Immigration Services- please contact Angie Fernandez alfernandez@ccdoc.org 704-370-3219

Counseling- Sliding Fee Scale
All other services- Free



Go Further Connect

<https://gofurtherconnect.com/>

Introducing a new way to get connected

Do you need a resource?
Do you need a job?
Do you need inspiration?
Do you need to connect?



Go Further Connect is an online resource for connecting returning citizens with programming, services, and community support that meet the individual's needs. You can search for help by zip code and also access some of the other great resources they have available for free, such as a tool for finding a job.

Free

Visit www.GoFurtherConnect.com
to start connecting now

One-Stop Resource Centers



Fenced In: Fighting for Freedom Advocacy

336-840-7570

<https://aprilbarberscales.com/#our-services>

Monday - Friday:
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

April spent over 33 years in prison and now helps others returning after long prison sentences of 20 years or more. If that's you, April will prepare a tailored plan according to your vision of release and will provide a prepaid cell phone and gift card as funding permits. She is also a certified peer support specialist who offers support for those who struggle with mental health, psychological trauma, or substance use. April is an OurJourney board member.

Free if you served 20 years or more.

North Carolina ePASS

<https://epass.nc.gov/>

North Carolina ePASS is a new online way to apply for Benefits and services as a resident of the state. It is made available by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. You can apply for Food & Nutrition Services, apply for Energy Assistance, register to vote (if eligible) and apply for other state services. You will need to set up an account first and you must have an active email account. You will also need a photo ID and your birth certificate to set up an account.

Setting up an account is free. To qualify for benefits, you must meet certain guidelines.

Food Resources

Haywood Christian Ministry

150 Branner St.
Waynesville NC 28786

828-456-4838

<https://hcmnc.org/>

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to
4:00 PM (Closed one hour for lunch)

Food Distribution Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed one
hour for lunch)

Provides weekly grocery
supplements (including shelf
stable goods as well as fresh
produce and meat when available)
and emergency food bags to
those in the community who are
facing hunger.

No ID is required, but you will
need to give your name, address
and income level.

They also have a thrift store. See
Clothing Resources.

You may also be able to receive
other help from them, such as
temporary crisis assistance.

Free to those who
qualify

The Community Kitchen

922 Champion Dr.
Canton, NC 28716

828-648-0014

[https://
thecommunitykitchen.mystrikingly.co
m/](https://thecommunitykitchen.mystrikingly.com/)

Shopping Center:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday: Opens at 4:30 PM

Hot Dinner:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Food Box Distribution:

Second and Fourth Tuesday of every
month from 10:00 AM to Noon
Fourth Wednesday of every month
from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Provides food to those in need in
Haywood County in several ways,
including food boxes and a hot
dinner five nights a week. They
also have a Shopping Center
where you can purchase food at a
reduced price, including fresh
produce.

Food boxes and hot
dinners are free;
Shopping Center prices
vary by item

Food Resources

Grace Church in the Mountains Food Pantry

394 N. Haywood St.
Waynesville, NC 28786

828-456-6029

<https://www.gracewaynesville.com/food-pantry-hours.html>

Monday through Friday: 10:00 AM to
11:00 AM

Provides food to those in need in Free
Haywood County. You can access
the Food Pantry at the back of the
church off of Miller Street.

Medical / Dental Resources

Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency

157 Paragon Parkway
Clyde, NC 28721

825-452-6620
828-452-6701 (Dental)

<https://www.haywoodcountync.gov/800/Health-Human-Services>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to
5:00 PM

Offers assistance with a variety of Free
basic health needs, including
dental care, disease prevention
and others. Also offers free HIV
and other STD testing and free
COVID testing and vaccinations.
Will also help with referrals to
other health care providers in
Haywood County.



Parks Insurance

153 S. Oakland Ave.
Rock Hill SC 29730

866-932-7200

<https://parksinsured.com/>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to
7:00 PM

Parks Insurance is licensed in all
50 states to offer healthcare
insurance to individuals returning
from prison. Through a special
program called G.I.F.T. (Giving
Insurance Freely for Transition),
you are eligible to receive
healthcare insurance with ZERO
monthly payments and little, if
any, deductibles. This plan covers
doctor visits, medication,
behavioral health, surgery,
hospital stays and more.
Everyone qualifies, even those
with preexisting conditions.

Free

**OurJourney can help
you enroll in Parks
Insurance's G.I.F.T.
program! Call us
252-220-1956 to learn
more or call Parks
Insurance and speak
to a representative.**

Medical / Dental Resources



NC MedAssist

866-331-1348

medassist.org

NC MedAssist is a statewide program for those who do not have the means to buy life-saving medications to treat chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and asthma. To qualify you must live in NC, not have any insurance (not even Medicaid) and have income that is at or below 300% of the national poverty average. (To give you an example, if you live with one other person, the combined yearly income for both of you can't be more than \$54,930, or \$4,577 per month.) Visit their website to enroll or call for more information. They also have a Mobile Free Pharmacy that travels the state handing out free Over The Counter medications to anyone, no ID required.

Free for those who qualify and aren't insured

OurJourney can help you enroll in NC MedAssist's free pharmacy program! Call us 252-220-1956 to learn more or call NC MedAssist and speak to a representative.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

Appalachian Community Services

91 Timberlane Rd.
Waynesville, NC 28786

828-452-1395

<https://www.acswnc.com/haywood-county>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

They offer outpatient treatment services that include, but are not limited to, individual and group therapy, family counseling, psycho-educational and psychotherapy, and peer support. They also offer alcohol and substance use treatment, including MAT.

They have a free special program just for people who are justice involved called Treatment for Effective Community Supervision (TECS). The goal of TECS is to decrease the chance that individuals involved with the criminal justice system will have their probation revoked and/or will become incarcerated by helping them address their risks and needs through treatment.

The TESC program is free to those returning from prison. The other services are provided on a sliding scale based on income. They also accept Medicaid, Medicare and many forms of private insurance.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

Meridian Behavioral Health

307 Broadview Rd.
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-452-9258

1207 East St.
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-456-2997

131 Walnut St.
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-456-8604

888-315-2880 (Crisis Line)
828-226-4818 (After Hours)

<https://www.brchs.com/services/behavioral-health-counseling/>

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Provides judgement-free behavioral health and counseling services to people in Haywood County with mental illness and/or substance use issues. They offer a variety of programs to support recovery and recovery maintenance. Meridian is now part of Blue Ridge Health.

They accept Medicaid, Medicare and many forms of private insurance. No one is turned away regardless of their ability to pay.



NC Harm Reduction - Haywood County Mobile Unit

828-283-0690 (Help Line)
828-550-4294 (Veronika Ethereal)

<https://www.nchrc.org/syringe-services-programs/>

Mondays through Friday (call or text for more information and delivery hours)

Provides needle exchange services, fentanyl strips, Narcan and substance use assistance referrals.

Free

Christian Recovery Center

828-283-0690 (Help Line)
828-550-4294 (Veronika Ethereal)

<https://www.nchrc.org/syringe-services-programs/>

Mondays through Friday (call or text for more information and delivery hours)

Provides needle exchange services, fentanyl strips, Narcan and substance use assistance referrals.

Free

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources



NC Harm Reduction - Haywood County Mobile Unit

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Free

Heels Care Network

<https://care.unc.edu/resource/mental-health-gps/>

This is an online network of North Carolina and national mental health resources and support groups.

Access is free; some providers listed may charge fees for their services

Hope4NC

855-587-3463

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse/hope4nc>

Available 24/7

Hope4NC is here to connect you with the help you need, whenever you need it, whether that's mental health assistance, substance abuse assistance or if you're having suicidal thoughts.

Free

Statewide Peer Warm-line

855-733-7762

Available 24/7

The statewide Peer Warm-line is a phone line staffed by Peer Support Specialists who offer non-clinical support and resources to those in crisis. Peer Support Specialists (or "peers") are people living in recovery with mental illness and/or substance use disorder who provide support to others who can benefit from their lived experience. Their unique expertise helps reduce stigma while strengthening overall engagement in care. Like 988, North Carolina's Peer Warm-line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

Mental Health America

800-969-6642

<https://www.mhanational.org/>

<https://screening.mhanational.org/screening-tools/>

Provides free mental health screening, which is the quickest and easiest way to determine whether you are experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition.

To take the free and confidential mental health screening, visit their website or scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone.



mhascreening.org

Darkness Rising - Rebuild Program

919-589-7808

<https://findmeatherapist.org/>

Monday to Friday:
9:00 Am to 8:00 Pm

The Rebuild program provides therapist connection for the formerly incarcerated while also paying for the first 10 sessions. Rebuild serves the BIPOC community. Black, indigenous, people of color. Call for more information.

Free

Job Training / Job Placement Resources



NCWorks Career Center

1170 N Main St.
Waynesville, NC 28786

828-456-6061

<https://www.ncworks.gov/>

Offers support for everything from creating a resume and finding the right job opportunities to preparing clients for job interviews. Website has links for Finding a Job.

Free

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM
to 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM to Noon

Job Training / Job Placement Resources

Vocational Rehabilitation Center

59 Haywood Office Park, Suite 1
Waynesville, NC 28785
828-558-6100

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/vocational-rehabilitation-services>

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Provides a variety of services, depending on your specific needs. They are customized to help you find a job and offer career counseling, education and training, job placement assistance and on-going support, medical treatments and assistive technology. Works specifically with those who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

Free

Career Connections Center Haywood County

160 South Main St.
Waynesville NC
828-246-9233

<https://www.goodwillnwnc.org/train/>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Provides an array of targeted skills training programs, largely in partnership with the community college system. These short-term programs train students to become employable in high demand fields such as healthcare, customer service and hospitality industries, trades skills such as welding, office technology, culinary, professional truck driver training, and many others. Students may also choose to take stackable credentials in some locations so that they can enter the workforce with one credential and add training or credentials to their career track while working.

Free

Manpower Staffing Solutions

351 Walnut St.
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-452-1494

<https://www.manpowergroupusa.com/manpower/locations/waynesville>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Temporary agency offering job placement in local businesses for clients who can pass a drug test and have reliable transportation. They do conduct a background check, and some business they work with will not hire ex-felons, but others will.

Free

Job Training / Job Placement Resources

INspire Recovery to Careers

828-490-0588 (Dillon Moss)
828-490-3609 (Anton Sluder)

<https://www.landofsky.org/>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to
5:00 PM

Offers a job placement program
for men with substance abuse
issues who are in the early stages
of recovery.

They're part of Land of Sky
Regional Council, which is
located in Buncombe County, but
will also help anyone returning
from prison to Haywood County.

Financial Resources



Operation HOPE

704-680-3163

<https://operationhope.org>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to
5:00 PM

Helps individuals of all ages and
backgrounds, including the
formerly incarcerated, by offering
financial education, one-on-one
coaching, courses on credit score
improvement, as well as
pathways toward homeownership
and starting a business.

They have eight locations across
the state of North Carolina, but
since they can also provide their
services over the phone, they can
help you even if you don't live
near one of their locations.

This is a great (and totally free)
program for those who want to
understand how to rebuild their
credit and financial life after
incarceration.

Call Alisha Kenny at the number
provided to set up an initial
appointment.

Transportation Resources

Haywood Public Transit

Main Office:
50 Armory Dr.
Clyde, NC 28721

828-565-0362

<https://haywoodtransit.com/>

General Services Hours:
Monday through Friday: 6:00 AM to
5:30 PM

Rides are available through their set loop routes and by reservation.

Their set loop bus routes travel weekdays through the core of Haywood County, serving both Clyde and Canton (Black Bear "EAST" route) and Hazelwood and Waynesville (Mountaineer "WEST" Route). Multiple stops are available for both routes. Haywood Community College is available on both routes. To learn more about their bus routes, visit their website or call. Their van service will pick you up and bring you back from your destination. To schedule van pickup, please call two business days day before your planned trip.

Fares will vary depending on whether you ride the bus or a van and your destination. Call for prices.

You may qualify for free bus passes through Mountain Projects, which is listed under **One-Stop Resource Centers.

Clothing Resources

Goodwill Industries Thrift Stores

229 Paragon Pkwy
Clyde, NC 28721
828-452-5691

75 Plaza Loop
Canton, NC 28716
828-648-6522

<https://www.goodwillnwnc.org/shop/>

Monday through Saturday: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Sunday: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Offers previously-owned clothing and other items at extremely low prices. You can often find name-brand clothes in good to great condition.

Men's pants are as low as \$4.50 each, shirts as low as \$2.99 each. Other items are priced low also.

Clothing Resources

Salvation Army Family Store

330 Pigeon St.
Waynesville, NC 28786

828-452-9728

[https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/
waynesville](https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/waynesville)

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM
to 4:15 PM

Offers previously-owned clothing and other items at extremely low prices. You can often find name-brand clothes in good to great condition. They often provide clothing vouchers for those returning from prison, but you must ask at the front desk and be prepared to show your prison ID.

Prices vary depending on item

HCM Thrift Store

150 Branner Ave.
Waynesville, NC 28786

828-456-2909

<https://hcmnc.org/thrift-store>

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to
4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

JCI Thrift Store sells a variety of men's, women's, and children's clothes, housewares, furniture, collectibles and much more. Every Tuesday they have a special sale.
All proceeds support Haywood Christian Ministry.

Prices vary depending on item

Education Resources

Haywood County Center

589 Raccoon Rd,
Waynesville, NC 28786

828-456-3575

<https://haywood.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Monday - Friday:
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The Haywood County Center has partnered with NC State to offer classes and events for residents of Haywood County. The classes include topics such as Lawn & Garden classes, Agriculture & Food, Home & Family and more. See the website for more information and dates.

Cost varies per course. See website for details.

Directory for Haywood County Agencies:

Haywood County Probation Department	285 N Main St., Fisk Bldg. Waynesville, NC 28786	828-452-5106
Haywood County DMV	290 Lee Rd. Clyde, NC 28721	828-627-6969
Haywood County Dpt. of Social Services	157 Paragon Parkway Clyde, NC 28721	828-452-6620

Directory for State and Federal Government Programs that Offer Temporary Assistance:

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program): www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program

LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance): www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/energy-assistance/law-income-energy-assistance-lieap

TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families): www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/work-first-family-assistance

Other Organizations that Offer Assistance:

The National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens is a national network comprised of individuals returning from incarceration who support each other's successful reintegration. To learn more, visit their website at <https://thenationalreentrynetwork.org/>.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: Dial 988 or online at www.988lifeline.org.

Felony Record Hub (an online resource with jobs, housing and reentry advice for people with criminal records): www.felonyrecordhub.com

Honest Jobs (the nation's leading job marketplace for people affected by the criminal justice system. Honest Jobs has over 300,000 job openings from 1,000+ fair-chance employers): www.honestjobs.com

Veterans Resources in Haywood County (for all military veterans): 828-452-6634 or online at <https://www.haywoodcountync.gov/229/Veterans-Services>

NC211.org (an online information and referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina. It offers a searchable database with information about resources for all 100 counties in North Carolina)

Other Assistance Available through OurJourney: Anyone returning to any county in North Carolina from any state prison is automatically eligible to participate in the OurJourney **Essential Services** program. The Essential Service programs provides one-on-one, professional assistance, including help with writing a resume, preparing for a job interview, handling stress and rejection, smartphone training, and six other essential services for those rebuilding their lives after incarceration. This program is free of charge. To learn more or to enroll, call (888) 50 REENTRY or visit www.ourjourney2gether.com/essential-services.



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