



# Reentry Resource Guide for Johnston County



**2025**



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## **PLEASE READ THIS FIRST!**

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 - Johnston County

The service providers listed below are for Johnston 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 Johnston County not listed. Please call (888) 50-REENTRY or email [contact@ourjourney2gether.com](mailto:contact@ourjourney2gether.com) to report any discrepancies or to suggest other service providers in Johnston County.

### One-Stop Resource Centers



#### **North Carolina Second Chance Community Development Corporation**

919-242-4749

<https://www.nc2ndchancecdc.org/>

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

North Carolina Second Chance Community Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that helps citizens released from incarceration and their families achieve a successful re-entry back into society. They provide reentry services, connections, and restorative resources for participants both inside and outside of prison. They also offer harm reduction services to those who use drugs. You may be asked to leave a message. If so, someone will call you back.

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

## One-Stop Resource Centers

### Smithfield Rescue Mission

523 Glenn St.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-934-9257

<https://smithfieldrescue.org/>

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

The New Life Program at the Smithfield Rescue Mission is a Christ-centered and balanced approach to care for men in need who are experiencing homelessness. This program is designed to give men a time and place to break the cycle of homelessness, and the causes of homelessness within a healthy environment. Case management, medical assistance, spiritual care, employment preparation, and other services and opportunities are offered on an individual basis. They also have a men's overnight facility that provides a safe and caring place for men in need of short-term limited-time shelter, while they decide what next steps to take. The overnight shelter offers meals, personal care items, and other basic services to assist with needs. To help ensure the safety of everyone, a complete screening is needed for entry.

Assistance is free for those who qualify



### Community Success Initiative (CSI)

1830-B Tillery Place  
Raleigh, NC 27604

919-754-5332

[https://www.communitysuccess.org/  
contact-us/](https://www.communitysuccess.org/contact-us/)

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

CSI provides access and links those returning from prison to direct services, such as education, medical attention, housing, and employment. Located in the NCWorks building in Wake County, but they will also help returning citizens in Johnston County.  
**Always contact your parole officer before traveling outside of Johnston County.**

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

## One-Stop Resource Centers

### United Way of the Greater Triangle

800 Park Offices Dr., Suite 204  
Durham, NC 27709

919-460-8687

<https://www.unitedwaytriangle.org>

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

Provides support to dozens of member agency programs in Wake County. In addition to calling the number provided for the Wake office, you can get assistance by calling the United Way hotline by dialing 211. The address provided is for the Durham County location, but if you call the number provided they can direct you to service providers throughout Johnston County.

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



### Alliance of Disability Advocates (ADA)

3725 National Drive, Suite 105,  
Raleigh, NC 27610

919-833-1117

<https://adanc.org/>

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

Provides pre- and post-release services, assisted by the creation of an individualized reentry plan to anyone who self-identifies with a disability issue. These services may include housing assistance, education, independent living skills instruction, applying for Medicaid and social services, connecting individuals to mental health and substance abuse resources, employment assistance, family counseling and much more. They do not require an ID. Located in Raleigh but provides services to Johnston County.

Assistance is free to those who qualify; some services provided by partner organizations may charge fees. To qualify, you simply need to self-identify as having a disability, which can include mental, physical, visual, hearing, substance abuse or other disability.



### 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](http://www.GoFurtherConnect.com)  
to start connecting now

## One-Stop Resource Centers



### Recidivism Reduction Call Center

<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

### 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.

### Street Reach of Johnston County NC

919-912-9854

<https://streetreachjc.org/>

Available 24/7

Street Reach of Johnston County, founded in 2019 as a ministry of Temple Dream Center and registered as a 501(c)(3) in 2024, is dedicated to providing critical support to the unsheltered in Selma, Smithfield, and surrounding areas. They acts as a Resource Center providing different services such as: clothing, id's & birth certificates, computer lab, referrals for housing and employment, detox and SUD treatment referrals and transportation to same, shower and laundry facilities. White flag shelter on trigger nights. Verification of homelessness.

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

## 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.



### Rise 4 Me

<https://www.rise4me.com/>

Rise4Me is a free, online tool that offers a directory of reentry resources made available in an easily accessible format. RISE stands for Resources for Improvement, Support and Empowerment for Returning Citizens.



### Harvest Solutions

<http://www.harvestsolutions.com/>

Available 24/7

Harvest Solutions is a free, all-in-one digital platform that offers life-skills education, job and housing resources, mental health support, and recovery tools. Available to anyone for free, users earn giftcard rewards for engaging in courses. The platform is mobile-friendly, easy to access, and designed to support people navigating transition or reentry.

## One-Stop Resource Centers

### The Black Coalition of Forensic Peer Support Specialists

704-729-4211

<https://www.facebook.com/tbc.fpss/>

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.  
Appointments available outside of normal business hours.

The Black Coalition of Forensic Peer Support Specialists (TBCFPSS) provides culturally responsive, trauma-informed support for justice-impacted individuals across North Carolina. Led by certified peer specialists with lived experience of incarceration, mental health challenges, and substance use, TBCFPSS offers one-on-one and group peer support, crisis intervention, harm reduction education, and overdose prevention. Services also include reentry planning, housing navigation, expungement referrals, and workforce readiness support. By centering African American and LGBTQIA+ communities disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities, TBCFPSS builds trust, reduces barriers, and promotes healing. Through outreach, training, and collaboration, the coalition strengthens community resilience and expands access to equitable recovery and reentry pathways.

None--Qualified clients must be justice impacted.

## Food Resources

### Salvation Army of Smithfield

306 N Bright Leaf Boulevard  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-934-9102

<https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/smithfield/>

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

Provides food to those in need, along with other services, such as temporary shelter (do not offer housing assistance for those convicted of sex offenses). Bring your prison ID with you to receive service. Clients will be given enough food to last several weeks which would include items like rice, beans, bread, meat, milk, eggs, cereal, fresh produce, and many non-perishable options.

Free

## Food Resources

### Benson Baptist Church Food Pantry

200 W Church St.  
Benson, NC 27504

919-894-4777

Provides food to those in need in Johnston County, such as canned fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta, canned meats, breakfast foods, frozen foods. Follow the signs to the church office.

Free

[https://www.bensonbaptist.org/  
serving-the-community](https://www.bensonbaptist.org/serving-the-community)

Every Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

### With Love From Jesus Food Pantry

361 W. 2nd St.  
Clayton 27528  
919-233-8010

Provides food to those in need in Johnston County. They also have clothing, small household essentials and furniture. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the doors open. You may receive services twice a month. No ID, referral or proof of income or residency required. All are welcome!

Free

[https://www.withlovefromjesus.org/  
to-receive-help/](https://www.withlovefromjesus.org/to-receive-help/)

Thursday: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Sunday: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

### West Johnston Food Pantry

5935 Raleigh Rd.  
Benson, NC 27504  
919-934-7333

Provides food to those in need in Johnston County, such as canned fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta, canned meats, breakfast foods, frozen foods.

Free

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

Every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## Medical / Dental Resources

### Johnston County Health Department

517 N Brightleaf Blvd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-989-5200

<https://www.johnstonnc.com/health/>

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Offers assistance with a variety of basic health needs, including 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 Johnston County.



### Parks Insurance

153 S. Oakland Ave.  
Rock Hill SC 29730

866-932-7200

<https://parksinsured.com/>

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 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 (888) 50-REENTRY to learn more or call Parks Insurance and speak to a representative.**

## Medical / Dental Resources



### NC MedAssist

866-331-1348

[medassist.org](http://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 (888) 50-REENTRY to learn more.**

### Project Access

514 N. Bright Leaf Blvd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-550-0011

<https://www.johnstonhealth.org/patients-visitors/billing-financial-assistance/project-access/>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Project Access of Johnston County/Harnett County is a physician-led volunteer initiative that gives low-income, uninsured county residents access to comprehensive medical care. Through Project Access, physicians and community partners like UNC Health Johnston or Betsy Johnson Hospital, donate medical services without receiving reimbursement or compensation.

Project Access is not health insurance. It is, however, an innovative, voluntary program designed to help community residents stabilize their health in a time of need when health insurance is not available.

Free to those who qualify. To qualify you must be an uninsured Johnston County resident ages 19 to 65 and not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, VA benefits, or any other type of health insurance plan or coverage.

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

### Johnston County Mental Health Center

517 N Brightleaf Blvd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-989-5500  
800-510-9132 (24-Hour EmergencyLine)

<https://johnstonnc.com/health/content.cfm?pageid=access>

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

Provides mental health and/or substance use treatment for those who do not have a mental health provider.

Free to those who qualify.

### Johnston Recovery Services

1699 Old US 70 West  
Clayton, NC 27520

919-359-1699

<https://www.johnstonrecovery.com/>

*Dosing Hours:*

Monday through Friday: 5:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Saturday and Sunday: 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Holidays: 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Offers Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to help people with Opioid Use Disorder. You must be 18 years old and using opiates (Pain Pills/Heroin) for more than 1 year to qualify for treatment.

All clients must go through an intake process first. Call for more information and times.

Weekly Treatment Fees:  
Methadone - \$80  
Buprenorphine: \$120

One-Time Intake Fee:  
\$50

You may qualify for a grant to cover the cost of your medication



### NC Harm Reduction - Johnston County Mobile Unit

984-800-4124 (Chelsea Dauphinee)

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

Mondays Only (call for schedule)

Provides needle exchange services and Narcan.

Free

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

### NAMI Johnston County

919-980-5277

800-950-6264 (NAMI Hotline)

800-273-8255 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

<https://namijoconc.org/>

*Hotline Hours:*

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

Serves residents across Johnston County with free mental health support, online groups, resources and education.

Call or visit their website to find programs and resources in Johnston County that can help you with your mental health and substance use treatment needs.

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



### 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](https://mhascreening.org)

### Statewide Peer Warmline

855-733-7762

Available 24/7

The statewide Peer Warmline 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 Warmline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Free

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

### 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

### 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

### Darkness Rising - Rebuild Program

919-589-7808

<https://findmeatherapist.org/>

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

919-589-7808

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



### Project VBOT

<http://projectvbot.com/>

910-765-1003

*Office hours:*  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Project VBOT is a Virtual Based Opioid Treatment program that provides virtual MAT to patients all across NC. They serve patients 18 and older who have an internet enabled device. You can sign up for Project VBOT on the website provided or on the OurJourney website.

Accepts Medicaid, Medicare and all major insurance. Also has a self-pay option

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources



### Better Life Partners

866-679-0831

<https://betterlifepartners.com/north-carolina>

Monday-Sunday:  
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Better Life Partners, an outpatient treatment provider dedicated to supporting individuals aged 18 and above with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD). Our comprehensive approach includes medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and substance use-related responsive care. These services are paired with counseling sessions facilitated by licensed counselors in virtual group settings. Our Telehealth model streamlines an innovative approach to care and support for our members.

Accepts most major insurances. Flex pay is available if uninsured and payment is based on income.

## Job Training / Job Placement Resources

### NCWorks Career Center

912-A N Brightleaf Blvd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-934-1029

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

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

### Vocational Rehabilitation Center

224 E Peedin Rd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

984-223-3600

<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

## Job Training / Job Placement Resources

### Express Employment Professionals

328 N Brightleaf Blvd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577  
919-243-2017

[https://www.expresspros.com/  
johnstoncountync/](https://www.expresspros.com/johnstoncountync/)

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



### Find A Job - OurJourney's Employment Assistance Program

888-507-3368

[https://www.ourjourney2gether.com/  
find-a-job](https://www.ourjourney2gether.com/find-a-job)

Monday - Friday:  
9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Finding a good job is a top priority for most people after their release from prison, yet it's often one of the most difficult challenges to overcome. OurJourney is partnering with Honest Jobs to help you meet that challenge head on through our Find A Job program. Honest Jobs was created by people with criminal records or people with criminal records, and now OurJourney can help you take full advantage of their services through their innovative Reentry Navigator system, which allows us to work with you to access Second Chance jobs in your area. To learn more or to enroll, visit the website.

Free to residents of NC with criminal records

## 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.

Free

## Transportation Resources

### Johnston County Area Transit (JCATS)

Main Office:  
1050 W Noble St.  
Selma, NC 27576

919-202-5030

<https://www.cssjohnston.org/wwwjcatsorg>

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

JCATS operates a fleet of busses and vans that will pick you up and take you back. JCATS offers transportation through contracting human service agencies and for the general public. The following agencies can provide referrals:

- Johnston Co. Community & Senior Services (919) 934-6066
- Johnston Co. Mental Health (919) 989-5500
- Johnston Co. Social Services (919) 202-5873
- Johnston Co. Industries (919) 743-8700
- NC Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation (919) 934-0525

They also provide services for those who aren't referred, but they prioritize riders who are referred. To arrange for transportation, call by Noon the day before you need a ride.

All trips are free for those who are referred by one of the agencies listed; non-referred riders pay \$6.00 per trip inside of Johnston County and \$15.00 per trip outside of Johnston County

## Clothing Resources

### Goodwill Industries Thrift Store

508 Regency Park Dr.  
Clayton, NC 27520  
919-359-0492

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.

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

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Sunday: Noon to 6:00 PM

### Salvation Army Family Store

309 N 9th St.  
Smithfield, NC 27577  
919-934-9641

<https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/smithfield/>

Tuesday through Saturday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

### JCI Thrift Store

912 N Brightleaf Blvd.  
Smithfield, NC 27577  
919-934-1869

<https://jcindustries.com/jci-thrift-store>

Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

JCI Thrift Store sells a variety of men's, women's, and children's clothes, housewares, furniture, collectibles, antiques, and JCI's crafts, all at low-prices. Their stock changes daily.

All proceeds support the JCI nonprofit, which is committed to empowering individuals with disabilities and disadvantages through training and employment.

Prices vary depending on item

## Clothing Resources

### Bargain Barn

2895 NC 42  
Willow Spring, NC 27592  
919-552-4434

Offers a variety of men's, women's, and children's clothes, housewares, furniture, collectibles, antiques, and crafts, all at low-prices.

Prices vary depending on item

Find them on Facebook at Bargain Barn

Monday through Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Education Resources



### In The Beginning Incubator

919 E Main St  
Richmond, Va 23219  
804-468-8141  
<https://inthebeginningco.com/>

Monday - Friday:  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

In The Beginning Incubator and Fund (ITB) was founded in 2021 with a simple but powerful mission: To empower entrepreneurs who have been historically overlooked — and help them build legacies, not just businesses. What started as a single-location incubator in Richmond, Virginia has grown into a multi-state platform. Our model is research-backed through our partnership with Langston University, focusing on entrepreneurs from underserved, rural, minority, disabled, and returning citizen communities. ITB offers Culturally centered entrepreneur training ,Mental health and business development integrated in all programs, Real capital access through KIVA partnerships and the ITB Fund Federal research partnership to design better entrepreneur support models and Specialized niche services (grant readiness, virtual business services, procurement certification support)

Programs and packages vary in cost. See website or call for information. Also has grant programs to help cover cost for those that qualify.

## Education Resources

### Johnston County Center

2736 NC-210,  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-989-5380

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

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

The Johnston County Center has partnered with NC State to offer classes and events for residents of Johnston 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.

### House Of Resilience LLC

910-249-9426

<https://www.gobuildresilience.com/>

Monday - Friday:  
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Available on some Saturdays

House of Resilience Empowerment Coaching (HOR) provides trauma-informed, strengths-based coaching for justice-involved Men seeking personal growth, emotional healing, and successful reentry. We specialize in mindset development, identity rebuilding, and purpose-driven goal setting through structured coaching frameworks. Services include one-on-one virtual or in-person sessions, personalized reentry planning, and empowerment programs that promote self-worth, accountability, and long-term transformation. We welcome individuals with criminal backgrounds but currently do not serve registered sex offenders. Clients may apply through our website or be referred by a facility or partner agency. The first step is a free 15-minute discovery session to determine program fit. Contact: Crystal Jackson, Founder & Lead Coach, at [info@gobuildresilience.com](mailto:info@gobuildresilience.com) or 910-249-9426.

Free for incarcerated individual and affordable for those released. Call or email for more information.

## Education Resources

### NC DIT Tech Resource Finder

[https://www.ncbroadband.gov/  
resource-finder](https://www.ncbroadband.gov/resource-finder)

Provides more than 1,100 resources that help North Carolinians use the internet, find public computers and Wi-Fi and access technical support and digital skills classes across the state. Tech Resource Finder users can search for local offerings by county, zip code or type of resource and can select a map view or table view. Each resource includes a description, address, website, contact information and directions.

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### NC Work From Anywhere

[https://  
communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/  
local-economic-development-programs/  
nc-work-from-anywhere/](https://communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/local-economic-development-programs/nc-work-from-anywhere/)

NC Work From Anywhere is your gateway to remote work success —whether you want to stay in your rural community while working for top employers or develop the skills needed to thrive in a remote job.

Live Here. Work Anywhere. If you love your rural community and want a remote job that allows you to stay, we offer training and resources to help you succeed in a virtual environment.

Course Fee is \$200 dollars.

## Housing Resources

### **Smithfield Rescue Mission**

523 Glenn St.  
Smithfield, NC 27577

919-934-9257

<https://smithfieldrescue.org/>

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

Smithfield Rescue Mission is a Christ-centered and balanced approach to care for men in need who are experiencing homelessness. They have a men's overnight facility that provides a safe and caring place for men in need of short-term limited-time shelter, while they decide what next steps to take. The overnight shelter offers meals, personal care items, and other basic services to assist with needs. To help ensure the safety of everyone, a complete screening is needed for entry.

### **Transitional Housing**

855-860-3119

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

Transitional housing is supportive housing that helps fight the homeless problem in today's society. Transitional housing is generally for a limited time period. Stays can be from two weeks to twenty four months. Transitional housing provides people with help after a crisis such as homelessness or domestic violence. Currently we have over 7,035 transitional housing locations in our database. We also provide as much information on each housing location along with pictures.

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

### **Oxford House, Inc.**

1010 Wayne Avenue,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

800-689-6411

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

Oxford House is a shared residence where people in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction can live together and support each other in a drug and alcohol-free environment. It provides housing in 47 states. Use <https://oxfordvacancies.com/> to search for a house in your local area.

See website for housing cost as it varies from house to house

**Directory for Johnston County Agencies:**

Johnston County Probation Department	869 Berkshire Rd., Suite B Smithfield, NC 27577	919-934-4120
Johnston County DMV	3783 U.S. Hwy 301 St. Smithfield, NC 27577	919-934-3187
Johnston County Dpt. of Social Services	714 North St. Smithfield, NC 27577	919-989-5300

**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](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program)

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

TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families): [www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/work-first-family-assistance](http://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](http://www.988lifeline.org).

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

Veterans Resources in Johnston County (for all military veterans): 919-989-5067 or online at <https://www.johnstonnc.com/veteransvcs/>

[NC211.org](http://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](http://www.ourjourney2gether.com/essential-services).



**OurJourney  
PO Box 2862  
Rocky Mount, NC 27802  
(888) 50 REENTRY**