



# Reentry Resource Guide for Transylvania County



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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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## Reentry Resource Guide - Transylvania County

The service providers listed below are for Transylvania County. 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 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 Transylvania 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 Transylvania County.

### One-Stop Resource Centers



#### Transylvania-Henderson Reentry Connect (THReCon)

828-577-7427

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

THReCon provides direct assistance or referrals to people returning from prison in many areas, including transportation, job training, transitional housing, education, and mental health/substance abuse. Also helps people file for food stamps and other government assistance. You must call to make an appointment. Ask for Becky Harris.

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

## One-Stop Resource Centers

### United Way of Rutherford Reentry Team

668 Withrow Road  
Forest City, NC 28043

828-286-3929

<https://unitedwayofrutherford.org/>

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

Provides support to dozens of member agency programs in Rutherford and Transylvania County specifically for people returning from prison. In addition to calling the number provided you can get assistance by calling the United Way hotline by dialing 211.

Call to schedule an appointment.  
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### Blue Ridge Health Street Outreach

628 7th Avenue East  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

828-696-8263

<https://www.brchs.com/street-outreach/>

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

Blue Ridge Health Street Outreach offers caring, one-on-one support to members of the unsheltered population, runaways, and other street youth, while also linking them to community partners such as Thrive and Vaya, who assist with housing needs. They can also help you with transportation, food and clothing and they offer Harm Reduction services to those who use drugs.

Call to make an appointment or fill out the intake form on their website. **Always get permission from your Parole Officer before leaving Transylvania County.**

Free

### Hendersonville Rescue Mission

639 Maple St, Hendersonville, NC 28792

828-697-1354

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

Open 24/7

Provides the following services to those in need:

- Three meals a day
- Emergency shelter
- Long-term housing readiness instruction
- Employment assistance
- Budgeting instruction
- Referrals for medical and mental health needs

Walk-ins accepted.

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Free

## One-Stop Resource Centers



### 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 Free 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.

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



### 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.

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

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.

## One-Stop Resource Centers



### Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte (Western Region Office)

50 Orange St.  
Asheville, NC 28801

828-255-0146

<https://ccdoc.org/>

*Office Hours:*  
Monday through Thursday: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

They offer a variety of services to help those returning after incarceration, including:

- 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](mailto:alfernandez@ccdoc.org)  
704-370-3219

They're located in Asheville but provide assistance to residents of Transylvania who call.

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Counseling services are offered on a sliding scale, meaning it is based on what you can afford. All other services are provided free of charge.

### The Sharing House

164 Duckworth Ave.  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-884-2866

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

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Assists residents of Transylvania County with programs that create lasting solutions to hunger and poverty. They provide essential services in a trauma-informed environment, including food and fresh produce, gently-used clothing, rent and utility assistance, household goods, and camping equipment. They also offer hot showers, a safe space for sharing stories of struggle, and a refuge of belonging.

They can provide referrals for jobs, housing and transportation.

Free

## One-Stop Resource Centers



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.

## Food Resources

### Bread of Life

238 S Caldwell St.  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-877-3577

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

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to  
2:00 PM

Provides free healthy, well-balanced meals, fresh produce and essential pantry staples to everyone who walks through their doors, no questions asked.

The Bread of Life works with many partners including local farms, grocery stores, bakeries, and restaurants to provide fresh, hot, nutritious meals to those who need one. In addition, they give out fresh produce, canned goods, and other nonperishable items. They can also offer referrals to other local organizations to help you obtain food stamps, legal assistance, emotional and conflict-resolution issues, and medical assistance.

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### Salvation Army of Transylvania County

126 N. Caldwell St.  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-862-6518

[https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/  
henderson-polk-transylvania/](https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/henderson-polk-transylvania/)

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to  
3:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Offers a food pantry to those in need in Transylvania County. They may be able to help you in other ways, such as with emergency rent and utilities financial assistance and clothing.

Free

## Food Resources

### First Baptist Church His Hope Food Ministry

94 Gaston St.  
Brevard, NC 28712  
828-553-8251

Provides sit-down hot meals once a week to anyone in the community, with an option worship service to follow. They also operate a Food Pantry once a week. No ID required.

<https://fbcbrevard.org/missions>

Weekly Hot Meal:  
Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 PM  
Food Pantry:  
First Thursday of every month: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

## Medical and Dental Resources

### Blue Ridge Health

29 W. French Broad St., Suite 203  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-883-5550

<https://www.brchs.com/locations/blue-ridge-health-transylvania/>

*Medical Clinic:*  
Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

*Dental Clinic:*  
Monday through Thursday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Provides comprehensive and compassionate healthcare, including medical and dental. They may also be able to help you with your prescription medication. Blue Ridge Health believes that everyone has the right to quality healthcare, no matter what their insurance or income status is.

Fee based on a sliding scale (what you can afford). No one is turned away for lack of insurance or ability to pay.

### Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care

22 Trust Lane,  
Brevard, NC 28712  
828-883-2600

<https://mercyurgencare.org/>

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

Provides treatment for nonlife-threatening injuries and illnesses, including colds, ear infections, the flu, broken bones, sprains, mild asthma, urinary tract infections, sports physicals and more.

Fee based on a sliding scale (what you can afford)

## Medical and Dental Resources

### Transylvania County Public Health

106 E Morgan St., Suite 105  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-884-3135

<https://transylvaniahealth.org/>

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (last appointment at 4:30 PM)

Provides immunizations, Covid tests, screening for health concerns, programs for good nutrition, and more for residents of Transylvania County.

Free



### 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.**

## Medical and Dental Resources



### 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 (or low-cost,  
depending on job  
situation)

**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.**

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources



### Buncombe County Syringe Exchange Program

40 Coxe Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801

828-250-5086 (Office)  
828-767-1720 (Mitch Albers)

<https://nasen.org/sep/buncombe-county-health-and-human-services-syringe-services-program>

Hours of Operation vary depending  
on service needed. Call for more  
information.

Provides the following services to Free  
those who use drugs in  
Buncombe County and  
surrounding areas:

- Community Trainings/Education
- Hepatitis testing/Education
- HIV testing/Education
- Naloxone Distribution/Overdose Ed.
- Safe Sex Items
- STI Testing & Treatment
- Syringe Services

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your Parole Officer before  
leaving Transylvania County.**

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

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

### First Contact Addiction Ministries

106 Chadwick Ave.  
Hendersonville, NC 28792  
828-435-2180

<https://firstcontactwnc.org/>

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

Provides free support services for addiction & recovery in Western North Carolina.

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### Back on Track

1900 Spartanburg Hwy  
Hendersonville, NC 28792  
828-595-9091

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

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

Provides no cost care, education and religious guidance to those suffering from drug use related issues, their families and to the homeless of the community. The also provide the following to those who want to overcome their use of drugs:

- Food
- Personal hygiene products
- Clothing (see **Clothing Resources**)
- Help with transportation to detox and rehab programs
- Help finding transitional housing

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Free



### Love and Respect Community for Recovery and Wellness

350 Chadwick Ave, Suite 300  
Hendersonville, NC 28739  
828-595-2202

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

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

Provides peer support assistance to any person seeking recovery from substance use, mental health struggles, and/or reentering society after incarceration.

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Free

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources



### 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

### Hope 4 NC

1-855-587-3463

[www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse/hope4nc](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse/hope4nc)

Offers free and confidential emotional support, counseling referrals and community resources for those in crisis. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
A real person will always answer.

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

### Statewide Peer Warm-line

855-733-7762

Available 24/7

The statewide Peer Warm-line is a Free 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.

### 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

## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

### 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



### 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

### Vocational Rehabilitation

106 E Morgan St., Suite 203  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-883-2190

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/eipd>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 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



### NCWorks Career Center - Brevard

45 Oak Park Dr.  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-883-2550

<https://www.blueridge.edu/programs-courses/career-development/ncworks-career-center/>

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

Provides job seekers with career information, guidance, and access to education or training, which can lead to sustainable income and meaningful employment.

Offers a computer access room.

Free

### Labor Finders

1800 Asheville Hwy  
Hendersonville, NC 28791

828-513-5084

<https://www.laborfinders.com/locations/nc/hendersonville/37-80/>

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

Temporary agency offering job placement in local businesses for clients who can pass a drug test. They do conduct a background check, and some business they work with will not hire ex-felons, but others will. They recommend that you call first to set up a time to come in and fill out their application and talk with someone. **Always get permission from your Parole Officer before leaving Transylvania County.**

Free



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

888-507-3368

<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 or  
888-388-4673

<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

### Transylvania in Motion

*Main Office:*  
98 E. Morgan St., Suite 270  
Brevard, NC 28712  
  
828-884-3203

<https://www.transylvaniacounty.org/departments/transportation>

*Office Hours:*  
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

*Demand Response Service:*  
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

*Fixed Route Service:*  
Monday through Sunday: From 6:30 AM to 4:25 PM depending on route

Transylvania In Motion is the public transportation system for Transylvania County. They provide transportation to all citizens, including the elderly and disabled population. Their services include:

- Demand Response Service, where vans come to your house to pick you up and take you to go shopping, appointments, and other destinations within Transylvania County. You must call by 10:00 AM one day before your trip to schedule a pick-up.
- Fixed Route Service that allows you to hop on the van and get around Brevard and Rosman to specified stops.

Visit their website for more information about Fixed Route stops and discounts for certain citizens.

Ride fare is \$1.00 each time you board the transport vehicle. You must have exact change.

Monthly Fixed Route Service passes are available for \$30.00 for unlimited trips or \$15 for a book of 20 rides.

## Clothing Resources

### Goodwill Store and Donation Center

1266 Asheville Hwy  
Brevard, NC 28717

336-355-4902

[https://www.goodwillnwnc.org/  
locations/goodwill-store-brevard/](https://www.goodwillnwnc.org/locations/goodwill-store-brevard/)

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.

### SAFE's Attic

370 S. Broad St.  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-884-2615

[https://www.safetransylvania.org/  
stores/](https://www.safetransylvania.org/stores/)

Tuesday through Saturday: 10:00 AM  
to 5:00 PM

Offers previously-owned clothing and other items at extremely low prices. They sell clothing, shoes, electronics, books and games, kitchenware, home goods and much more.

All proceeds go to support SAFE, which provides assistance to victims of domestic abuse.

Prices vary by item

### Back on Track Thrift Store

1900 Spartanburg Hwy  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

828-595-9091

[https://  
www.backontrackaddictionministries  
.com/](https://www.backontrackaddictionministries.com/)

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

Offers previously-owned clothing and other items at extremely low prices. They sell clothing, shoes, electronics, books and games, kitchenware, home goods and much more.

All proceeds go to support Back on Track, which provides assistance to people who want help overcoming drug use.

Prices vary by item

## 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.

### Transylvania County Center

106 E Morgan St, Suite 109  
Brevard, NC 28712

828-884-3109

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

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

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

## Education Resources

### 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.

### 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.

Free

## Education Resources

### 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.

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## Housing Resources

### 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 Transylvania County Agencies:**

Transylvania County Probation Department	522 S Caldwell St. Brevard, NC 28712	828-884-3240
Transylvania County DMV	50 Commerce St., Suite 4 Brevard, NC 28712	828-883-2070
Transylvania County Dpt. of Social Services	106 E Morgan St. Brevard, NC 28712	828-884-3174

### **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 <https://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 Transylvania County (for all military veterans): 828-884-3276 or online at [https://www.transylvaniacounty.org/departments/veterans-services](http://www.transylvaniacounty.org/departments/veterans-services)

[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).



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