



Reentry Resource Guide for Anson 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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The service providers listed below are for Anson 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 check mark beside the listing and/or on the Our Partners page of our website.

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 Anson County not listed. Please call (888) 50 REENTRY or email contact@ourjourney2gether.com to report any discrepancies or to suggest other service providers in Anson County.

One-Stop Resource Centers

Safer Communities Ministry

4207 Paula Lane
Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-576-3268

<https://safercommunitiesministry.org/>

Call for Hours of Operation

Safer Communities Ministry is currently acting as an intermediary agency working to assemble and secure official state recognition of a reentry council to serve Union and Anson Counties.

A local reentry council is an organized network of individuals and agencies that coordinate resources at a local level to help ex-offenders and their families to create a better transition from incarceration back to society. A local reentry council will help formerly incarcerated individuals become productive citizens and reduce recidivism and the economic strain to county governments of housing more incarcerated individuals.

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

One-Stop Resource Centers

United Way of Central Carolinas - Anson County

117 S Greene St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-694-2600

<https://uwcentralcarolinias.org>

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

Provides direct support and connects those in need with partner organizations. In addition to calling the number provided, 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

City Reach Inc.

1134 E Caswell St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-695-2879

http://www.harvestmin.com/site/page.asp?id=72&t=city_reach_inc.

Call for Hours of Operation

Offers a wide variety of services to residents of Anson County who are in need, including: job training, AA and NA meetings, food distribution, tutoring, transportation and temporary shelter. City Reach is part of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center. The phone number provided is for the Outreach Center, so be sure to ask about their City Reach program.

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



Crossroads Reentry

PO Box 861
Huntersville, NC 28070
704-499-1332

www.crossroadsreentry.org

Call for Hours of Operation

Offers a wide variety of services to those returning from prison. Their slogan is "Any need, anywhere." Call and leave a message for Jeff Cloud and he will call you back promptly.

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



Rise4Me

<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.

Free

One-Stop Resource Centers



Go Further Connect

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**?



Visit www.GoFurtherConnect.com
to start connecting now

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



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.

Food Resources

Anson Crisis Ministry

117 N Rutherford St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-694-2445

<https://www.ansoncrisisministry.org>

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To receive food, you must provide Free the following information:

- Name
- Household Size (List minors, adults under 65 and seniors)
- Your street address and town
- An estimate of your monthly income (including all household income)

If you are already receiving EBT benefits, you are automatically eligible for the food bank. Please call or visit during business hours for more information.

You can receive a box of food once a week or a daily bag with fewer food items.

Anson Crisis Ministry also teams with the Methodist and Baptist churches in East Union and Anson counties to sponsor a monthly Mobile Food Pantry for the needy. The Pantry rotates among the churches on a monthly basis.

Feed My Lambs - Food Distribution Center

2290 US Hwy 74 W
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-695-1820

<https://www.feedmylambsnc.com>

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Provides food and other assistance to those in need. No ID needed. Must meet income guidelines. If you receive food stamps you're automatically approved. Must bring birthdates for everyone in your household. See also their listing under **Clothing Resources**.

Medical / Dental Resources

Anson County Health Department

110 E Ashe St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-694-5188

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.

<http://www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department>

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



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

Medical / Dental Resources



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 (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



Mental Health America

800-969-6642

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

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

Provides an array of outpatient and psychiatric services for the treatment of mental illnesses, substance use disorders, or developmental disabilities. Services are tailored to individual needs and delivered using evidence based approaches to increase effectiveness.

Services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on what you can afford



mhascreening.org

Job Training / Job Placement Resources

NCWorks Career Center

514 N Washington St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-272-5479

<https://www.ncworks.gov>

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

Sandhills Community Action Program

205 W. Morgan St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
910-947-5675

<https://www.sandhillscap.org>

Call Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM or Wednesdays between 1:00 and 5:00 PM to set up an appointment

Offers a program called S.T.A.R.S. The objective is to assist low-income, unemployed or under-employed individuals achieve financial stability thus enabling them to become Self-sufficient. The basic purpose is to stimulate a better focus of all available local, state, private, and federal resources toward the goal of enabling low income families and individuals to attain the skills, knowledge, and motivations to secure the opportunities needed to become fully Self-sufficient. Ask for Peggy Baucom at Extension 210.

Free to those who qualify

PROMAN Staffing

899 E Caswell St., Suite B
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-694-3009

<https://www.promanstaffing.com>

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. Must have two valid IDs (will not accept your prison ID).

Free

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

Anson County Transportation System (ACTS)

575 Highway 52 S
Wadesboro, NC 28170

704-694-2596

[http://www.co.anson.nc.us/199/
Transportation](http://www.co.anson.nc.us/199/Transportation)

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

To Set Up Appointment Pickup:
Monday through Friday: 2:00 to 5:00
PM

Offers a service called Demand Response Transportation for those in Anson County. (NOTE: ACTS does not transport to religious or political functions). By calling ACTS at least 24 hours in advance, individuals can request transportation to medical appointments, shopping trips, or other approved trips, etc. ACTS operates on a first come first served basis, so to ensure availability of a vehicle, one might need to call earlier than 24 hours.

Fares depend on the distance of the trip. Ask if you qualify for reduced fare rates

Clothing Resources

Feed My Lambs - Thrift Store

2290 US Hwy 74 W
Wadesboro, NC 28170

704-695-1820

<https://www.feedmylambsnc.com>

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Offers a wide variety of previously-owned clothing, appliances, toys, games, books, home decor, furniture and much more at reduced prices.
See also their listing under **Food Resources**.

Prices vary depending on item.

Rocky River Variety & Furniture

14701 US Hwy 52 N
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-826-8680

Find them on Facebook at Rocky River Variety & Furniture

Tuesday through Saturday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

This isn't a thrift store but an outlet store that sells new items at greatly discounted prices, including clothing, appliances, toys, games, books, home decor, furniture and much more.

Prices vary depending on item.

Anson Crisis Ministry

108 N Rutherford St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
704-694-2445

<https://www.ansoncrisisministry.org>

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

They provide a voucher for ten items of clothing that can be used at the Hidden Secrets Thrift Store.

Free

Directory for Anson County Agencies:

Anson County Probation Department	111 N Greene St. Suite C Wadesboro, NC 28170	704-694-4421
Anson County DMV	101 S Greene St. Suite 101 Wadesboro, NC 28170	704-994-3292
Anson County Dpt. of Social Services	118 N Washington St. Wadesboro, NC 28170	704-694-9351

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/low-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:

NC Justice Center (provides information about getting a State ID, reclaiming your voting rights and overcoming other barriers to reentry) **Important Message: You can now have your voting rights restored immediately!**: 919-856-2570 or online at <https://www.ncjustice.org/projects/fair-chance-criminal-justice-project/overview/project-staff/>

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: Dial 988 or online at <https://988lifeline.org/>.

Veterans Resources in Anson Country (for all military veterans): Call 704-465-0086 or visit online at <http://www.co.anson.nc.us/181/Veteran-Services>.

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

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, registering to vote, 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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