



Reentry Resource Guide for Pender County



2025




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 - Pender County

The service providers listed below are for Pender 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.

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

NOTE: Because Pender County is limited in reentry support resources, some of the resource providers listed in this guide are from neighboring counties. Your parole officer will most likely allow you to travel outside of Pender County for reentry assistance. However, you should always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County for any reason, even to visit the reentry resource providers listed in this guide. Failure to obtain permission from your parole officer to travel outside of Pender County may result in a violation of the conditions of your post-release.

One-Stop Resource Centers



You Empower You

2291 Onslow Dr.
Jacksonville, NC 28540

252-764-5679

Find them on Facebook at You Empower You

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

Provides assistance to individuals returning after incarceration in several ways, including housing referrals and mentorship. Their founder, Mike Noreski, is formerly incarcerated.

Their office is in Jacksonville but they may be able to provide assistance to individuals in Pender County.

Call for more information or to speak with Mike.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

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

One-Stop Resource Centers

United Way - Cape Fear

127 Grace St.
Wilmington, NC 28403

910-798-3900

<https://uwcfa.org/>

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

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

Pender County Christian Services

210 West Freemont St.
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-259-5840

<https://pendercountychristianservices.com/>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Provides food, clothing, work force training, personal care assistance (hygiene), some emergency financial aid and wellness healthcare financial aid. They can also make referrals to other providers in Pender County. See **Clothing Resources** for information about their thrift store.

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

Four County Community Services

112 S. Dickerson St.
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-259-3274

<https://capefearcog.org/resourceguide/four-county-community-services-pender-county/>

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

Offers emergency food, emergency housing assistance, free/low cost fuel, employment assistance and help enrolling in benefit programs.

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



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

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**?



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 jo.

Free

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.



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.

Free

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.



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.

Free

Food Resources

The 4C's Food Pantry

15200 US Hwy 17
Hampstead, NC 28443

910-270-0930

<http://www.4csfoodpantry.com/>

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to Noon
Saturday: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The mission of the 4C's Food Pantry is to serve Christ by providing healthy, nutritious food to their neighbors in need in Eastern Pender County and beyond. They do this in a cheerful, welcoming, nonjudgmental environment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, physical or developmental disability and with the potential of restoring dignity, health, opportunity and hope to food-insecure families and individuals. Located inside Jones Plaza.

Free

Food Resources

Gateway Community Church Food Pantry

416 W Bridger St.
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-200-8093

[http://gatewayccburgaw.com/
community-outreach-ministries/](http://gatewayccburgaw.com/community-outreach-ministries/)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11:00
AM to Noon. (No arrivals before
10:30, please.)

Provides food to those in need in Pender County. Free

Share the Table

12395 NC Hwy 50
Hampstead, NC 28443

910-616-8897

[https://sharethetablenc.com/food-
programs/](https://sharethetablenc.com/food-programs/)

Community Meal Hours:
Sunday: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Food Pantry Hours:
Sunday: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00 AM to
2:30 PM (closed for lunch from 11:30
AM to 1:00 PM)
Thursday: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
(closed for lunch from 11:30 AM to
2:00 PM)

Provides food to those who are struggling with food instability, a lack of community feel, or other issues to get a good meal in a safe, comfortable environment. Some of their food programs include: Community Meals (hot meals served weekly) and a Food Panty, where families and individuals can choose their own food once a week in a grocery store setting.

Free. There are no eligibility requirements.

Medical / Dental Resources

Pender County Health Department

803 S. Walker St.
Burgaw, NC 28425

15060 US Hwy 17
Hampstead, NC 28443

910-259-1230

<https://pendercountync.gov/187/Health-Human-Services>

Burgaw Office:

Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Hampstead Annex:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

This center provides treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, information on women's health issues, children's health care and immunizations, adolescent health care, school, employment and sports physical health screenings, drug testing, diagnostic laboratory, health education and counseling. The Hampstead address is an annex that offers limited services and hours of operation.

Services provided on a sliding fee scale based on income for anyone regardless of ability to pay. Also accept Medicaid, Medicare and will file private insurance

Goshen Medical Center

5 Whiteville Town Center
Whiteville, NC 28472

910-212-6613

<https://goshenmedical.org/locations/whiteville/>

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (closed for lunch from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM)

Provides access to healthcare regardless of your ability to pay. Sliding fee scale based on income. If patient's total household size and income results in 100% discount, there is however a nominal fee. If the patient is verifiably homeless and truly living on the street, they are only required to pay \$1.00 for services.

Call for an appointment. You will need a photo ID, proof of residency and income.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

Fee based on a sliding scale (what you can afford). They accept private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. No one is turned away due to inability to pay for services.

Medical / Dental Resources

Pender County Dental Clinic

803 S Walker Street
Burgaw , NC 28425

910-259-1503

<https://pendercountync.gov/223/Dental-Health-Program>

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 4 pm

The Pender County dental program provides affordable dental services to all citizens in Pender County.

Services Offered

- Comprehensive Dental Exam
- Oral cancer examinations and periodontal evaluations are provided to check for gum and bone disease.
- Individual teeth are checked visually for cavities.
- A bite examination is performed to check for proper placement of teeth.
- X-rays will be done to check for hard-to-see cavities and bone loss.
- Professional Teeth Cleaning
- Helps prevent decay.
- Removal of plaque buildup.
- Dental Sealants
- Thin plastic coatings are applied to grooves on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth.

Other Services Include

- Fluoride Treatments
- Most Tooth Extractions
- X-Rays
- Dentures
- Crowns
- Partials and Bridges

Fee based on a sliding scale (what you can afford). They accept private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. No one is turned away due to inability to pay for services.

CommWell Health of Penderlea

5531 Eleanor Roosevelt Lane
Willard, NC 28478

910-567-6194
877-935-5355 (Appointments)

<https://commwellhealth.org/locations/commwell-health-of-penderlea/>

Medical and Dental Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Provides culturally sensitive, linguistically appropriate, full life cycle primary, preventative, behavioral, and dental health care and enabling and care coordination/health coach services, regardless of one's ability to pay.

Fee based on a sliding scale (what you can afford). They accept private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. No one is turned away due to inability to pay for services.

Medical / Dental Resources

Cape Fear HealthNet

1601 Doctors Circle
Wilmington, NC 28401

910-399-2751

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

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

Provides a broad range of effective, evidence-based substance use, mental health, crisis intervention, justice, and wellness services to persons in need, including prescription medication refill. Specializes in helping those who are uninsured.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

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



NC MedAssist

866-331-1348

<https://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 / 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



Coastal Horizons

309 Progress Dr.
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-259-0668

800-672-2903 (24-Hr. Crisis Hotline)

<https://coastalhorizons.org/>

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

Provides a broad range of effective, evidence-based substance use, mental health, crisis intervention, justice, and wellness services to persons in need, including prescription medication refill. Call to set up an appointment and to register for assistance.

Fee based on a sliding scale (what you can afford). No one is turned away due to inability to pay for services.

A Helping Hand of Wilmington

5013 Wrightsville Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

910-796-6868

<https://www.ahelpinghandofwilmington.com>

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

Telehealth Services

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 AM to Noon

Offers comprehensive mental health services, including mental health screening, mental health medication refills and counseling. **Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.**

Fees are on a sliding scale (based on what you can afford). No one is turned away due to inability to pay for services.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

Mental Health America

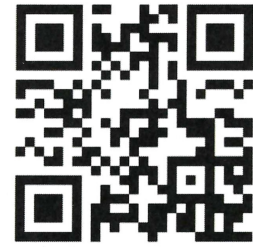
800-969-6642

<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

Christian Recovery Center

520 Mulberry St.
Shallotte, NC 28470

910-287-4357

<https://crcirecovery.org/>

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

Christian Recovery Centers, located in neighboring Brunswick County, is a nonprofit drug and alcohol recovery center serving those suffering from and voluntarily seeking assistance for a substance abuse issue. They are not a detox center and there are some medications they won't accommodate. They cannot provide assistance to men on the NC Sex Offender Registry. Their program includes one to two months living there and getting used to rules. After that the residents work on campus or in community service. Celebration Recovery is provided. Fill out an application online or call and they will take your information.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

Free to those who qualify



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

Hope 4 NC

1-855-587-3463

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-use-services/hope4nc-helpline-1-855-587-3463>

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

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

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

New Address to come.
Staff working remotely

910-945-6900

<https://www.ncworks.gov>

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

Job Training / Job Placement Resources



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

Vocational Rehabilitation

3340 Jaeckle Dr., Suite 210
Wilmington, NC 28403

910-251-5710

<https://capefearcog.org/resourceguide/vocational-rehabilitation/>

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. Their main office is in Wilmington, but they provide support and services for residents of Pender County.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

Free

Job Training / Job Placement Resources



StepUp Wilmington

20 North 4th Street, Suite 430
Wilmington, NC 28401

910-343-8469

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

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM
to 4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Offers personalized services to those returning from prison, including resume-writing assistance, advice on how to explain your criminal record, career coaching, access to computers, help with interviewing skills and job placement services. Those who complete the initial 6-day training program receive \$250. Those who work a job for 30 days receive a \$500 bonus. Will work with those who prefer not to go through their program.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

Free

Carolina Staffing Solutions

1727 S. Madison St., Whiteville, NC 28742

910-641-0031

<https://carostaff.com/>

Office Hours:

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

Walk-in Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 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. Also offer day-labor jobs.

Always contact your parole officer before leaving Pender County.

Free

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

PAS-TRAN

Main Office:
901 S Walker St.
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-259-9119

<https://www.penderpas.com/transportation.html>

Transportation Hours
Monday through Friday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Provides van transportation to Pender County residents. They pick you up and drop you off. You must make a reservation for pickup at least 48 hours before you want to be picked up. They cannot provide pickup services to every location, so call to find out if they come to your location.

\$6 roundtrip within the country; \$18 each way out of country for those under age 63, \$6 roundtrip for those 63 and over

Clothing Resources

Have to Have it Thrift Shoppe

16525 US 17 North
Hampstead, NC 28443

910-270-1413

Find them on Facebook at Have to
Have it Thrift Shoppe

Monday through Friday: 10:00 AM to
5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Offers previously-owned clothing,
decor, kitchenware, linens, toys,
small furniture, electronics, books,
and more, all at reduced prices.

Prices vary by item.

Hampstead Women's Club Thrift Shop

14435 US 17
Hampstead, NC 28443

910-270-9510

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Offers new and gently used
clothing, furniture, baby items,
housewares, home décor that has
been donated from the local
community.

Proceeds from the store are
donated back to local schools,
food banks, senior centers, and in
the form of sponsorships and
scholarships.

Prices vary by item.

Pender County Christian Services Second Blessings Thriftique

210 West Freemont St.
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-259-5840

[https://
pendercountychristianservices.com/](https://pendercountychristianservices.com/)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Offers clothing, books, knick-
knacks, glassware, dinnerware,
jewelry, toys, wall decor, home
goods, and more at very minimal
prices.

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.

Pender County Center

801 S Walker St,
Burgaw, NC 28425

910-259-1235

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

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

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

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. 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

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 Pender County Agencies:

Pender County Probation Department	310 W. Williams St. Burgaw, NC 28425	910-259-2873
Pender County DMV	781 US 117 Burgaw, NC 28425	910-259-2799
Pender County Dpt. of Social Services	810 S Walker St. Burgaw, NC 28425	910-259-1240

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:

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

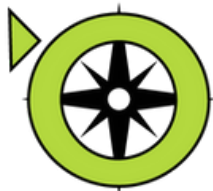
Honest Jobs (the nation's leading job marketplace for people affected by the criminal justice system. Honest Jobs has over 300,000 job openings from 1,000+ fair-chance employers): www.honestjobs.com

Veterans Resources in Pender County (for all military veterans): 910-259-1203 or online at <https://pendercountync.gov/va/>

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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