



Reentry Resources

To transition from custody to community as smoothly as possible, it is a good idea to understand the services you will need. This is a list of common things to consider to make your reentry process successful.

1. Gather important documents such as a [birth certificate](#), a [social security card](#), and a California state [identification or driver's license](#).
2. Take care of your Basic Needs.
 - Find safe and stable **housing**.
 - Find a stable source for **food**.
 - Learn about **transportation** options and obtain stable transportation. **Don't forget to ask your Probation Officer for assistance with bus tokens, they may be able to help.**
3. Find a stable source of income.
4. Resolve any legal issues or child support issues.
5. Reentering the community can be a stressful time. Reach out for help if you need it. Build a positive support system of friends, family, and other helpful people. Attend community support meetings such as AA, NA, and/or faith community meetings.
6. If you are considering continuing your education, find local programs for GED completion, or apply for state and federal financial aid to attend community college for little or no cost through the [California Promise Grant program](#) and [FAFSA](#). The [Transitions Program](#) provides access to community college and ongoing support to individuals released from the California criminal justice system.
7. Take care of your **medical needs** such as physical exams, prescription refills, dental care, vision care, and HIV/STD/Hepatitis testing and treatment.

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