

Ex-offender Re-entry Program

The [Massachusetts Parole Board](#) Reentry Program provides transitional planning, supervision, and assistance to former offenders and directs them to relevant services that promote responsible conduct and reintegration into the community. One of those services is the Massachusetts One Stop Career Center System.

Ex-offenders face multiple barriers to employment — unexplained gaps in the work history, problems with references, background check clearance, lack of access to technology training. BerkshireWorks Career Center serves all job seeking customers, including ex-offenders. We have job search materials and specifically designed workshops for ex-offenders. In addition, the [Federal Bonding Program](#) can be utilized once an ex-offender has a job offer. This can be a good tool to use if an employer is hesitant about hiring and bonding might make the difference. We also have information regarding CORI checks and what can be expected when being CORIed.

The Career Center partners with the Berkshire County House of Correction and Jail, and the Community Corrections Center to provide pre-release career counseling and job readiness training to transitioning inmates or those remanded to Community Corrections Programs. Our registration process is easy to complete and must be done to become a Career Center member and access our services. Contact the Career Center at 1-413-499-2220 ext. 215 for more information, or visit www.berkshireworks.org.

- Understand your C.O.R.I. report
- Learn how to job search and handle legal issues in an interview
- Aptitude and Interest assessments
- Develop a working resume and cover letter
- Job readiness workshops
- Access occupational training services if eligible*
- Referral to C.O.R.I. friendly employers
- Onsite employer recruitments and career fairs



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*Some services require eligibility, please contact the number listed below for more details.

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