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# FIRST AID REENTRY KIT

**Information packet for Wardens and Assistant Wardens at North Carolina correctional facilities**

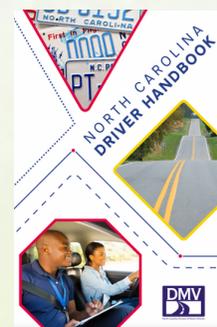
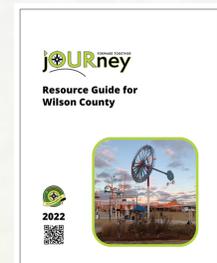
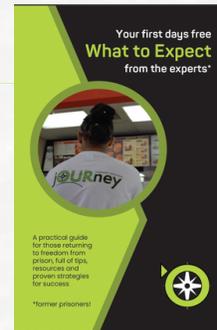
# What is the OurJourney First Aid Reentry Kit program?

The OurJourney First Aid Reentry Kit is a tool OurJourney has developed to help men in North Carolina transition from prison to freedom, with the ultimate goal to reduce recidivism.

Each kit contains up to five items:

- A 48-page booklet titled "What to Expect: Your First Days Free," full of advice and encouragement from men who have already successfully returned to society.
- A Resource Guide specific to each man's home plan county, full of contact information for organizations, ministries, agencies and businesses that provide services for those who are returning from prison.
- A NC DMV Driver Handbook, for those who will need to renew their Driver's License or get one for the first time.
- An OurJourney T-Shirt in the appropriate size.
- A gift card for a local restaurant enough for at least two meals (restaurant may vary).

In addition to these items OurJourney will include brochures for statewide and national organizations that provide assistance to returning citizens.



# What are the program requirements?

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The success of the OurJourney First Aid Reentry Kit program requires a close partnership between the facility and OurJourney.

Participating correctional facilities agree to:

- Enter orders for reentry kits at least two weeks before an inmate's release date. OurJourney has developed an easy-to-use order form on a password-protected page on our website.
- Assign one person to monitor the program inside the facility, ideally someone in Programs.
- Set aside a special place to secure each kit after it arrives at the facility so that is ready to give each man upon his release date. OurJourney will mark each kit clearly with the name and release date of the recipient.
- Amend its Exit Checklist to assure that each man receives his kit before he leaves the prison.

OurJourney agrees to:

- Deliver each clearly-marked kit at least four days before the release date of each returning citizen.
- Assign each prison to an OurJourney staff member who will be available should anyone at the prison need to contact OurJourney with questions or concerns.
- Handle all post-release follow-up with each returning citizen.

# How can our facility participate in this program?

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OurJourney desires to expand the First Aid Reentry Kit program to every prison in the State of North Carolina.

However, we must add new facilities according to our ability to keep our commitment to provide reentry kits, which means we must carefully assess each facility's reentry needs.

If you are the Warden or Assistant Warden at a North Carolina correctional facility and would like to discuss with us the possibility of OurJourney partnering with you to provide First Aid Reentry Kits to men returning to freedom from your facility, you may contact us in three ways:

By emailing our Executive Director Brian Scott at [brian.scott@ourjourney2gether.com](mailto:brian.scott@ourjourney2gether.com).

By calling OurJourney at **252-220-9516**. You may be asked to leave a message, in which case someone will return your call promptly.

By mail at **PO Box 2862, Rocky Mount, NC 27802**.

We will then schedule a time to visit your facility and discuss the possibility of forming a partnership.

You may learn more about the OurJourney First Aid Reentry Kit program by visiting our website at [ourjourney2gether.com](http://ourjourney2gether.com). Click on the YouTube button at the top of our website to see videos about the program.