



Reentry Resource Guide for Hoke 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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Resource Guide - Hoke County

The service providers listed below are for Hoke 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.

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 Hoke County not listed. Please call 888-507-3368 or email contact@ourjourney2gether.com to report any discrepancies or to suggest other service providers in Hoke County.

One-Stop Resource Centers

Hoke Local Reentry Council (HLRC)

117 W.Elwood Avenue
Raeford, NC 28376

910-565-2299

<https://mocedc.com/hoke-reentry-council/>

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

The Hoke County Reentry Council works to ease the transition of justice involved individuals back into society. We coordinate with existing local and statewide resources to provide the chance to start over. Our support staff also keeps in touch with employment training programs, giving individuals the opportunity to apply for in-demand positions. Case managers help to provide extra support

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



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

Coastal Horizons- TASC

212 Biggs St
Laurinburg, NC 28352

910-276-5434

<https://coastalhorizons.org/services/justice-services/tasc-rrs-reentryservices/>

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

TASC is a division of Coastal Horizons, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to people in need. TASC specifically helps those returning from prison by referring them for assistance in several areas, including help with substance abuse/mental health issues, education, transportation, housing, employment, food and clothing. You MUST be referred to TASC by your probation officer before TASC can help you. They do not accept walk-ins.

This TASC office in Scotland County doesn't have its own website, so the website listed is for the main TASC page on the Coastal Horizons website.

Always contact you Parole Officer before leaving Hoke County.

There is a one-time fee of \$75.00. Also, some services provided by partner organizations may charge their own 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.

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 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

Food Resources

REM Church Food Pantry

379 West Palmer St
Raeford, NC 28376

910-875-2715

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

The first Wednesday of each month
from 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

On the first Wednesday of each month, from 4:30 - 6:30 PM, we welcome those in need to stop by our church at 379 West Palmer St. in Raeford, NC, and receive a donation of food to help in providing for you and your family.

Free

Food Resources

Raeford Christian Food Bank

308 North Main Street,
Raeford, NC, 28376

910-875 -2111

Provides for people at risk of hunger. ID Required. Not able to serve anyone on the NC Sex Offender Registry due to proximity of School

Free

Open every 3rd Thursday of the month from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Open Door Soup Kitchen

225 S. Main St,
Raeford, NC 28736

901-496-5787

<https://www.facebook.com/hcodskrnc15/>

Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 PM
Saturday at 3:00 PM

They provide food boxes to anyone that comes. You need to provide a name for their records. Limited to 40 to 50 boxes each day. They may be able to provide assistance with clothes and hygiene products upon request.

Free

Medical / Dental Resources

Hoke County Health Department

227 N Main Street
Raeford, NC 28376

910-875-8751

<https://www.hokecounty.net/>

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

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. Will also help with referrals to other health care providers in Hoke County.

We accept major insurance and utilizing a sliding scale for self-pay patients.

Medical / Dental Resources



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

OurJourney can help you enroll in NC MedAssist's free pharmacy program! Call us 252-220-1956 to learn more.



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

OurJourney can help you enroll in Parks Insurance's G.I.F.T. program! Call us 252-220-1956 to learn more or call Parks Insurance and speak to a representative.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

Daymark Recovery Services, Inc.

121 E Elwood Avenue,
Raeford, NC 28376

910-875-8156
24-Hour Crisis Hotline
866.275.9552

<https://www.daymarkrecovery.org/locations/hoke-center>

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

Daymark Recovery Services is a non-profit organization established to provide comprehensive behavioral healthcare services as defined by those in the community in need of mental health or substance abuse treatment options. All of our staff are highly qualified individuals with a plethora of knowledge to suit individual care as needed. Each of our facilities has a core set of service options available, however; some centers offer various group meetings or community outreach programs according to the service area. Please contact the center for schedules or further information as these programs and meetings vary and often change depending upon attendance and counselor availability.

Individuals with Medicaid have no obligation for copay. Individuals with Medicare or private insurance will be obligated to meet their policy's requirement(s). Individuals who are uninsured will be eligible for a sliding or discounted scaled as defined by the relevant Managed Care Organization/Local Management Entity



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

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources



Celebrate Recovery

RockFish Church
9949 Fayetteville Rd,
Raeford, North Carolina 28376

626-422-2743
Contact: Jesse Palomino

<https://celebraterecovery.com/>

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

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. This Celebrate Recovery program is located inside RockFish Church. If you are on NC Sex Offender Register check with Probation Officer before attending.

Free

Job Training / Job Placement Resources



NCWorks Career Center- Hoke County

304 Birch Street
Raeford, NC 28376

910-683-3060

<https://www.ncworks.gov/>

Monday through Friday: 8:30 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. A veterans representative is available by appointment only at this location.

Free

Hire Scene

3013 B, 3013 Raeford Rd,
Fayetteville, NC 28303

910-487-0249

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.

Free

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Job Training / Job Placement Resources

Mega Force Staffing - Laurinburg

815 South Main Street
Laurinburg NC 28352

910-277-0140

<https://www.megaforce.com/branches/laurinburg/>

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.

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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

Hoke Area Transit Service - HATS

Main Office:
189 CC Steele Road
Raeford, NC 28376

910-875-8696

<https://www.hokecounty.net/158/Hoke-Area-Transit-Service-HATS>

Hours of Operation
3:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Office Hours to make appointments
8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Hoke Area Transit Service (H.A.T.S.) is a county-operated public transportation system designed and operated to provide door to door transportation to that portion of the population for which transportation or mobility is a problem. Our fleet is comprised of many vehicles, from standard minivans to 28' buses and most are equipped with wheelchair lifts. We regularly transport passengers to and from doctor's offices, dialysis, pharmacies, work, school, senior citizen nutrition sites, day cares, grocery stores, department stores and much more **by appointment only**. Any resident of Hoke County is welcome to ride! All passengers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Free

Clothing Resources

Gary and Wanda's Thrift Store

8002 Fayetteville Rd,
Raeford, NC 28376

910-848-2626

Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 AM to
5:00 PM

Offers many different previously-owned items from household items, toys, clothes, shoes and more at excellent prices.

Prices vary depending on item

Yard Sale Store

114 E Elwood Ave,
Raeford, NC 28376

910-875-7555

<https://rockfishchurch.com/yard-sale-store>

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00
PM
Saturday 9:00 to 2:00 PM

Offers many different previously-owned items from household items, toys, clothes, shoes and more at excellent prices.

Prices vary depending on item

Directory for Hoke County Agencies:

Hoke County Probation Department	3144 US-401 BUS, Raeford, NC 28376	910-875-5081
Hoke County DMV	3144 Highway 401 Business, Raeford, NC 28376	910-875-2442
Hoke County Dpt. of Social Services	314 S Magnolia St, Raeford, NC 28376	910-875-8725

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.

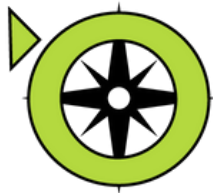
Felony Record Hub (an online resource with jobs, housing and reentry advice for people with criminal records): www.felonyrecordhub.com

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 Hoke County (for all military veterans): 910-875-21477 or online at <https://www.hokecounty.net/215/Veterans-Services>

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 252-220-9516 or visit www.ourjourney2gether.com/essential-services.



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