

Housing and Transportation Assistance

Meeting Two of the Most Critical Reentry Needs

Introduction

For justice-impacted individuals reentering society, stable housing and reliable transportation are two of the biggest barriers to rebuilding life. Without a safe place to live and a way to get to work, even the most motivated individuals can struggle to stay on track.

This guide outlines how to find housing and transportation support in Florida, what programs exist, and how Your Path Back is working to expand access to both.

Housing Assistance

Why It Matters

Housing instability increases the risk of recidivism. Having a secure place to sleep, rest, and rebuild is foundational to successful reentry.

Types of Housing Support

1. **Transitional Housing Programs**
Short-term housing designed to help individuals stabilize and connect to permanent housing, employment, and counseling.
2. **Reentry-Focused Shelters**
Some homeless shelters and missions offer specialized services for recently released individuals.
3. **Sober Living / Halfway Houses**
For individuals recovering from substance use or seeking structured environments, these homes provide shared living, curfews, and peer support.
4. **Permanent Supportive Housing**
Available in some counties for those with mental health or disability status.

5. Housing Vouchers & Subsidies

Programs like Section 8 may be available, though some felony convictions may limit eligibility. Reentry case managers can help with applications.

How to Find Housing Support

- Contact local Homeless Coalitions or Continuum of Care (CoC) programs
 - Reach out to Community Action Agencies
 - Visit:
 - <https://www.flhousing.org/> (Florida Housing Coalition)
 - <https://www.hud.gov/states/florida>
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Transportation Assistance

Why It Matters

Many jobs — especially in trades, hospitality, and healthcare — require reliable transportation. Without it, consistent employment becomes nearly impossible.

Types of Transportation Support

1. **Bus Passes & Public Transit Vouchers**
Many nonprofits offer 30-day or job-specific passes for individuals attending interviews or starting new employment.
2. **Bike Assistance Programs**
Some reentry organizations or churches provide refurbished bicycles as a form of basic transport.
3. **Rideshare Credits**
In urban areas, limited rideshare credits may be available for interviews or onboarding.
4. **Driver's License Reinstatement Help**
Legal aid clinics and workforce agencies may offer assistance with fees, paperwork, and navigating suspensions.



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How to Find Transportation Help

- Check with your local CareerSource Florida office
<https://careersourceflorida.com/your-local-team/>
- Call United Way 211 to ask about transportation aid in your county
<https://211.org>
- Reach out to Goodwill, Catholic Charities, and local reentry providers

How Your Path Back Can Help

We are building partnerships to increase access to housing and transportation services across Florida. Through our Workforce Starter Kits and Employer Incentive Fund, we help connect job seekers with the resources needed to start strong — including:


- Limited transportation stipends
- Housing navigation referrals
- Case management support

If you're struggling with either, contact us. We're here to help.

Want to Help?

Explore our resources, share this guide, or get involved:

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