

Resources for While You Wait on the Book

Need to brush up on math and reading skills, handle legal issues, or get health or housing services? See below for free or low-cost resources to help you build a promising future!

Services If You Have a Criminal Background/Are Re-entering

A New Way of Life Reentry Project

Contact: Amber Rose Howard, Community Organizer, 323-563-3575

Get services here: 9512 S. Central Ave., LA 90002

What types of services you can receive: A New Way of Life Reentry Project runs a monthly Reentry Legal Clinic with the UCLA School of Law, between 10 am and 12 pm on the second Saturday, alternating between Watts and Long Beach. Bring your official records (from a Superior Court clerk's office or the CA Department of Justice).

Restoration Law Center

Contact: Leslie Ives, 213-835-0730, ext. 504

Get services here: Call Leslie to set up an appointment in person.

What types of services you can receive: The Center conducts free legal education workshops on Sundays from 2pm-5pm and Mondays from 5pm-8pm.

Youth Justice Coalition

Contact: 323-235-4243

Get services here: 1137 E. Redondo Blvd., Inglewood 90302

What types of services you can receive: Youth Justice Coalition can help you with legal assistance, Prop. 47 sentence reduction and expungements, bus tokens, food, and clothes.

Friends Outside

Contact: Dorian Esters, 213-763-5947

Get services here: 400 W. Washington Blvd., LA 90015

What types of services you can receive: Friends Outside can assist you with parenting workshops, job placement, and financial literacy programs for the formerly incarcerated.

**For the tech saavy, learn how to reduce your sentence and download forms to do so at: myprop47.org/*

Reinstate Your Driver's License

Community Lawyers, Inc.

Contact: Silvia Wong, 310-635-8181

Get services here: 1216 E Compton Blvd., Compton 90221

What types of services you can receive: Community Lawyers can offer traffic ticket related legal help to re-obtain your license every 2nd Thursday from 11am-2pm.

Tuning Up Your Math and English

LA Trade Tech College's (LATTC) Academic Connections Program

Contact: Maria Velasquez, 213-763-3754

Get services here: Mariposa Hall, LATTC, 400 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90015

What types of services you can receive: LATTC's Academic Connections Program can help you with GED prep, basic English and math skills, ESL, computer literacy, and obtaining certificates in college and workplace readiness.

Abram Friedman Adult School

Contact: 213-765-2400

Get services here: 1646 S. Olive St., LA 90015

What types of services you can receive: The Abram Friedman Adult School can help you with ESL, apprenticeship training, and counseling.

Employment for While You Wait on the Book

Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center

Contact: Carlos Vasquez, 213-763-5955

Get services here: Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC), 400 W. Washington Blvd., Redwood Hall, LA 90015

What types of services you can receive: The Worksource Center can connect you with job boards, numerous workshops designed to help improve job hunting, interview and resume skills, and resources for laid-off workers.

Childcare for While You Work or Attend the UPCT Program

Childcare Alliance of Los Angeles

Contact: Call 323-274-1380 to see where you can obtain free or low-cost childcare in your community.

What types of services you can receive: The Childcare Alliance can connect you with childcare providers across Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTC) Child Development Center

Contact: 213-763-7000

Get services here: LATTC CDC Building, 400 W. Washington Blvd., LA 90015

What types of services you can receive: LATTC's Child Development Center will provide free or low cost childcare for preschool aged children if you are enrolled at that college and attend classes and job training.

Finding Affordable Housing

L.A. Housing/Community Investment Department

Contact: Abigail Marquez, 213-473-3231

Get services here: 1200 W. 7th St., 1st Fl., LA 90017

What types of services you can receive: The Dept. can provide housing and social services for you if you are low-income, homeless, and/or special needs.

Amity House

Contact: Peter Larman, 213-741-2276

Get services here: 3745 S. Grand Ave., LA, 90007

What types of services you can receive: Amity House provides housing, individual therapy, family reunification, and educational and vocational training.

If You Need Medical, Dental, or Mental Health Resources

St. John's Clinic

Contact: Call 323-541-1411 to make an appointment at one of their clinics.

Get services here: They run several clinics in South LA, Pico Union, and Compton.

What types of services you can receive: St. John's Clinic provides primary care, mental health, dental, and health education. They also have Women's, Transgender, Pediatric, and Homeless health programs.

Venice Family Clinic

Contact: Call the Venice Family Clinic Centralized Call Center to make phone appointments at 310-392-8636.

Get services here: They run several clinics in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Culver City and Inglewood.

What types of services you can receive: Venice Family Clinic provides primary care, specialty care, mental health, dental, and health education. This includes diagnosis, treatment, medications, follow-up care, and laboratory tests.

Medi-Cal

Contact: Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) 877-597-4777. To apply online, visit: <http://www.coveredca.com>

What types of services you can receive: Medi-Cal provides free or low-cost health coverage for low-income children and adults.

Didi Hirsch Clinics

Contact: Call 888-807-7250 Mon-Fri, from 8:30 am --5:00 pm to make an appointment and get locations.

What types of services you can receive: Didi Hirsch can help you with mental health care and substance abuse services.

L.A. County Department of Mental Health

Contact: Call the 24/7 ACCESS hotline at 800-854-7771 for referrals.

What types of services you can receive: The Department of Mental Health hotline can give you free referrals to mental health service providers and 24/7 crisis counseling.