



Anchorage Post-Release Housing Checklist (Reentry/Justice Involved)

This checklist is a general guide for those who are being released, or helping someone who is being released, from a correctional facility (prison or jail) into the Anchorage area without stable housing (including the street, shelters, or places not meant for living). It provides basic steps and resources to help navigate housing options, but does not include specific housing referrals

1. Release Verification

- ☞ Confirm release date and time. *(Institutional Probation Office and/or Time & Accounting will have this information)*
- ☞ Confirm Anchorage as the destination “release” community.
- ☞ Confirm your probation or parole “field supervision” conditions, this may limit or guide your housing placement options. Notice of Supervision will be processed from a Institution to a Field Office within a 30-90 day timeline. RFI to your Institutional Probation Officer if possible to get a understanding of these conditions as they may impact your housing.

2. Client Screening

- ☞ Verify ID status. **Make sure you get a hard card or a ID voucher in your release paperwork prior to leaving the facility, this will help verify your Identity AND pay for it while at the DMV. If you already had a valid ID in your property prior to entering, you will not get a new one. Make sure it isn't expired! You need an ID to do EVERYTHING!*
- ☞ Verify income, benefits, disability status, and veteran status if possible prior to release. This should be information you have at least a baseline awareness of, and may assist in referring you into special funding alternatives.
- ☞ Consider needs like behavioral health, substance treatment (SUD), medical, mobility, or registry-related housing barriers. *(these needs may require a different type of housing, make sure that it is noted/documented/someone is aware/while searching for housing, don't wait until the last minute to mention these if you feel they are important enough to bring up!)*

3. Immediate placement search

- ☞ Call emergency shelters in Anchorage (Municipality 907-720-0644) and document bed availability, intake times (when you need to be there to get a bed) and restrictions (what you can bring, special needs you may have.) **Shelter is never the number one option, but it is good to HAVE the option, should you need it, don't wait until the end of the day.*
- ☞ If possible, work with your Field Probation Officer to request a referral to transitional housing or social service program that can help refer you to one.
- ☞ If possible, contact low-barrier Resource Hotline (like 211) to ask about current vouchers, faith-based lodging, or short-term alternatives.

4. Transitional Housing

Transitional housing is temporary housing with supportive services that helps a person move from crisis or homelessness toward permanent housing. This housing is usually community living (shared spaces) and typically has either a sober, curfew and/or house rules policy, which varies, depending on the houser. Access usually requires direct contact with the provider, screening for eligibility, and a referral or intake process that may be required to complete before or after release. Many Transitional Housers cannot secure a bed/complete a intake too far in the future (*30 days or more*) due to the first come first serve need of the bed space. Don't be discouraged if you can't secure a bed until shortly before release. If you don't, there is no restrictions disallowing you from accessing these beds/transitional housers once released. **If you don't get into a Transitional Houser prior to release, KEEP trying out in the community, resource centers, social service providers and reentry programs are great places to start.*

- ☞ Identify Anchorage transitional, recovery, and reentry housing programs
- ☞ Ask each program about eligibility, openings, fees, sobriety rules, curfew, and required documents
- ☞ Submit referrals and request warm handoffs before release when possible (*The correct way to do this is to request via RFI, Request for information, to your Institutional Probation Officer. Sometimes, an Educational or Vocational Coordinator, or Chaplain will have resources for this too.*)

5. Reentry Services while on Probation/Parole (Supervision)

- ☞ If you were released in the last 30 days and are on probation or parole, contact reentry staff to ask about referrals and possible funding support (*DOC REVS Unit: doc.reentry@alaska.gov | 907-269-5299*). Funding is not guaranteed and depends on

availability, but may include help with transitional housing, basic needs like phones or backpacks, and bus passes. Note: if you are not on probation or parole, this program is not able to provide funding. You will also need an advocate to help you finalize the application, like a probation officer, case manager, etc.

- ◉ Start by connecting the client to reentry-specific programs, such as Partners Reentry Center in Anchorage. These programs are a good first step if you need transitional housing, help paying for placement, access to resources, support finding a job, or help getting familiar with the community. Be sure to ask about program and housing requirements, many include a commitment to stay for a set period of time, which can be helpful depending on your situation. If you don't qualify for these, you can move onto other housing options.
- ◉ If you or your client/family member enters a shelter, request a Coordinated Entry assessment and housing navigation services right away. This starts the process of moving out of the shelter and into more stable options, such as satellite housing or other programs you may qualify for. Availability of programs and funding can change, so do not assume you are ineligible based on past experiences. Engaging with staff or case managers is essential, they can connect you to current opportunities and help you transition out of the shelter while you are using a bed space.

6. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Pathway (AHFC)

- ◉ Check whether you/the client has an active AHFC application, voucher, or waitlist status.
- ◉ Check whether the client has ever had or been a part of a household that has had a voucher with AHFC in the past, and if they left the voucher episode in good standing. **General disqualification for AHFC/HUD Vouchers includes: Lifetime Registration on Sex Offender Registry or Manufacturing of Methamphetamine in federally assisted housing. If client/member of household has either of these charges AHFC Vouchers will not be an option.*
- ◉ Help gather application documents and maintain follow-up for long-term rental housing opportunities. **Not immediate, this will take time to process.*

In Person: 440 E. Benson Blvd., Ste. 200 Anchorage, AK

Mailing Address: Anchorage Family Investment Center P.O. Box 241385 Anchorage, AK 99524-1385

Direct: 907-330-6100 Toll Free: 800-478-AHFC (2432) outside Anchorage, but within Alaska Fax: 907-274-7176

<https://www.ahfc.us/tenants/how-to-apply-rental-assistance>

RETURNING HOME VOUCHER-AHFC

The Returning Home voucher is an AHFC program that offers short-term rental and security deposit assistance so people on parole or probation can rent in areas served by AHFC. Eligible tenants are under DOC supervision at release, within income limits, and must meet standard voucher criminal-history rules. People don't apply on their own; instead, their Probation or Parole Officer submits the referral and paperwork to AHFC, so the main follow-up step is asking the PO to start a Returning Home referral with the local AHFC housing office.

RETURNING HOME AHFC APPLICATION

https://www.ahfc.us/application/files/1517/5320/8489/ReturnHm_071625.pdf

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.ahfc.us/tenants/referral-agencies>

7. Housing Navigation & Drop-in Resources

3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center (3RNC – Catholic Social Services)

Day resource and navigation center for adults experiencing homelessness, offering showers, laundry, mail, charging, meals, case management, housing navigation, behavioral health and healthcare connections, and other services.

Location: 1101 E 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501. Phone: 907-222-7388.

Catholic Social Services – Homeless Family Services

Provides case management and housing navigation for families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including connections to shelter, transitional, and longer-term housing in Anchorage.

Alaska 2-1-1 UNITED WAY (statewide navigation line)

Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221, or visit alaska211.org, for help locating Anchorage shelters, food, transitional housing, rental assistance, and other services.

Anchorage Housing & Homelessness Services (Municipality)

Municipal and coalition resources page that lists current shelter options, housing programs, and how to access help; recommended as a reference for providers and navigators.

907-720-0644 1111 East 56th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99518

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH)

The Anchorage Reentry Coalition is funded by a Grant from the Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA-1601-AK Prisoner Reentry Initiative) in partnership with Neighborworks Alaska. NW-AK is dedicated to improving lives by creating opportunities for people to live in affordable homes and strong communities

ACEH helps coordinate services in Anchorage so people who are homeless can connect to shelter, housing programs, and other support. If you need help finding resources, you can contact them for information and referrals.

Phone: 907-312-9530

Email for help: client@aceh.org

Address: 3427 E Tudor Rd, Suite A, Anchorage, AK 99507

Partners for Progress – Partners Reentry Center

Partners for Progress runs the Partners Reentry Center in Anchorage, which helps people coming out of prison or jail with housing, jobs, and other support so they can get back on their feet. If you were recently released and need help with a place to stay, work, or basic needs, you can walk in or call for help.

Phone: 907-258-1192 Address: 419 Barrow Street, Anchorage, AK 99501

<https://www.partnersforprogressak.org/partners-reentry-center>

NeighborWorks Alaska – Supportive Housing

NeighborWorks Alaska’s supportive housing programs help people and families move out of homelessness into safe, stable apartments, with case managers who help with landlords, rent, and staying housed. They mainly serve people who are literally homeless (on the street, in shelter, or in places not meant for living) and who need extra support because of health, disability, or other barriers.

How to apply: You cannot apply directly or walk in for supportive housing. To get into NeighborWorks supportive housing, you must first complete a Coordinated Entry housing assessment with an approved access point (such as local housing navigators, outreach teams, or partner agencies) who then send referrals when units open.

NeighborWorks Alaska – Apartments (“NeighborWorks Properties”)

NeighborWorks Alaska owns and manages affordable apartments all over Anchorage, from small studios to larger units for families. These are regular rental apartments (not shelters) for people with low or moderate incomes.

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Anchorage Coordinated Entry: How to Get Connected and Follow Up

Coordinated Entry is the main process used in Anchorage to connect people experiencing homelessness with housing assessments, referrals, and possible housing openings. A Coordinated Entry Assessment is the first step toward being considered for participating in housing programs.

Who can use Coordinated Entry?

A person or family may be eligible if they are staying in shelter, camping, sleeping in a vehicle, living in a place not meant for habitation, in housing that does not meet basic standards, in transitional housing, in a hotel paid for by an organization, fleeing domestic violence, or in an institution for less than 90 days after coming from homelessness.

**Coordinated Entry is not a first-come, first-served waitlist. Referrals are made based on vulnerability, need, and program eligibility, so wait times can be different for each household.*

Coordinated Entry List & Reentry/Justice Involvement

In Anchorage, Coordinated Entry (CE) is the first front door to homeless housing placement resources, placing people on a community prioritization list based on vulnerability rather than first-come, first-served. When someone has been in prison for more than 90 days, that incarceration is considered a “break” in homelessness, so any prior episode of homelessness is no longer counted as one continuous episode and they typically will not remain on the same CE prioritization list from before incarceration. If they are released into a homeless situation (shelter, outside, car, or another place not meant for habitation), they are again eligible for a CE assessment at a local Access Point, can be entered into the Alaska HMIS prioritization pool, and will be considered for referrals based on current vulnerability and program eligibility. If they are released to stable housing (such as their own lease or safe family housing), they would not be prioritized for homeless housing resources through CE unless they later become homeless.

If you were homeless **before incarceration but were locked up for more than 90 days, the prior period of homelessness is no longer counted as one “continuous episode for chronic homelessness” in the prioritization calculation, so you need the situation re-documented once released in the community, via a Coordinated Entry Assessment.*

How to get connected

1. Contact an Anchorage Coordinated Entry access point and ask for a Coordinated Entry assessment or an update if one was already done.
2. Complete the assessment by phone, remote appointment, walk-in, or in person.
3. After the assessment, the household is placed on the prioritization list used for referrals to participating housing programs.

Where the “Access Point” are in Anchorage

*Hours and availability can change, so call first when possible!

- ACEH / all populations: 907-312-9530; walk-ins Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; 3427 E. Tudor Road, Suite A
- 3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center / all populations: 907-222-7388; Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; 1101 E. 3rd Avenue; phone or in person.
- Covenant House / youth 13-24: 907-272-1255; open 24/7; 755 A St; phone or in person.
- MyHouse / transition-age LGBTQIA2+ youth 18-24: 907-764-6233; Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; phone or remote.
- Clare House / families with minors: 907-279-2511; Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; 207 Muldoon Road; phone or in person.

What to expect

The assessment helps determine housing needs and whether the household may match available programs such as rapid re-housing or permanent supportive housing. Completing an assessment does not guarantee immediate housing and not housing providers in the community do not fill openings directly through Coordinated Entry, so it doesn't mean you won't have access to OTHER housing options besides the programs/organizations that go through the Coordinated Entry list.

How to follow up after getting connected

- Check in regularly with the same access point, especially if your contact information, family size, safety concerns, health issues, shelter location, or housing situation changes.
- Ask whether the Coordinated Entry assessment is still current or whether it needs an update.
- Answer unknown calls when possible and make sure voicemail is set up and not full, because housing or assessment staff may call from different numbers.
- Keep a record if possible: date you called, who you spoke to, phone number used, and any next steps/dates given.
- If you lose access to the phone number you were using, identify another reliable contact method, such as a case manager, shelter desk, email, or a trusted message number you can access.

Sample Phone Script:

"Hi, my name is _____. I am trying to get connected to Anchorage Coordinated Entry. I would like to complete a Coordinated Entry assessment or check whether mine needs to be updated, or if my contact information is current. Can you please tell me what is the next step to do this?"

Important reminders

- Coordinated Entry helps connect people to participate in housing programs; it is not the same as an emergency shelter bed or a guaranteed housing placement.
- A person can still seek other housing, shelter, benefits, treatment, and case management supports while waiting for a referral.
- For general homeless assistance or broader resource navigation: Contacting Alaska 211 is available by phone Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at 2-1-1 or 800-478-2221, with online access available 24/7 through alaska211.org.
- Answer calls, check your voicemails, and keep in touch with the access point while waiting. Checking in regularly is highly recommended and updates are important if you are still waiting on a referral into a housing program. Losing contact/not being able to locate someone is often the main reason that folks lose their spot! Calling once or twice a week, or less if steady contact has been made is advised, you don't need to call multiple times a day! If you have not talked to someone on the phone after completing an assessment in a few weeks, and especially if you need to update contact details (like a new phone number) it would be worth walking into the office to make contact in person.

What to do when you verified you're on the List (or verified to not qualify for the coordinated entry list) and are now Reaching out to 211 for immediate housing assistance?

Sample Phone Script:

"Hi, my name is _____. I am currently homeless and I am already on Anchorage's Coordinated Entry list for housing (OR) I have been told by the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness that I do not qualify (PICK YOUR SITUATION). I understand that Coordinated Entry is not an emergency shelter or immediate housing placement, and that I may have to wait for an opening.

I am looking for any housing or shelter resources I can use right now. I am currently staying at _____ (for example: in my car, outdoors, in shelter, couch-surfing, at my apartment but have a notice to quit/evict, etc)

Can you please:

1. Check what emergency shelter, transitional housing, or motel programs might be available in my area right now?

3. Share any landlord lists, housing search tips, or programs that can help me find or keep housing while I am waiting for a Coordinated Entry referral or point me in a direction of another program I could qualify for?

I also want to make sure I stay connected to Coordinated Entry while I'm searching. Is there anything you recommend I do to keep my assessment updated, and are there local agencies or case managers you can refer me to today/this week who understand Coordinated Entry and can support while I'm on the waitlist?"

Notes:

[illegible]



ANCHORAGE COALITION TO
END HOMELESSNESS

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Are you experiencing homelessness?



Call 2-1-1 for help

No phone? No problem. Get help in-person:

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES



BUS: ROUTE 20, 3RD AVENUE & POST



Showers, phone chargers,
computer access, various service
providers, etc.

3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center

(Not a day shelter)

1101 E. 3rd Ave.

907-222-7388

Open Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ANCHORAGE COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS



BUS: ROUTE 25, DROPS OFF RIGHT OUTSIDE



Housing needs assessment
through the Coordinated Entry
program, snacks, basic first aid,
supplies, general assistance, etc.

ACEH Office (Coordinated Entry & general
assistance)

3427 E. Tudor Road, Suite A

907-312-9530

Walk-ins:

Tues & Thurs, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.



Find food assistance and
other resources online

aceh.org/need-help

There is free internet at all public libraries.
Or scan the QR code with a smart phone:



Anchorage Shelters

Single adults:



56th Avenue
1111 E 56th Ave.

Low barrier. All genders. Can accommodate pets depending on capacity.
Open 24/7
907-272-0008 or 907-717-6751



**Brother Francis
Shelter**
1021 E. 3rd Ave.

Low barrier. All genders. New beds open at 8 a.m. when available.
Open 24/7
907-277-1731



**Downtown Hope
Center**
240 E. 3rd Ave.

Low barrier. All genders for daily showers, laundry & mail service. Walk up lunch from 12-1:30 p.m. Woman-only shelter, check in at 5:45 p.m.
Open 7 days a week
907-277-4302 ext. 106



**Gospel Rescue
Mission**
2823 E. Tudor Road

Sober, faith-based shelter for single adults.
Open 7 days a week, check in at 4 p.m., check out at 9 a.m.
907-563-5603



Linda's Place
1911 E 5th Ave

Low barrier. All-gender shelter for single adults. Can accommodate pets depending on capacity
Open 24/7
907-602-1623

Unaccompanied youth:



**Covenant House
Alaska**
755 A St.

Shelter for youth, ages 13-24. Low barrier. All genders.
Open 24/7
907-272-1255

Families:



Clare House
4110 Spenard Road

Female head of household with a child or pregnant. Documentation needed: photo ID and proof of guardianship.
Open 24/7
907-563-4545



McKinnell House
1712 A St.

All genders, single or two-parent head of household with children or pregnant.
Open 24/7
907-375-3500

Domestic violence survivors:



**AWAIC
Emergency Shelter**
100 W. 13th Ave.

All genders, adults 18+ and families. Call crisis line for screening.
24/7 crisis line
907-272-0100

Congregate Shelter Information



**1111 E. 56th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99518**

How do I get into shelter?

- Walk up to the building anytime 24/7
- Call 907-720-0644 anytime, if you leave a message someone will return your call within an hour

Who can stay at the shelter?

- Anyone over 18 is welcome
- All genders are welcome
- Sleeping areas are separated by gender
- Couples are welcome
- People experiencing disabilities are welcome
- Meals, common areas, and outdoor spaces are all mixed gender

What if I have a vehicle?

- Parking is available for shelter guests with vehicles
- Sleeping in vehicles is not permitted for safety reasons

What can I bring with me?

- The shelter will provide totes for storage of personal items in the bunk area
- Some storage of additional items is available

Can I bring my pet or service animal?

- Yes, your pet or service animal can come to the shelter with you
- The shelter can accommodate 20 animals
- Owners will need to care for their pet(s)
- If there is not room at the shelter animal control may be able to provide additional space. Please talk with shelter staff for more details

Is the shelter safe and is there food provided?

- Shelter is staffed 24/7 by trained staff
- Food is available
- Case management is available to all shelter guests
- On weekdays, there is transportation twice a day to the 3rd Avenue Navigation Center for additional services

Still have questions...Please call **907-720-0644** and we can talk with you





3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center

3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center offers:

Showers

Phone charging

Computer access/wifi

Navigators assisting with coordinated entry

Variety of service providers assisting with housing, employment, substance treatment, etc

Service Provider Schedule:

Please scan to see who will be at the center this week!



www.cssalaska.org/3RNCschedule

Location: 1101 E 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m..

Bus: Route 20, 3rd Avenue & Post

Have questions? Contact Jessie Talivaa at jtativaa@cssalaska.org or 907-222-7388



IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING HELP...

Alaska 211 can connect you with available local resources that best fit your needs:

- Food
- Job training
- Child care
- Public benefits
- Health care
- Legal assistance
- Health insurance
- Mental health services
- Housing assistance
- Senior care
- Veteran services and more

CALL 211

1-800-478-2221
or visit Alaska211.org

Language interpretation services available.



RESOURCES & PARTNERS

Returning to the community from jail or prison can be difficult, but there are programs, services, and advocates that are here to help you with your transition back into the community.

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Peer Support
- ✓ Case Management
- ✓ Social Support
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Legal Services
- ✓ Treatment
- ✓ Employment & Training
- ✓ And more

Reentry Coordinator: Christina Shadura
reentry@nwalaska.org 907-677-8412 (Call or Text)

Scan the QR code or go online to access a list of reentry resources and services in Anchorage.



tinyurl.com/anchorageentry



907 Navigation

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Download the App

Discover the 907 Navigation app – your free guide to look up local resources, navigate complex systems, and check program eligibility in multiple languages!

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