

Next Steps
Turning Ex-Offenders
Into Job Seekers

NEXT STEPS

*Re-entering
the Workforce*

American Job Centers

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To all ex-offenders: Hope for the best, expect the worst and prepare yourself to adapt to whatever comes your way. You have what it takes, just as long as you refuse to let anyone or anything control your mind or break your spirit. Let go of all the pain and anguish of the past so you can embrace a better day. Exist in the now. It is all you have – use it well.

Freeman Holloway
Next Steps Project Coordinator

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When You Take the Next Steps, Keep Going

Take advantage of all we offer to help you in the next phase of your life, all at no cost.

- Orientation to the American Job Centers services
- Personal planning information sessions on:
 - attitude
 - personal responsibility
 - interviewing techniques
 - job applications
- Computer classes
- Job fairs (transportation is supplied)
- Access to adult education

What kind of jobs are you likely to get?

- Manufacturing
- Warehousing & stock work
- Construction
- Clerical
- Lawn and tree maintenance
- Trades apprenticeship

Barriers to employment are barriers to a better life

Homelessness, substance abuse, mental health issues, lack of training and education, lack of employment history, these are just some of the barriers out there. Help is available. Finding a job or getting needed training are first steps in overcoming these barriers.



Training and job related services:

- Career counseling and basic job skill development
- Occupational skills training
- On-the-job training
- Customized information sessions, e.g. "Expunging Your Record," "Job Search and Interviewing Strategies"
- Life skills training
- Transportation assistance
- Child care assistance
- Identification document access (Social Security cards, driver's licenses, etc)

Jason spent almost nine years behind bars for attempted robbery and parole violation, and came to the American Job Center in New Haven for help. He not only found a full-time job through the program, but is starting his own business. He credits Next Steps with giving him the skills and confidence he needed. "I've put all that baggage behind me," Jason said. "I'll have my own business, my own car and my own apartment."





*"People who have had some dealing with the criminal justice system are becoming a greater part of our workforce. Sometimes an employer himself or someone in his family has had some involvement with the criminal justice system and seen firsthand how important something like this can be. The most exciting part is more and **more employers are willing to give people a chance.**"*

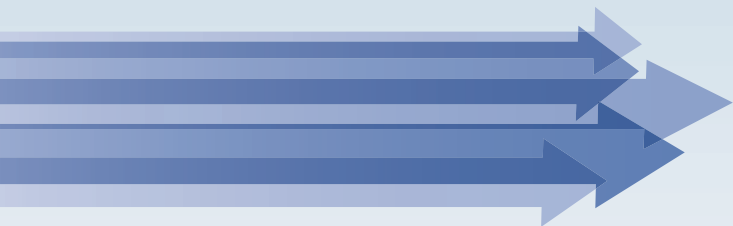
*William Villano, President & CEO,
Workforce Alliance*

"Hiring from Next Steps has been great. Candidates are trained, prepared and committed to the job. Keep up the good work, team! Send me more good people."

*Recruitment Manager,
Technical staffing agency*

"I know what it is to be one of those guys and getting a second chance. It's a great situation for me, being in a position to give someone else an opportunity. That's how I see it and how I live it."

Carwash Manager



Community Resources

APT Foundation
1 Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT
(203) 781-4600

Christian Community Commission
316 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 624-9228

Crossroads Inc.
54 East Ramsdell Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 387-0094

CT Department of Corrections Parole/Community Services
50 Fitch Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 937-2400

CT Judicial Branch Court Support Division Adult Supervision & Probation
867 State Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 789-7876

CT State Board of Pardons & Paroles
55 West Main Street
Waterbury, CT
(203) 865-6605

Easter Seals Goodwill Industries
95 Hamilton Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 772-6602

Emergency Shelter Management
645 Grand Avenue
New Haven, CT
(203) 777-2522

First Calvary Baptist Church
609 Dixwell Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

New Haven Adult Ed Center
580 Ella T. Grasso Blvd.
New Haven, CT
(203) 492-0213

New Haven Family Alliance
230 Ashmun Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 786-5970

Project Fresh Start City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 946-7821

State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 946-8523

Roger Sherman House
48 Howe Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 776-9900

U.S. Probation & Parole Office District Court of CT
157 Church Street, 22nd FL
New Haven, CT
(203) 773-2100

Walter Brooks House
690 Howard Avenue
New Haven, CT
(203) 503-0263

4 Convenient Locations:

New Haven
560 Ella T. Grasso Blvd.
(203) 624-1493

Hamden
37 Marne Street
(203) 859-3200

Meriden
85 West Main Street
(203) 238-3688

Middletown
242 South Main Street
(860) 347-7691

*Open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday-Friday*

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