

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT THE READY CENTER



Our programs are designed to provide supportive services to DC residents. All programs incorporate a multi-generational philosophy that addresses the needs of the whole family. These principles include: early childhood development, economic assets, social capital, post-secondary education & employment pathways and health & well-being.

WHAT IS THE READY (RESOURCES TO EMPOWER AND DEVELOP YOU) CENTER?

The READY Center is a “one-stop” shop where returning citizens can access critical post-release services such as public benefits (SNAP, Medicaid and TANF), employment assistance, educational and health care supports and much more.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Participants recently released from the DC Department of Corrections or the Bureau of Prisons only.

IS THERE A FEE TO PARTICIPATE?

There is no fee to participate.

WHO ARE THE READY CENTER PARTNERS?

The READY Center is a collaboration between the Mayor’s Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA), Department of Corrections (DOC), Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Employment Services (DOES), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Bureau of Prisons (BOP), and various community-based organizations. All partners work collectively to ensure successful reintegration into the community for returning citizens.

WHAT KIND OF SERVICES CAN I RECEIVE?

Returning citizens may apply for Medicaid benefits, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), educational training, employment opportunities, a DC Identification card, mental health and substance abuse services and/or treatment, and be referred to resources such as birth certificates, social security cards, ticket adjustments and other supportive services.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE READY CENTER?

For more information about The READY Center, please email gen2gendc@dc.gov