

*"If you can dream it, you can do it." ~ Walt Disney*

**A**n individual's clothing, personal hygiene and overall appearance are often the first thing communicated to others and should be viewed as vital to successful community and social reintegration. The following organizations provide the tools and resources needed to ensure a strong, confident and professional first impression. Whether you're involved in a job search, need clothing for work or are simply trying to situate yourself in the community, the following agencies can provide assistance with all aspects of personal appearance and hygiene.

## EMPLOYMENT & PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING

### CAREER GEAR

<http://www.careergear.org>

Since 1999, CareerGear has helped thousands of disconnected and under-served job-seeking men become self-sufficient members of their communities. By providing interview counseling and business attire, CareerGear offers vital services to men of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, as well as recipients of public assistance, the disabled, recovering addicts, Iraqi War Veterans, former foster care children, recent immigrants, and the formerly incarcerated. CareerGear invests in men who have begun to turn their lives around. Each program participant will have completed a job-training program and scheduled a job interview prior to graduating the program.

CareerGear's philosophy is simple but powerful: Successful employment is a catalyst towards men emerging as fathers and leaders within their communities.

The CareerGear team of assistant managers works one-on-one with men to help them select an appropriate outfit for their upcoming job interview. Professional clothing provided includes a suit, dress shirt, tie, belt, shoes, and overcoat.

Each participant receives one suit for an interview; once he is employed or actively seeking employment he is encouraged to become a member of the Professional Development Series. In 2012, 1,610 men received a business suit and career counseling at CareerGear's national headquarters in New York City while CareerGear affiliates suited another 2,200.

#### National Contact:

CareerGear National  
120 Broadway, 36th Floor  
New York, NY 10271  
P: 212.577.6190

### DRESS FOR SUCCESS

<http://www.dressforsuccess.org>

Dress for Success clients come from a continually expanding and diverse group of nonprofit and government agencies including homeless shelters, immigration services, and job training programs, educational institutions and domestic violence shelters, among many other organizations. More than 3,000 organizations throughout the world send women to Dress for Success for professional apparel and career development services.

On their initial visit, clients receive a suit appropriate for the industry in which she is interviewing and, if available, accessories. After a woman finds a job she can return to Dress for Success for additional clothing that can be mixed and matched to make several outfits, providing her with the foundation for a professional wardrobe. Dress for Success serves clients by referral only, and women must have an interview before receiving clothing.

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Dress for Success  
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## SECOND HAND CLOTHING OPTIONS

There are many organizations and business that sell inexpensive clothing, furniture and household items to individuals and families with limited budgets. The following organizations have locations in many communities throughout the United States.

### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES | OUTLET STORES

<http://www.goodwill.org>

Goodwill Industries operates an extensive network of thrift stores located throughout the United States. These stores provide clothing, house wares and other items to individuals and families in need at low prices. Most stores are run by individuals who participate in the Goodwill Industries occupational training programs and emergency shelter programs and serve as volunteers. Shopping for clothing in locations closer to affluent areas tends to garner a better quality selection.

**National Contact:**

Goodwill Industries – Thrift Stores  
15810 Indianola Drive  
Rockville, MD 20855  
P: 800.644.3945

### SALVATION ARMY | NATIONAL FAMILY STORES

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>

The Salvation Army operates an extensive network of thrift stores located throughout the United States. These stores provide clothing, house wares and other items to individuals and families in need at low prices. Most stores are run by individuals who participate in the Salvation Army's occupational training program, emergency shelter program or their substance abuse treatment program. Shopping for clothing in locations closer to affluent areas tends to garner a better quality selection. All proceeds from purchases are used to fund the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Centers.

**National Contact:**

The Salvation Army – Family Stores  
615 Slaters Lane, P.O. Box 269  
Alexandria, VA 22313  
P: 800.728.7825

## TATTOO & BODY ART REMOVAL PROGRAMS

Removing visible tattoos, especially those that are antisocial or related to gangs, will improve an individual's chances of finding employment. Removing tattoos of victims of human trafficking can be a major step in the recovery process and can help restore dignity and self-esteem. But how do you do it, and how do you pay for it?

You can begin by using the Jails to Jobs Tattoo Removal Directory available at

<http://jailstojobs.org/wordpress/tattoo-removal/>, which includes tattoo removal clinics across the United States. Some of them charge. Others are free but may have eligibility requirements. This directory is a work in progress and is by no means a complete list.

### HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES

<http://homeboyindustries.org/what-we-do/tattoo-removal/>

No entity on the planet removes more tattoos than Homeboy Industries. At Homeboy Industries, laser tattoo removal is provided to individuals enrolled in the Homeboy program or walk-in community clients. This has proven to be a critical service for former gang members because the majority possess visible tattoos – a physical obstacle that makes it difficult for them to obtain secure employment.

**National Contact:**

Homeboy Industries  
130 West Bruno Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
P: 323.526.1254

**FRESH START TATTOO REMOVAL**

<http://www.freshstarttattooremoval.org>

The Fresh Start Tattoo Removal Program, Inc. (an official 501(c)3 organization) is a nationwide community program that removes visible gang and prison tattoos off of former gang members for free to help these people get jobs and improve the quality of their lives. With employment, there is a much lower return to prison rate.

**National Contact:**

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New York, NY 10009  
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