

Reimagining Incarceration

We believe that enhancing the lives of people who live and work within our correctional systems **enhances life for everyone.**

The ASU Center for Correctional Solutions (CCS) supports people who are both inside and outside of the prison system in developing skills to more fully contribute to their families, communities, and societies.



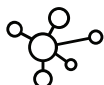
Research

Our commitment to community-based, participatory programs is the foundation of our use-inspired research.



Education

We cultivate growth in undergraduate and graduate students alongside those who serve in and are served by corrections.



Community Engagement

We are socially embedded within our communities and we work together with our partners to repair harm, empower people, and promote public safety.

Our Approach

Our participatory, collaborative approach draws on the mission and expertise of Arizona State University to transform the experience of people who are incarcerated, improve the health of our broader communities, and nurture the personal and professional development of students as future leaders.

Our Work

The Center's programs are designed to reimagine the incarceration experience as a tool for positive change by preparing people in prison to be better than when they arrived and able to contribute more fully to their families, communities, and societies.

Our Impact

Our research, education, and community engagement demonstrate how meaningful opportunities while in prison contribute to reduced recidivism and how support at all stages of imprisonment or reentry can play a critical role in building strengths and positive outcomes.

Better prison leads to less prison and healthier people.

5x

The likelihood that children of incarcerated parents will enter the criminal justice system

1.8M

Number of people within the U.S. prison system

\$36K

The average cost a state pays to incarcerate each prisoner per year

50%+

Percentage of people that are incarcerated again within three years of release

I took two classes offered by ASU (in prison). They were the only ones in which, for the first time, my old ways of thinking were challenged with a new and better way. It was powerful and transforming.

Zach – Inside-Out program alumnus



Signature programs for long-term impact

Among its many activities, the Center houses four signature programs that help transform individuals in prison to be better than when they arrived.

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

Inside-Out is an international program that creates partnerships between institutions of higher education and corrections. Students in the three-credit ASU course learn alongside incarcerated individuals in a prison setting on a topic that both groups can relate to, helping to advance mutual understanding about ideas related to crime, justice, freedom, and inequality.

The Arizona Transformation Project

This learning community—composed of ASU faculty, graduate students, and incarcerated alumni of the Inside-Out program—seeks to enrich the lives of people inside and outside of the justice system through research and lived experience. The group has previously engaged in participatory action research to produce a report that was presented to the Arizona Governor's Office Recidivism Reduction Team.

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In collaboration with the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry, the Center offers the general public an opportunity to view and purchase art by incarcerated individuals, to celebrate creativity, and to give back. The program provides opportunities for men and women to serve their time productively while embracing their creativity and talent.

The POINT Model

The ASU Point (Potential, Opportunity, Investment, Nurture, Transformation) Model integrates the economic, social, cultural and health resources of the university to holistically promote growth and transformation in the prison environment.



My favorite memory from my time with CCS was during an Inside-Out class at the women's facility. After four years of volunteering, researching, and teaching in prison, I heard a woman reflecting on her experience in our class and say, 'I am excited about life again' with tears in her eyes.

Caitlin – Ph.D. student

Join us!

Together, we can transform countless more lives – today.

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