

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 foster development in both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as those involved in and impacted by corrections.



Community Engagement

We work collaboratively with our partners to transform people and communities through empowered knowledge.

Collaboration

Partner with the people most impacted by our work to identify challenges and implement solutions.

Knowledge

Integrate diverse forms of thought to include academic insight, lived experience, and practitioner expertise.

Innovation

Conceptualize crime and its correction as more than just a criminal justice problem requiring more than just a criminal justice solution.

Empowerment

Support students, people incarcerated, and staff to expand their talents, skills, and potential.

Our current system

3x

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

1.2M

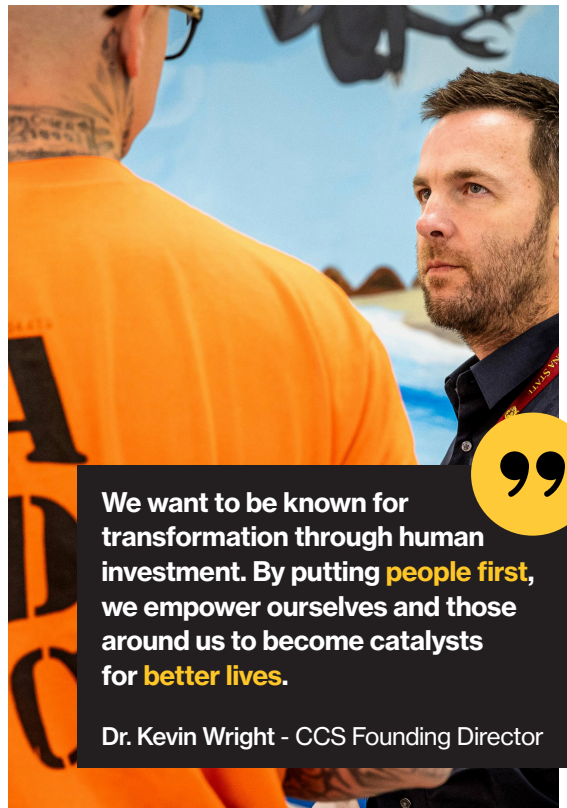
Number of people within the U.S. prison system

\$33K

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

46%

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



We want to be known for transformation through human investment. By putting **people first**, we empower ourselves and those around us to become catalysts for **better lives**.

Dr. Kevin Wright - CCS Founding Director

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 POINT Model

Our 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. POINT organizes all of our efforts on the inside to realize our Center mission and vision.

The Arizona Transformation Project (ATP)

Our learning community of ASU faculty, students, and incarcerated men and women, combining scholarly knowledge with lived experience wisdom. The ATP is the organizing body behind ASU POINT Model opportunities on the inside.

{Ink}arcerated: Creativity within Confinement

We provide materials and support for incarcerated artists to embrace their creativity, celebrate their talent, and produce art to be displayed at a gallery in the community. All the art is sold for a charitable cause, to include our Center for Correctional Solutions Scholarship for system-impacted learners at ASU.

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

Our community-based learning program where ASU “outside” students learn together with incarcerated “inside” students over a semester in a prison setting. The goal of the program is to break down the walls of the classroom and prison to empower students to positively impact their communities.



Prior to working with the Center, I was a just a man with ideas who was simply existing while doing time in prison. The Center's investment propelled me to be the best version of myself by lifting up my ideas and allowing me to realize a sense of self-actualization. I now do more than just exist. I have meaning and purpose in life, and with the Center's support I have accomplished, and continue to accomplish, great things that inspire and positively impact others.

Erik Maloney

Alumni, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

Co-Founder, Arizona Transformation Project

Co-Author, *Imprisoned Minds: Lost Boys, Trapped Men, and Solutions from Within the Prison*

Join us!

Together, we can transform countless more lives – today.

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