

What Does Improved Reentry Results Mean to You?

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Turning a huge tax burden into taxpayers



Dear Clark:

The Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) has been working to transform its culture. It is now laser focused on its goal to reduce recidivism by 25% in the next 10 years.

For taxpayers, that means there will be fewer people returning to prison after their release. Instead of being a tax burden (as the state pays their room and board to a tune of more than \$25,000 a year each), these returning citizens will be gainfully employed, taking care of themselves and their families and paying taxes.

To help it reach its ambitious goal, ADC has also been working more closely with ACI, to move inmates to the prison complexes where there are more work opportunities. They have also partnered with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and its [Arizona@Work](#) program to create [Second Chance](#) centers within prison complexes.



Second Chance centers help to prepare inmates for meaning employment after their release

Inmates who are nearing the end of their sentences can use these centers to polish their resumes, practice interview skills, and meet with employers anxious to hire them. Employers can also set up training programs to teach inmates specific technical skills (like carpentry, electrical work or plumbing) for which they are looking to hire.

ADC and DES are following ACI's lead by reaching out to private businesses to show them the potential of the huge, untapped workforce that is represented by the 40,000+ people currently in state prison. 95% of these people will leave prison at

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some point and together, these three agencies and their private business partners are making every effort to ensure that these ex-felons do not return to prison.

You can do your part by hiring qualified people, even if they have a felony on their record. They will be grateful and hardworking as they strive to earn your trust and help your business grow.

Thanks for doing business with us.

Best,

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