Incarcerated in Arizona

Why You Should Care

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Why should you care about people who are incarcerated?

...well, what are reasons given that we shouldn’t care?
Reason # 1: Crime is a choice

People choose to engage in crime and so they should be punished for making that choice
But…

Not everyone has the same options

Addictions, mental illness, abuse and victimization influence choices

Harsh prison conditions make people worse
Reason # 2: We **do care for victims**

In order to **care about victims**, we must **not care** about their offenders
But…

Most people in prison are victims

Strong victim/offender overlap

If you care about victims, care about all victims
Reason # 3: Public safety

We should lock people away and throw away the key to keep society safe
But…

Violent individuals are less likely to recidivate

Most people give up crime by age 30

Locking up people into their 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s does little for safety and is expensive
So, how do we care at ASU?
Mission: Enhancing the lives of those living and working in our correctional system through research, education, and community engagement.

Vision: A just and fair approach to corrections that repairs harm, restores people, and promotes public safety.
Research

Challenge: Formerly incarcerated women having difficulty securing employment

Solution: Provide educational and entrepreneurship training to women while incarcerated

Partners: Department of Economic Security; Department of Corrections; ASU Entrepreneurship + Innovation; ASU Center for Urban Innovation; ASU Public Service Academy; Arizona Women’s Education and Employment/A New Leaf; Televerde; ViVRE Recovery Housing
Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

Projects: Revived Impact of Crime on Victims Class; Created reentry resource website www.outtomorrowresources.com; Developed visitation guiding questions for discussion
Community Engagement

Student-curated **Inkarcerated** art show raised $7,000 for AZ Anti-Trafficking Network and Pinal County Family Advocacy Center *(May 5th, 2017 Unexpected Art Gallery)*

All art created by people incarcerated

See the video that played during the art show at [https://vimeo.com/218544556](https://vimeo.com/218544556)

Thank you!

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