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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?

Center for Correctional Solutions

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

Education

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 **Incarcerated** 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>

News coverage: <http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/253006238-story>

Thank you!

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