EMPLOYERS



"The workers from the program have been very dedicated and they are very grateful to be given an opportunity. They work hard and are great about communicating if they need time off for court or to see their parole officer. Over 60% of our workers are from this Reentry program."

> - Monica Employer, American West Pallets



"95% of people that go to prison will eventually return to our communities so we need to give them a second chance to be productive employees and good neighbors."

> - Aaron Employer, Hickman's Family Farms

ABOUT THE SECOND CHANCE CENTERS

To create safer communities and lower recidivism rates, Governor Doug Ducey implemented real second chances for Arizona inmates leaving prison.

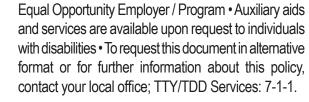
In March 2017, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) opened three Second Chance Centers in Arizona prisons and began providing reentry employment services to inmates within 60-days of release to prepare them for success in Arizona's workforce. Since then, more than 2,600 inmates have successfully completed the 10-week SCC workforce program resulting in more than 1,600 job placements. Reentry workforce services have expanded to parole offices, reentry centers, Juvenile Corrections, and community partner centers.

Governor Ducey is urging Arizona employers to consider these work-ready individuals to fill job vacancies. Studies have proven that gainful employment not only saves taxpayers the costs of keeping individuals incarcerated but also helps break the cycle of incarceration and provides a self-sufficient path for those who truly deserve a second chance.

Employers interested in learning more are asked to contact

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Providing real second chances for Arizona's returning citizens.

IN THEIR WORDS



"I was very worried about how society would treat me after becoming a felon. My experience with the Second Chance Center was very positive. I was pleasantly surprised. They did so much for me."

> - David Manzanita Second Chance Center



"I adapted and took advantage of all that was shown to me by the people in the Second Chance Center. I'm not really sure where I would be now without all the good information you all gave me."

- Travis Eagle Point Second Chance Center



"I got my first paycheck and life couldn't be any better. I'm surrounded by loved ones who support me and love me. Thank you guys so much for all the help you provided."

- Chris Eagle Point Second Chance Center



"This center has given me hope for my future. We all need someone in our life that really cares about us and holds us accountable for our actions and teaches us how to be accountable for ourselves. Thank you for the tools to make a positive change in my new life! "

> - Edgar Eagle Point Second Chance Center



"I think the Second Chance Centers are a great thing to add to the prison. It gives you the opportunity to get a job, builds your confidence, and it made me feel so much more secure to leave prison with a job. It's amazing!"

> - Heather Piestewa Second Chance Center

"I have absolutely no barriers to keep me from working! Life is good. I can't wait to see where I'm at next month if I'm this far already. God bless you all. I am so thankful!"

> - Angela Piestewa Second Chance Center



"Thanks to the Second Chance Center program I left prison with so many resources that there is no way I could fail. The speakers and staff genuinely cared and helped me realize that what I went through in my past doesn't define me."

> - Cheryl Piestewa Second Chance Center



"The biggest barrier of being a felon is knowing that we're typically not employable, or at best, we only qualify for a minimum wage job. But the Second Chance Center showed us that we have opportunities and there are organizations who want to help us. My counselor was amazing and told me I could do anything I wanted to do. I came out of prison completely ready for the transition."

> - Melissa Piestewa Second Chance Center