



# A REAL SECOND CHANCE

*Initiatives aimed at  
reducing recidivism,  
improving public  
safety, saving tax  
payer dollars, and  
doing the right thing.*

***“It’s opportunities like this – where  
Corrections truly becomes Corrections.”***

–Governor Doug Ducey





# Providing that second chance

- ***What We've Done:***
  - *Maricopa County Reentry Center*
  - *Second Chance Centers*
    - *Lewis, Perryville, and Tucson*
    - *Preparing inmates for release (last 60 days of incarceration)*
    - *Employment services, resume building, interview training, job fairs, and technical training*
  - *Post-Release Fire Crew*
  - *Vivitrol Pilot Program*
  - *Added Substance Abuse Counselors*

# From Incarceration To Employment



<https://youtu.be/kHXZL2NMD7U>



# Results

- ***Largest drop in the Arizona inmate population since 1974.***
- ***10% drop in inmates returning to custody for technical violation.***
- ***1,080 inmates with a high-risk to recidivate have graduated from our Second Chance Centers, and 625 (58%) have successfully gained employment upon release.***
- ***No new prison beds forecasted for the second year in a row.***



# More can be done

## ***1. Executive Order: Second Chance Box***

- New policy applies to state agencies*
- Delays questions about criminal background until after applying and interviewing for a job*
- Allows all applicants a fair hearing*
- Doesn't apply to positions where statute has specific directions (Example: DPS Troopers)*
- Maricopa County followed the Governor's lead and adopted the policy.*



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## ***2. Pre-Enrollment In Medicaid***

- Historically, inmates would have had to enroll in AHCCCS after being released – causing potential lapses in coverage, including drug treatment*
- Since September 2016, Corrections and AHCCCS have partnered together to ensure that those inmates eligible for Medicaid are pre-enrolled prior to release for the best opportunity for success*
- Over 7,000 inmates have applied for Medicaid through this program with a 90% approval rate*



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## **3. Partnership With Uber/Lyft**

- Public-private pilot program provides recently released inmates rides to jobs*
- Pima County and Maricopa County*
- Uber and Lyft each contributed \$5,000 to pay for rides, which the State matched*
- Allows individuals who don't have transportation options to find a job, get to work and get on their feet*





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