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
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