



ARIZONA PAROLE RECIDIVISM REPORT FEBRUARY- NOVEMBER, 2009

The following report covers nine months of referrals to ACCI's cognitive life skills home study courses. This report has been compiled from ACCI's database and personal interviews with 18 parole officers. We asked one question: "How many parolees who have successfully completed an ACCI cognitive life skills course have returned to prison?"

FROM THE TOTAL 265 PAROLEE'S WHO COMPLETED TO DATE, 19 WENT BACK TO PRISON AFTER FINISHING AN ACCI COURSE FOR A **RECIDIVISM RATE OF 7%**.

TOTAL REFERRALS	455	-
TOTAL COMPLETED	265	58%
NON COMPLIANT	58	13%
WITHDRAWALS	20	4%
IN PROCESS	112	25%

It is believed that this statistical report is $\pm 1\%$ accurate and the recidivism survey with the parole officers is $\pm 5\%$ accurate. This is not an evidence-based study but rather a report that reflects the current status of 455 referred parolees over a specified period of time. We will be conducting ongoing research and reports to indentify trends and long-term effects.

Surveying the Parole Officers also yielded anecdotal evidence such as: their surprise at the number who actually completed the assigned course, and that over 90% of the parolee evaluations were positive. In addition, officers could clearly see a change in attitude and behavior within the parolees that they had not seen in other programs.

The primary goal of this collaborative effort between Arizona Parole and ACCI is to reduce the number of parolees going back to prison. Just a 1% reduction would equal \$1.5 million savings to the State of Arizona. If all parolees in the state were required to complete this program ACCI feels, based on its evidence-based research, that it could reduce the recidivism rate by as much as 6-8%.

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