

# Evidenced-Based Report

## ACCI Lifeskills / Arizona State Parole

March 2009 – September 2011

The following report covers 30 months of referrals to ACCI's cognitive life skills home study program. This report has been compiled from both ACCI's & Arizona State Parole databases. The 1,646 Parolees who finished their assigned workbook represent a wide range of criminal backgrounds, socioeconomic levels and ethnicity. With this report, we simply asked one question: "Of the 1,646 Parolees who completed an ACCI cognitive life skills course, how many returned to prison?"

### Current Snapshot

TOTAL REFERRALS	2,859
TOTAL COMPLETED	1,646
NON-COMPLIANT	490
WITHDRAWALS	172
UNKOWN	355
IN PROCESS	196

### Results

Completion Rate 70% (Parolee paid for and completed assigned course)

Recidivism Rate 10% (Parolee returned to prison after completing a course)

The completion rate was derived by dividing the number of parolees who successfully completed by the total number of referred parolees. In order to obtain an accurate completion rate we omitted parolees that fell in the current or withdrawn categories. This action was taken because they are yet to be determined (Current Referrals) or were enrolled and removed before they had an opportunity to complete or not complete (Withdrawn). The large number of "Unknown Referrals" is inconsistent with previous reports and is attributed to Parole Officers not giving us the correct DOC number with a referral. We regret not being able to account for more referrals.

This statistical report is  $\pm 1\%$  accurate. It is also noteworthy that just an 8% reduction of inmates going back to prison would save the state of Arizona millions of dollars each year, not to mention the benefits to potential victims and society.