

GRANTEE: Arizona Women's Education and Employment, Inc

ADDRESS: 640 N. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003

AMOUNT: \$1,200,000

DURATION: 18 months

POPULATION SERVED: Ex-offenders (ages 18-29)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Choices for Changed Lives project offers returning offenders a broad range of service choices and a path to enhanced well-being. The project is administrated by Arizona Women's Education and Employment, Inc (AWEE). Specifically, clients will receive assessment and individualized service plans; help with accessing support services via the project and community resource referrals; education and job training; work preparation classes including soft skills instructions; mentoring and support services to ensure participation; help with accessing needed community services such as recovery support groups; assistance with placement jobs that are high demand/high growth industries, and post-placement support to ensure retention. This project is the beneficiary choice model, whereby clients may choose their preferred service provider. Over the period of one year, a broad menu of services will be provided that help the clients to qualify for job placement and successfully manage job retention and career advancement while avoiding recidivism. The last six months of the project will involve tracking of job retention, recidivism, and related project outcomes.

SUBCONTRACTORS: A minimum of five Specialized Service Providers (SSPs); Family Service Agency, Goodwill of Central Arizona, Prison Fellowship-Arizona, and Southwest Leadership Foundation (two community based and two faith based organizations)

GOALS: Serve a minimum of 245 young adult ex-offenders

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: Targeted neighborhoods within the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan Area (Arizona)

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