



Concrete Methods for Advancing Equity and Opportunity for People Impacted by the Criminal Justice System

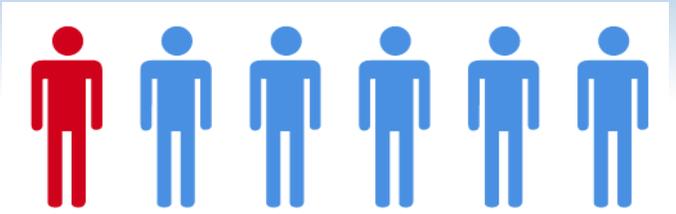
CCF OVERVIEW

College & Community Fellowship (CCF) is a non-profit dedicated to helping women with criminal convictions earn college degrees so that they, their families, and their communities can thrive. We advocate for equity and opportunity for the communities we serve.

CCF supports students until graduation day and beyond, providing academic support, career development, financial coaching, and much more. We approach systemic change through our national advocacy and technical assistance programs.

Trauma-Informed Service Delivery

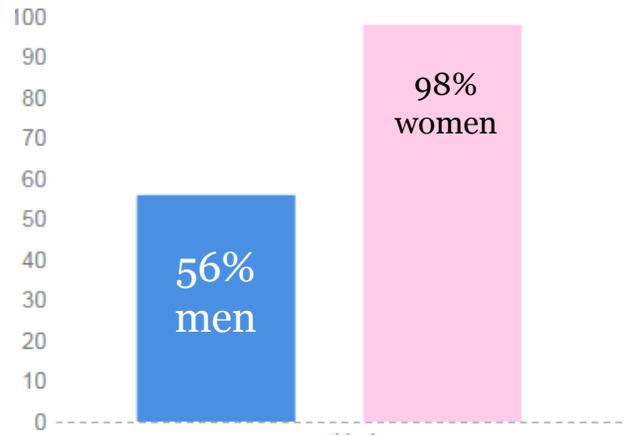
Trauma & CJ-Affected Population



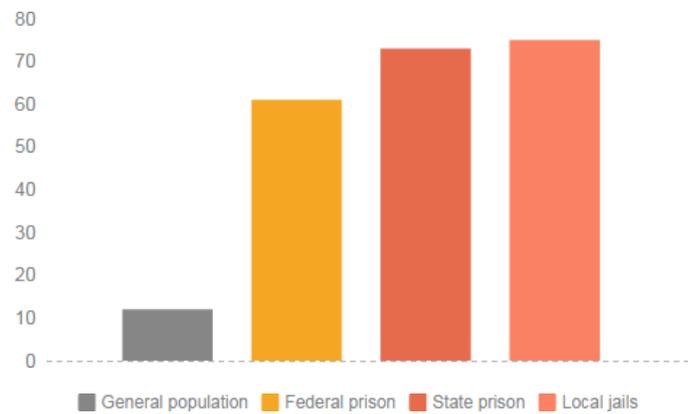
1 in 6 men report being physically and/or sexually abused before incarceration



6 in 10 women report being physically and/or sexually abused before incarceration



Exposure to trauma before incarceration



% women who meet criteria for at least one lifetime psychiatric disorder (schizophrenia, depression, antisocial personality disorder, etc.)

CCF's Three Program Areas

Direct Services

Community Sisters

Help women with criminal convictions become ready to enroll in college by paying down old debts, earning their high school equivalencies, or overcoming other barriers to enrollment

Academic Support Program

Help women with criminal convictions enroll in and succeed in college

Career Education Enhancement Program

Help CCF students earn high-quality career certifications in the areas of business, health, law, and counseling

Peer Mentoring Program (re-launchingsoon)

Match women 180 days pre-release with peer mentors to help them build higher education into their reentry plans

Career Advancement Program (coming soon)

Help women with criminal convictions find jobs and careers reflective of their education levels and aspirations

Policy & Advocacy

Policy Advocacy

Grassroots and grasstops organizing for criminal justice reform, including higher education and other related issues; and advocacy training for impacted women

Theater for Social Change

Performance ensemble that uses theater to raise awareness about the impact of mass incarceration on women, families, and communities

Technical Assistance

THRIVE

Training agencies in CCF's core procedures and evidence-based practices to strengthen service delivery to CJ-affected folks, and show employers the value of tapping into this under-utilized labor force

Evidence-Based Practices



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Motivational Interviewing

Tapping into students' aspirations helps develop concrete goals and self-confidence



Asset-Focused Leadership Development

Assessing their own communities and personal strengths develops social capital



Financial Development

Ensuring all students have the understanding and resources to make informed financial decisions



Organizational Learning and Development

Creating a learning culture that utilizes evidence, and supports change to increase longevity

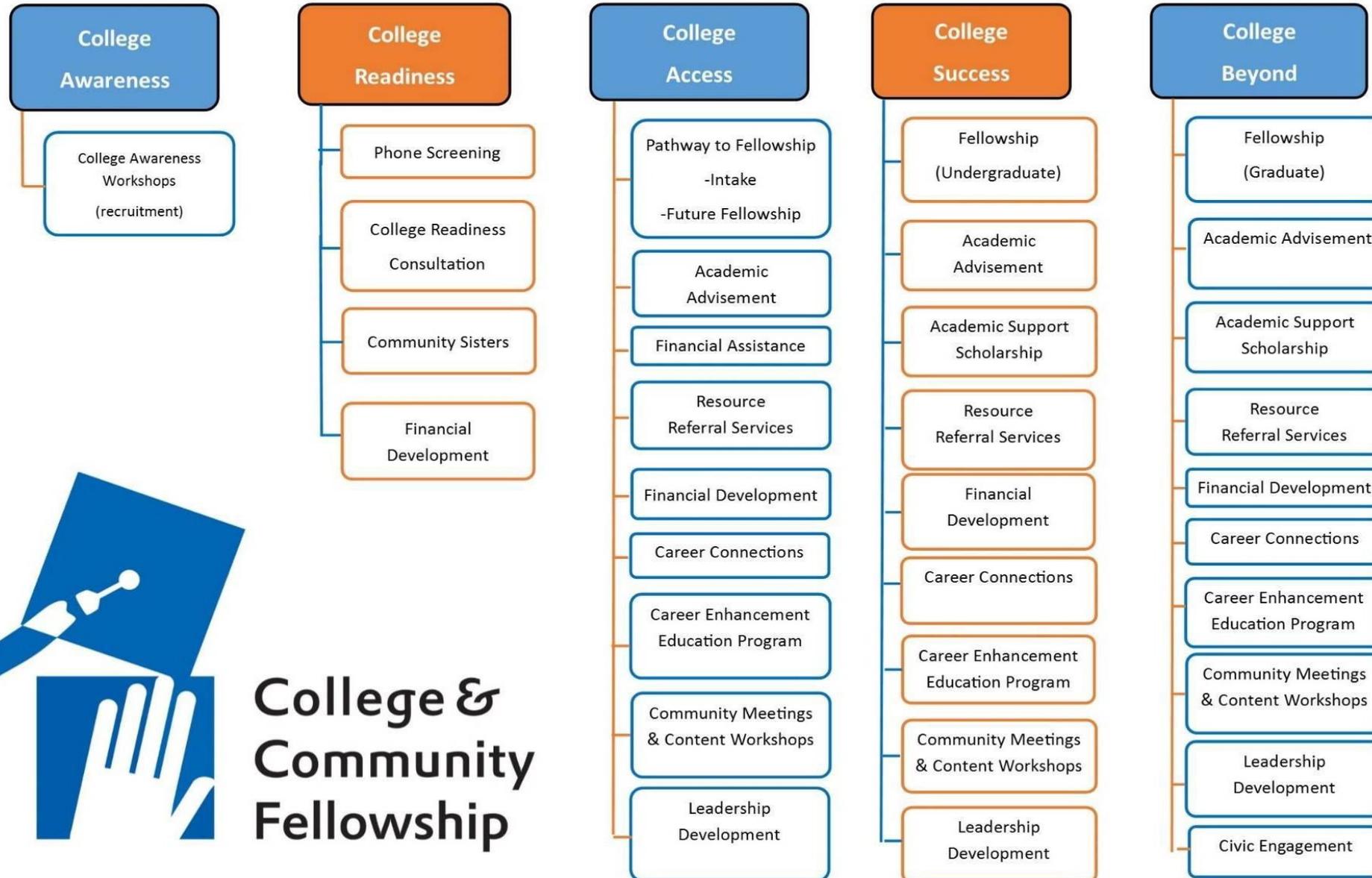


Academic Support Program

Changing the face of the formerly incarcerated



Academic Support Program Model



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- CCF believes in the transformative power of higher education
- Higher education has not always been part of the reentry conversation
 - Education has been under-recognized as a tool for successful reacclimation

History of Education in Prison

- Education offered in prison as early as 1798, as religious instruction designed for repentance
- Evolved to include subjects beyond religion
- Was utilized overall as a measure of self-improvement for people convicted of crimes

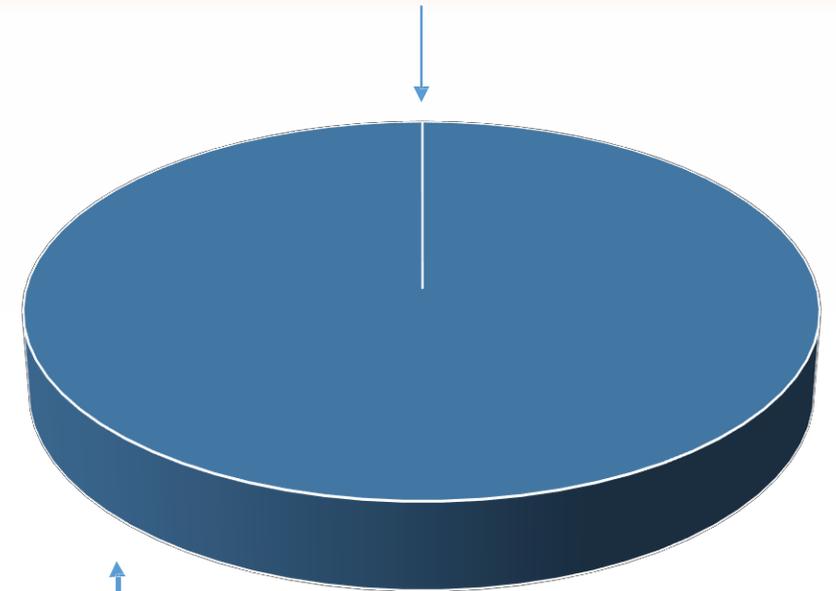
Federal Pell Grants

- Established in 1965 to increase access to higher education for low-income students
- Became a key support for CJ-involved students to earn college degrees

Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act

- 1994 approximately 23,000 state and federal prisoners used Pell grants
- In that same year, all students would be barred from continuing their education as a result of the law

Pell grants awarded to incarcerated students



Pell grants awarded to non-incarcerated students

Second Chance Pell

- July 2016 the Second Chance Pell Experiment was enacted
- The goal of the initiative is to learn whether participation in educational opportunities increases after access to financial aid for incarcerated adults is expanded
- Also examining how the reinstatement of college access in federal and state prisons affects overall post-release outcomes



Prison-Based Education Works

- Participants in correctional education programs are 48% less likely to recidivate
- In prison college programs have fewer violent incidents, creating overall safer correction institutions for both staff and incarcerated people

Vera Institute of Justice. *Expanding Access to Postsecondary Education in Prison*

‘...By 2020 65% of jobs will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school. Only 11% of incarcerated people in state prisons have completed at least some postsecondary education.’

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