Education – the Key to Success

The Apache County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention and the Apache County Superintendent of Schools Office through an intergovernmental agency agreement provide educational and re-entry services to inmates wanting to earn their high school diploma or GED. If an inmate, aged 18 to 21 does not have a high school diploma, and qualifies for special education, then the ACSO Jail Education Program provides those services. The ultimate goal is to help inmates become self-sufficient so that they can re-integrate into society and become productive and successful workers, citizens, and family members. A high school diploma or GED is a basic requirement needed to apply for most entry-level jobs, and statistics show that those who receive an education while incarcerated have fewer re-arrests and a higher employment rate than those who do not.

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