

NACDL Champion of State Criminal Justice Reform Award Recipient

Second Chance Center

Aurora, Colorado

Second Chance Center (SCC) aspires to reduce recidivism rates of formerly incarcerated People by helping them transition to lives of success and fulfillment. They take the approach that the level of an individual's personal investment of focus, effort, and commitment will determine how successful their re-entry process will be, and how well maintained the freedom will be. SCC is staffed by experienced criminal justice insiders offering case management, mentoring, and uniquely positive "role modeled examples of the possibilities" in order to help participants reestablish their lives and deal with the challenges of returning to their families and communities.



Accepting the award on behalf of the SCC is Executive Director, Hassan Latif. Hassan founded Second Chance Center in 2012. SCC has grown to become the preeminent reentry agency in Colorado, maintaining a recidivism rate of fewer than 9 % for participants involved in SCC programs. Aside from directing the daily activities pertaining to the delivery of client services and the achievement of agency objectives, he conducts mentoring and reentry trainings for government and non-profit service providers nationally, facilitates transition planning sessions in Colorado Department of Corrections facilities statewide and authored the book "Never Going Back: 7 Steps to Staying Out of Prison" (PAPatterson Press 2012) and the curriculum based on same.

Hassan serves as President on the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition's (CCJRC) Board of Directors. Likewise, he holds a seat on the Colorado Commission on Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) Reentry Reform and Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Task Forces and is the Colorado Association of Addictions Professionals 2018 "Excellence in Leadership" award recipient.