

CATEGORY: POPULATIONS/PROGRAMS

Corrections Populations & Plant-Based Programs

Horticulture for health initiatives for incarcerated individuals include gardening, vocational horticulture programs and therapeutic horticulture interventions. Restorative nature activities, plant production/ecology programs, beekeeping, delivery of horticulture certificate courses, and garden programs with a food security focus including food donations to local community partners are also part of this sector. These programs provide physiological benefits including relief from stress (cortisol production), physical activity, mood regulation, improved brain functioning, as well as development of positive leisure and vocational skills, and psychological benefits according to empirical studies. The impact of such plant-based programs on mental health within correctional facilities (Comby et al., 2025; Farrier et al., 2024) and on recidivism continue to be investigated (Holmes & Waliczek, 2019; Ives, 2022; De Santiago, 2025).

Studies on green spaces associated with horticulture programs in correctional settings are now being studied more broadly (Epstein, 2025; Thiery, 2025; Stevens et al., 2022; Jewkes et al., 2020). Research is examining the efficacy of horticulture, horticulture training and inmate behavior.

Theses from college students are emerging in greater numbers and available online on topics related to incarceration and plant-based initiatives, some focused on food security (Dennis, 2025; Epstein, 2025; Gartner, 2025; Larson, 2022; Choi, 2020). Other topics emerging within the corrections field: access to outdoors (Morris & Izenberg, 2023; Reddon & Durante, 2019; Zeng et al., 2024); connecting with nature (Alexander, 2024; Grant, 2020); horticulture-based programs specifically for female inmates (Cochrane, 2019; Jauk-Ajamie & Blackwood, 2024; Jauk et al., 2022; Toews et al., 2018); and benefits/problems with prison agriculture programs (Chennault & Sbicca, 2022; Everhardt et al., 2024; Hazelett, 2022). Gender responsive programming emerged as a topic of research for this setting and population (Gartner, 2025).

Food security, food justice and food gardening at corrections facilities continues to be a theme within research. The Everhart et al. (2024) book *Gardening behind bars: Clinical sociology and food justice in incarcerated settings*, and Parson and Wong's 2024 book consider this topic, as do researchers Baybutt et al. (2024), Cramer (2025), Fisk & Hamilton-Giachritsis (2024), Micek (2025), and Sanjeet & Mishra (2025). More recent studies have included incarcerated juveniles, and numerous online videos documenting food gardens at detention centers are available, many involving master gardener volunteers. The quality of prison food and related topics of locally grown sourced food and prison grown food are appearing in the literature.

For related resources refer to category: Populations/Horticulture Programs in Specific Settings – Mental Health; category: Food, Nutrition & Food Action – food action; category: Horticultural Therapy & Health Services – all sections.

Key Organizations

[Harvest Now](#)

[Planting Justice](#)

[Sustainability in Prisons Project](#)

[The Hort](#) (the Horticultural Society of New York)

[Washington State Department of Corrections](#)

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Examples of corrections populations & programs

5 Incredible Prison Rehabilitation Programs includes gardens, farm and exotic animals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmqL65ZBx44>

California Institution for Women (CIW) partners with Land Together and CCHCS Food Operations in a farm to table collaboration where incarcerated participants grow food that is then incorporated into CCHCS patient meals; notes of gratitude from patients are shared with the food growers.

<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/insidecdcr/2025/11/25/cultivating-change-ciw-farm-to-table-initiative/>

Cook County Jail Gardening Program in Chicago - inmates comment on their experiences growing produce including food donations, sales to local restaurants, transformations in attitudes and activities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0h1vX7Sv1A>

Could Meditation and Gardening Break the Cycle of Prison [youtube] video shares insights from inmates, shedding light on horticultural therapy interventions referencing neuroscience responses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkaDxV4Eg9w&t=6s>

Growing Opportunities Gardening Program for girls at the Youth Transition Campus in Kearny Mesa, Cal. with participation in vocational horticulture programming as a pathway/exploration for career choices for girls aged 13-17, delivered in conjunction with Master Gardener volunteers.

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/youth-reap-bounty-in-gardening-experience/>

Insight Garden Program transforms prisoners' lives through connection to nature at 12 garden programs in 9 prisons in California, along with holistic reentry support and community building.

<https://insightgardenprogram.org/>

Lookout Garden at Mission Institution partners with Correctional Service Canada (in British Columbia) addressing food security, food access for inmates and local communities, in particular, Aboriginal communities.

<https://www.lte-ene.ca/en/lookout-garden-mission-institution>

Master Gardeners in Pierce County Washington provide supplemental academic support in the classroom and greenhouse for the horticulture degree program offered through Olympic College at the WA Correctional Center for Women.

<https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/mg-home/educational-outreach/washington-correctional-center-for-women/>

Mendocino County Jail organic garden provides significant amount of produce for the jail's kitchen while providing access to nature for inmates.

<https://www.corrections1.com/re-entry-and-recidivism/articles/how-a-correctional-garden-is-cultivating-inmate-rehabilitation-sPhUsNW6ycZGKELu/>

Planting Justice organization delivers youth internships for at risk youth, with paid internships at school gardens, at other PJ plant-based locations.

<https://plantingjustice.org/pages/what-we-do/youth-internships>

Prisneyland: California Shifts from Punishment to Rehabilitation video, based on Scandinavian model shows how female offenders are participating in the garden (and other) programs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buflgkW8J8Q>

The Hort organization in New York, in collaboration with the Dept. of Correction delivers horticultural therapy and vocational training program, with adjunct programs Apple Seed, Greenteam, Neighborhood Plaza program, and NYDigs.

<https://www.thehort.org/programs/therapeutic-horticulture/detention-and-correctional-facilities/>

The Prison Vegetable Garden [youtube] video demonstrates the success of the Isle of Man's project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqZl6M5cuCc>

SPARK Seeds is a community seed lending library in Sobrante Park, CA delivered in conjunction with Planting Justice organization. It offers information in Spanish.

<https://plantingjustice.org/pages/what-we-do/spark-seeds-library>

Videos, websites & webinars on corrections populations & programs

Smart Cities website identifies 6 U.S. correctional facilities with farm to prison local food sourcing programs at Sand Diego's Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, Vermont Dept of Corrections,

Montana Women's Prison, Washington State Dept of Corrections, Michigan Dept of Corrections, and Oregon State Correctional Institution, each with a different focus and approach but all improving quality of food served in prison cafeterias.

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/six-us-correctional-facilities-farm-prison-local-food-sourcing-programs/1033746/>

Beekeeping in Prisons Program Guide from Sustainability in Prisons Project

<http://sustainabilityinprisons.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/SPP-Beekeeping-Program-Guide-2-3-17.pdf>

Benton-Franklin Juvenile Detention Center Garden has inmates grow food for educational purposes and for addressing food insecurity, working with master gardeners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vawSAIs1gdo>

Community Contributions initiative from the Evergreen State College, Dept of Corrections Washington State and multiple corrections facilities partner with community groups.

<http://sustainabilityinprisons.org/spp-programs-in-wa/community-contributions/>

Could Meditation and Gardening Break the Cycle of Prison Recidivism? Video - a look at a California model.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkaDxV4Eg9w>

Florida Farm to Inmate Program helps state and inmates. Dade County inmates produced 389,000 lbs. of fresh produce that fed hundreds of needy families and saved the state money.

<https://thecapitolist.com/farm-to-inmate-program-win-win-for-farmers-and-state/>

Garden for Good, Hutchinson Correctional Facility in Kansas, (video) provides individual garden beds for inmates to grow their own food; they donate food to local groups; sell produce to inmates and other innovative activities, these supported by Kansas State Research and Extension.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VKDROXMYmQ

Gardening in Correctional Facilities fact sheet from New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station Rutgers provides info on starting a garden and considerations for detention center gardens.

<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1241/>

Germany: Garden Therapy with Offenders with Mental Health Conditions symposium presentation by HT practitioner Rudiger Eckardt (2024) working with (the newer term) accommodated persons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Kobi7Q1yN4>

Planting Hope Through a Jail Garden Program uses a garden and recycled materials. Inmates grow food in the Fresh Start Garden in conjunction with UTA and the local sheriff's dept.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7rnq4RVhfk>

Salvation Farms organization, with the Vermont Dept. of Corrections use locally grown potatoes and apples in prison cafeterias, in addition to hands-on food processing skills training, planting and donating food to local food banks.

<https://www.salvationfarms.org/our-work/partners>

THAD (Therapeutic Horticulture Activity Database) offers TH activities across populations including corrections (activities like [polka dot plant propagation](#), [fascination with fasciation](#), [basil seed germination](#), [what plant speaks to you?](#), [vocational horticulture tasks](#)).

<https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/therapeutic-horticulture-activities-database/corrections/>

Washington Corrections Center for Women uses multiple horticulture-centric programs: Roots of Success, Prairie Conservation Nursery, Gardens and greenhouses, pollinator plantings, Mother Earth Farm, and Community College Horticulture courses.

<http://sustainabilityinprisons.org/spp-programs-in-wa/wccw/>

20 Organizations Planting the Seeds for Food Justice in Prisons article on Foodtank website identifies newer trends.

<https://foodtank.com/news/2018/08/20-organizations-planting-the-seeds-for-food-justice-in-prisons/>

Related organizations

[Food Matters](#) (U.K.)

Local Cooperative Extension & master gardener programs

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