Corrections Communities: An Environment for Change

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Media coverage of crime and corrections has caused a negative public opinion. Effective reforms are needed. This research paper argues that self-contained and mostly self-sufficient corrections communities may offer a better environment for change and cost less. A minimal investment in housing and increased training of prisoners would result in parolees with a desire and potential for success. Residential relocation coupled with employment agreements offer the parolee a legitimate second chance in society.