



Community Based Social Enterprise

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Case Study

Recycle Force

Social Enterprises: RecycleForce

Astronomical growth in prison populations: between 1982-2007 the growth was 374% in the US, with 6 states over 40%. Indiana is at 41%.

In Indiana, 1 in 35 adults is under criminal justice supervision, 1 in 26 under some correctional control.

Workforce, Inc., is in a county where the rate is 1 in 16 (1 in 7 for adult males). The county's incarceration rate is nearly double that of the state.

The county has the highest recidivism rates and is growing (highest due to Technical Rules Violations).

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There is as much gold in a ton of electronic waste as in 55 tons of ore.

Copper, aluminum, plastic and steel is mined

Our material will be recycled and reused in industry. The steel we recycle supports dozens of Hoosier jobs.

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- 40 million computers are discarded annually.
- 1.2 million computers are discarded by Hoosiers annually.
- 2 million TVs will be disposed of in Indiana in 2011
- TVs and computer monitors contain at least 4 pounds of lead.
- Electronic devices contain toxic materials but also gold, silver, palladium.

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Electronic Recycling, Indianapolis



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