

Justice Through Code – Tech Career Pathways for the Formerly Incarcerated

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Justice Through Code, run by Columbia University since 2020, gives formerly incarcerated adults a free semester of Python and career coaching; over 80% of the first cohort's job-seekers were placed within six months, and it has since grown to three program tracks.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

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[TechCrunch – Justice Through Code is a free coding program for those impacted by the criminal justice system](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[ABC7 New York – Justice Through Code helps ex-cons learn programming skills to land better-paying jobs](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

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