

The Last Mile — Software Engineering Education Inside US Prisons

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2010, The Last Mile has taught incarcerated Californians offline software engineering despite no prison internet. Now in 16 facilities across 7 US states, it reports 85% post-release employment; a UC Irvine study found 85% non-return-to-custody for CALPIA participants.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-03

[The Last Mile, with the California Prison Industry Authority \(CALPIA\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-03

[The Last Mile](#) — accessed 2026-07-03

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