Overview of Insight Garden Program

In this moment, people, communities, and society must come together to build bridges, not walls. Some of the most pressing issues of our time--racial inequity, economic disparity, and environmental degradation--have been exposed for all to see. What we do now will define the world we create for generations to come. Insight Garden Program intentionally and simultaneously addresses these challenges. We transform systems, policies, practices and people working at the intersection of multiple injustices to create a more interconnected, resilient, and healthy world.

Insight Garden Program works within prisons and the neighborhoods to which our graduates return to reconnect people to themselves, their communities, and nature. We engage people who are incarcerated in a transformative year long environmental education curriculum through which they lead the design, creation, and cultivation of in-prison gardens. With our reentry “bridge” model, we connect our graduates to full-time, living wage green sector careers and to the supportive services they need to succeed. Compared to California's 60% recidivism rate, fewer than 10% of Insight Garden Program graduates return to prison.

Central California Women’s Facility | 2018 Garden Installation
Chowchilla, CA
Avenal State Prison | March 2018 Garden Installation
Avenal, California

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility
Logansport, IN