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Major Changes: Grievance Review System

From the Rules Coordinator, Salem

As of Oct. 21, Monday, the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) has adopted a substantial rule updates to [Division 006 \(Discrimination Complaint Review System\)](#) and [Division 109 \(Grievance Review System\)](#)

These changes are designed to provide both staff and adults in custody (AICs) with a more efficient and meaningful process to address issues as they arise.

We have outlined several of the changes below and the attached documents provide highlights of the most significant changes as well:

- Limits have been changed to filing a maximum of four total complaints per month (includes both initial grievances and discrimination complaints). This has been reduced from six grievances per month and an unlimited number of discrimination complaints.
- A limit of four active complaints at any one time has been added to the rules. An active complaint is defined as: an active grievance, discrimination complaint, or appeal of either, that is awaiting a response or is within the available timelines for appeal or return for correction.
- AICs have 14 days from the date of incident to submit their initial complaint (both grievances and discrimination complaints), reduced from 30 days.
- DOC has 35 days to respond to initial grievances and appeals and 70 days to respond to initial discrimination complaints and appeals.
- Once an AIC's request for resolution is granted, DOC may, in its sole discretion, discontinue further processing of the grievance and notify the AIC of the conclusion of the administrative review process.
- If an AIC has filed a Notice of Tort Claim with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services while an AIC has an active complaint, and the primary remedy sought by the grievance is monetary relief, DOC may, in its sole discretion, discontinue further processing of the grievance and notify the AIC of the conclusion of the administrative review process.
- An administrative restriction process has been adopted for AICs who repeatedly misuse the systems.
- The process for reporting and responding to PREA allegations through the grievance system has been modified and streamlined.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact your facility Grievance/Discrimination Complaint Coordinator.

From the CRCI Mailroom

Per Rule: Incoming mail shall have, on the front of the envelope free from obstruction the sender's Full First and Last name, return address and shall be addressed using his/her court name and SID number.

This includes Packages, Publications and Magazines

On **December 1, 2019** the Mailroom will start returning incoming Packages, Publications and Magazines that are not in compliance with the Mail rule.

December 1st should allow enough time for you contact the Publisher/Distributor to correct any name or SID# errors.

There has also been an increase in Kypes being dropped into the boxes in the Chow Hall without all the information filled out on the "From" and "To" portion of the kype. Any kype not properly addressed with **your Name, your housing (Unit/Bunk) and the Department and Name of whom it goes to** will be returned to the you to complete the missing information.

When Books/Magazines come in that have not been approved/Denied or approval has expired Mailroom Staff must request a review from the Dome for approval/Denial. We check in frequently to see if the final decision has been added to our system. Unfortunately, this can sometimes take a long time.

Please be patient

The Mailroom wants to get the Book/Magazine etc. to you as soon as we can, we are not holding these items from you for any other reason than we must wait for a final decision.

And finally, just a reminder that.....

"Noticeable" Violations do not have a Violation slip generated. These Violations occur BEFORE mail is opened. These violations are visible to the eye BEFORE they are opened. A sticker with "Return to Sender" and a sticker with a note stating the nature of the violation is placed onto the envelope and sent back to the Return address via USPS. Things like tape, spills and Incomplete Return addresses are examples of "Noticeable" violations. **ALL VIOLATIONS are sent back USPS within 48 hours of receipt. The Mailroom does not Keep/Hold onto noticeable violations.** They are sent back as soon as they are processed.

The full Mail Rule can be read in the Legal Library, send a completed Legal Library for access.

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A BOOK IS A BRIDGE CLASS

By the Multnomah Public Librarians

This is a program for Dads, Grandpas, and other caregivers of children aged 1 month- 7 years old.

It is to help you to understand the benefits of reading to young children.

It is an hour and half class on the 4th Friday of the Month at 1:00 – 2:30.

You leave the class for a book chosen by you for each of your children. (There is also a small collection in the Legal Library you can check out to read over the phone or Kiosk to your KIDS!!)

You can sign up in your unit each month starting about a week and half before the class. You can only attend 1 time.

You are put on the call out. If you're not on it stop at Library and ask why DO NOT go to the class unless on the call outs!

BE PREPARED

It is cold and flu season. The weather changes on the turn of a dime.

Reminder: order things for their mini medicine chest... like cough drops, chest rub, cold medicine, antifungal Tolnaftate cream, stomach relief and anything else you think you might need.

It is on the Canteen List under the Health and Beauty Aids... from S. Green RN MSM



Thank you, Nathan Billman, Shane Gardner, Corey Jenkins, Juan Lavadores, John Mance, Jeff Murray, Devonte Nash, Kwaleam Pinkly, Robert Villarreal, William Weatherford and William White!

FALL GRADUATION

by Ms. S. Mooney

CRCI held its Fall GED Graduation on October 2. 11 graduates celebrated with family, friends and staff under the big white tent in the garden. Among our guests was Director Colette Peters, Superintendent Nicole Brown, Portland Community College Vice President Marc Goldberg and Education Director Kevin Bradley.

I am sure you have all seen our students lugging around their big purple Kaplan books, studying in the units, the chow hall and any available classroom we have access. It takes great discipline to concentrate in an environment that is not conducive to studying and the GED program is not easy. It takes time, energy and a lot of will-power to successfully navigate the four required tests. If you got your GED you understand. If you graduated from high school, you had four years to figure it out, and summer breaks! I am so grateful every time I hear someone cheer a student on or congratulate them for successfully completing one more test. That energy is addictive and powerful. Beside the endless care provided by our GED tutors, we could not do this without the support of supervisors, counselors, security and each other. We all need to know we are accomplishing something of great value.

ODOC Director Collette Peters commented during her graduation speech that this is just the beginning step for our new graduates. This accomplishment is the jumping point for whatever you want to be next. I have a poster in the education lab that reads, "*I'm not telling you it's going to be easy. I'm telling you it is going to be worth it*". By successfully completing this step in your education, you are changing the landscape of your life. You are setting a new precedence for yourself and your family. Something of this value shouldn't be easy. It should be hard work.

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During the graduation ceremony I had the honor of reading a poem. This poem is a compilation of our graduates' thoughts and words. It creates a moment of togetherness and commonality in a place that may feel very isolating. We are all in this together to leave here better people then when we came. On October 2, 11 men decided to do just that.

I am Poem Collaboration

I am

Funny.
Persistent
Hardworking
Strong and
compassionate.
Calm.
Complex
Honest and trustworthy.
Encouraged and successful.
I am kind.
I am worthy of love and belonging

I wonder

When I will be a grandfather
if I can be a better role model
how my life would be if I had stayed in Texas
how I can help people with mental health issues like me
I wonder if I have always been this smart

I hear

Music
rain drops.
I hear too much.
people making elephant noises
birds singing
wedding bells
rainbows forming in the sunlight
doors opening, then closing
tic to tic to tic to

I see

The color Yellow
peace being still
a different man in the mirror
my relatives smiling down at me
the sun rising
I see a future

I want

To be of value
to be successful
to be a better father
to be free from pain and suffering
I want my family to be proud of me
I want 9 kids

I pretend

to be free
to not need help
to be unknowing
to not care.
to be okay.
everything is okay.
I pretend that I am a pterodactyl.

I feel

like flying. Magical.
as if I am now awakened
I feel greatness in my blood
I feel lost
the touch of my late father's hand
confident when I imagine my kids
excepted and loved
I feel my father's touch; cold and dark

I touch

my mother's hand and its warm like a summer day
the sun
the sky
the future
the free world
the hearts of those I love
I touch my kids pictures and regret ever leaving them

I worry

about my son, my future
my reaction to life
that I didn't do it right
about what my kids think of me
if my family believes in my future

I cry

about my son who died
because my big sister is gone, and my big brother
for lost opportunities
thinking about the pain I have put my kids through
I cry just thinking about it

I understand

that I am educated
I make things better or worse
my life ain't perfect
that success doesn't come easy
that life is just life
that I can't come back
I understand that I am a good man

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I say



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I believe in me!
how can you use what you have not learned?
I can make it on the outside
to myself I need to change
I will reach my goals
I say the blunt truth.
I say GOD.

I dream

About being a better father
that I will be a paleontologist
freedom. I dream about freedom.
being a better father to my kids
sublime happiness
I dream about her

I try

to be a better parent then my own
to get a better understanding about life
to overcome my mental health issues
to do the best I can
to do the impossible
to be a better man

I hope

my children can learn from my mistakes
that all this hard work pays off
to become the real me
to be a better person
I hope I will never lose this feeling
my future is bright
one day I'll marry my girl

I am

Funny.
Persistent
Hardworking
Strong and
Compassionate
Calm
Complex
Honest and trustworthy
Encouraged and successful
I am kind
I am worthy of love and belonging.



CRCI CANTEEN NEWS: Second Ice Cream Line for Incentive Level Threes

From Ms. Livesay

A second ice cream line will be held on
Fridays at 12:30PM.

If you are incentive level three and would like to order two pints, the first opportunity to do so will be Monday, October 28th, and the first Friday ice cream line will be held on November 8th.

In order to participate, you must be **incentive level three, and have purchased at least one value or deluxe pint**. Incentive level threes may now order **TWO** pints of ice cream at a time on the canteen order forms. If two pints are ordered, one will be handed out at the time of regular canteen distribution, and the other will be distributed on Friday afternoon at 12:30PM.

There will be no opportunity to get both pints at the same time.

If you are incentive level three and only **ONE** pint is ordered, you may tell the canteen coordinator at the time of your unit's canteen distribution that you would like to receive your ice cream on Friday, if you so wish.

If you are NOT incentive level three and you order two pints, only one will be given and you will



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receive credit for the other. **At this time, only incentive level threes are allowed to participate in the Friday ice cream line.**

As always, CRCI only orders value or deluxe pints. Please select only those two options on the form.

TENTS by Mr. J. Hanley

I wrote this piece called Tents, because if you live in any metropolitan area you either live near a camp, regularly drive by one, or you're really good at not paying attention.

Everyone has an opinion about them.

Some have answers or think they do. Some want to help or say they do. Many help! And many are ready to help.

Me, I don't have the answers. I see the camps. I see the mess. I see the struggle. I see the heartache. I see the people. I see the people.

Tents

Tent after tent putting peoples on defense
Like someone's present-tense should be calculated up
against...another soul's misfortune.

Complaining about things visible - treating people like they're invisible.

I hear all this nonsense about a choice.
Gulp. Cracked voice.
Who dreams about living off a highway exit ramp?
Tattered clothes all damp!
Looking like a fucking champ?
Yeah Champ!
Looking about as weathered as his cardboard sign.
Footprints, walked on, left behind.
Footprints, walked on, left behind.
Yo, let's rewind.
Take it back in time;
say when champ was seven.
Mom's strung out -
Dad's in heaven!
Dropped out of school at eleven...
Living on his own, hopping trains, calls it traveling.
Started using drugs just to keep it from unraveling.
Did a little time, felt like vacation!

Even found relief in mental health medications.
Almost found himself, shit, he'd be mistaken.
Releases with a 30 day blister pack of all the pills he'd been taken.

Then it sets in:
This freedom, why's no one hiring?
Can't get a job, never mind a prescription.
And just like that he's trapped in your description.

Been stuck for so long...
No help. Same song.
Self-medicating.
Survival skills over life skills!
You call it choices.
Tell me what'll quiet Champ's voice? Excuse me, I mean voices?
Been stuck for so long...
No help. Same song.

I'm sharing this piece with you, because I know some of you came here from such a reality, but mainly because I don't want any of you to have to return to this reality. There are classes and programs offered here that will help keep you away from this reality, but it's going to require work, participation, and abstinence on your part.

We cannot merely say we want something, we have to put in the hours, acquire the knowledge, and then put in the effort.

Please don't miss the opportunity to move to Unit 5 for your last six months and participate in all that the Road to Success program has to offer. It's more than the six classes you may have read in the A&O booklet – they provide resources after resources after resources! The two ODOC staff members spearheading the program Ms. Miller and Ms. Parker, plus the behind the scenes RTOS founder Ms. Gaidosh, put in SO MUCH WORK to offer you resources to help you now and upon release. TAKE ADVANTAGE!





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Inmate Newsletter Article – 2017

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Information

The Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and for retaliation for reporting an incident. You may report in person to any staff, through an inmate communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by dialing 9 from any inmate phone.

Filing an Anonymous PREA Report

If you are uneasy about filing a PREA allegation, you may file an anonymous report with an outside agency.

You may write to:

Governor's Office of Constituent Services
900 Court Street NE, Suite 160
Salem, Oregon 97301

Please indicate in the beginning of your letter you are filing a PREA allegation and you are requesting to remain anonymous. The Governor's Office will refer all anonymous allegations to the DOC PREA Coordinator to assure an investigation is completed based off the information that is provided.

Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to inmates.

Inmates at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by dialing 711 inmate telephone systems, or may request a private call through the PREA Compliance Manager at the facility. Advocates provide victims of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information and emotional support. There is no charge for calls to advocates.

Role of an Advocate:

- ≈ Provide confidential support and crisis intervention
- ≈ Inform you about the investigation and medical examination process
- ≈ Educate you about healing from sexual abuse
- ≈ Offer resources and referrals

Advocates will:

- ≈ Not tell you what to do
- ≈ Not communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release
- ≈ Not provide legal advice

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report unless you request them to do so and if you sign a release of information.

DOC is committed to providing inmates with avenues to seek assistance. Below are additional resources:

Just Detention International Headquarters
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and should not be used for other purposes.

Telephone calls and mail with community-based advocacy centers is considered privileged communication and will be handled similar to legal calls/official mail.

If you have any other questions regarding PREA, you may ask any staff member, write the PREA Compliance Manager at your institution, or you may write:

E. Sage, PREA Coordinator
Oregon Department of Corrections
2575 Center St.NE
Salem, Oregon 97301