

# OSCILLATOR

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## FROM THE CORRECTIONAL REHABILITATION MANAGER

Effective immediately, Correctional Counselors will no longer be initiating early segregation release packets. If you are in DSU and would like to be considered for an early segregation release, please request the early segregation release form on the supply cart in DSU. You can complete the top portion with the date, your name, SID, disciplinary case number, and reason for early segregation release. Once this is complete you will give the form to the DSU Sergeant who will bring to SNIEC/MDT to review. The review will be based on programming and behavior while in DSU. Thank you for your attention to this change.

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Effective immediately, DNA kits will no longer be available to AICs. This decision has been made after careful consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Asay. Thank you for your understanding.

### **BHS Orderly Opening**

Unit 3 currently has two openings for a Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Orderly. The job of the BHS orderly is to assist the Adults in Custody (AIC) with various daily routines and/or various needs. Some of the job duties of the BHS orderly include: Ensuring AIC's are familiar with the call-out schedule; Escorting AIC's to directed call-outs, meals, medication line, and yard/recreation; Assisting AIC's as needed/directed with personal needs, such as writing communication forms (kyte's), medical correspondence, letters, etc.; Being available to unit staff as needed for unscheduled duties; Alerting correctional staff of any safety and security concerns regarding assigned AIC's. The BHS orderlies must maintain a non-judgmental outlook when working with the AIC's and help to provide a safe environment. The BHS orderly will provide services on a routine scheduled basis, and as needed by the unit staff and BHS staff. Applicants must be misconduct free for at least 18 months, and submit a completed job application to BHS Manager, Kristine Tschopp. **\*\*You will not be moved to Unit 3 for this job.\*\***

### WHO'S WHO:

Superintendent - Mr. J. Highbarger  
Asst. Supt., General Services - Ms. T. Davenport  
Asst. Supt., Security - Mr. J. Wagner  
Behavioral Health Svcs. Mgr. - Ms. K. Gates  
Corr. Rehabilitation Mgr. - Ms. E. Asay  
Diversity/Grievance Coordinator - Ms. R. Corrigan  
Education/Training Administrator - T. Hightower  
Executive Asst. to Supt. - Mr. N. Warren  
Food Services Manager - Mr. N. Nawaz  
Hearings Officer - Mr. D. Golden  
Health Services - Ms. R. Vizina

Hobby Shop Supervisor - Ms. G. Kast  
Library Coordinator - Mr. D. Cleland / Ms. J. Belluno  
Management Asst. to Supt. - Ms. R. Mondragon  
Operations Captain - Mr. N. Jones  
Photo Program Supervisor - Ms. G. Kast  
Physical Plant Manager - Mr. G. Davis  
PREA Compliance Manager - Captain G. Ross  
Recreation - Mr. J. Hale, Ms. G. Kast, Mr. C. Ocupe  
Religious Services - Chaplain D. Hodney  
Special Population Lieutenant - Lt. S. Bennett  
Transitions Coordinator - Mr. A. Lara

# FROM ODOC HEALTH SERVICES

## **Health Information Exchanges (HIEs): Connecting the Dots in Healthcare**

Health information exchanges (HIEs) are important because they help healthcare providers, both inside and outside of our institutions, securely share important information about your health if you should need medical care.

### **What is a Health Information Exchange (HIE)?**

A Health Information Exchange (HIE) is like a digital bridge that connects different healthcare providers and systems.

### **How Do HIEs Work?**

**Sharing Data:** When you have a healthcare visit, your medical info is put into an electronic file. This file lives in your electronic health record (EHR) which keeps track of everything, from your allergies to your latest checkup.

1. **Secure Access:** Only authorized healthcare providers can access this information; and your health history is safely stored.
2. **Benefits:** HIEs help your healthcare providers avoid mistakes, like giving you a medicine you're allergic to. They also save time—no more faxing or calling for records!

### **Why Are HIEs Important?**

1. **Quality Boost:** HIEs improve healthcare quality. Your healthcare providers see your full story, not just a chapter.
2. **Efficiency:** Less paperwork means more time for patient care.
3. **Other Benefit:** HIEs help to share your health info with the right people, like providers outside of the institution when you are released.

Remember, HIEs can create a ‘big picture’ of your health that your healthcare providers use to provide excellent healthcare to you!



# FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PROGRAM

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 6/21/2024.

## **PROPOSED RULES:**

### **291-069 Security Threat Management**

- Amends rule to conform these rules to department organizational changes and reflect the department's re-assignment of certain STM program functions and duties from the Office of the Inspector General to the department's Operations Division. Other revisions update punctuation, clarify acronyms or correct references to department employees in definitions.

Last day of comment period: 8/16/24 at 5:00 PM

### **291-086 AIC Access to Automation**

- Amends rule to change the term "inmate" to "adult in custody (AIC)"; better reflect statewide standards and industry modernization; expand and clarify the department's policy on AIC access to information technology; update definitions; adopt new rules concerning management of approved information technology, approval processes for requesting information technology to assist with a disability, and for the review and removal of access restriction; and reorganize these rules.

Last day of comment period: 8/16/24 at 5:00 PM

*Rulemaking comments must be provided to the DOC Rules Coordinator in writing. Communications submitted should be limited to providing comments on only one division/topic per communication. Do not include multiple divisions/topics in one communication, they will be returned. DOC rules are available for review and copies in the AIC law library.*

## **Changes to the Loss of Privilege (LOP) Rule**

Since January of 2023, the Department of Corrections (DOC) has seen an increase in violent offenses carried out by adults in custody (AICs). In an effort to change this trend, beginning June 1, 2024, changes to the Prohibited Conduct and Processing Disciplinary Actions rule (OAR 291-105), and the Major Violations Grid will take effect. If you commit a major violation, your loss of privileges time may be extended.

### **In Summary:**

The maximum Loss of Privileges (LOP) for *level one* violations increases from 28 days to 60 days. The maximum sanction for *level two* violations increases from 28 days to 45 days. These changes may affect the time needed to be eligible for the next incentive level.

### **Examples (in accordance with DOC administrative rule, (OAR 291-077-0035, Appendix B):**

In order to move from level 1 to level 2 incentives, you will be required to have:

- 180 days in a row without a major misconduct, AND
- 90 days in a row without a program fail.

In order to be eligible to move from level 2 to level 3 you will be required to have:

- An additional 365 days without a major misconduct, AND
- 90 days without a program fail.

All disciplinary sanctions need to be completed before an AIC can begin to earn the next higher incentive level.



## **WorkSource Enhanced Employment Preparation Reentry Program**

### **What is the WorkSource Enhanced Employment Preparation Reentry Program?**

This is a collaboration between the WorkSource system of Oregon and DOC. The WorkSource System is Oregon's community-based Employment Department. This program is bringing those employment services inside DOC's facilities to allow people advance employment preparation pre-release. The Program will provide dedicated service providers to provide Work Source services within all 12 Correctional Institutions across the State, approximately 20 hours per week. The Work Source Oregon staff will work closely with Institution Transition Coordinators to enhance current programs and set up AICs for success as they reenter our communities with the goal of obtaining meaningful and sustainable employment. The goal of this program is to reduce recidivism through meaningful employment opportunities and leverage DOC's training and certification programs to increase opportunities for high-wage, high-value jobs for people releasing from Oregon Institutions.

### **Who Qualifies to Participate?**

This program is available to all AICs within their last 6 months of incarceration. There may be restricted services to those that are in special housing and unable to attend out-of-cell callouts. They will be called into the Road to Success (RTOS) needs assessment with the Transition Coordinator where they will learn about Reentry Curriculum as well as the new WorkSource opportunity. They will need to sign up and complete the RTOS Employment curriculum to qualify for one-on-one services with Work Source staff. Once the Employment class is complete, they will be added to the Reentry Program roster.

### **What is offered Pre-Release?**

Once an AIC has completed the RTOS Employment Curriculum and are 60 days to release, they will be offered access to the following services:

- One-on-one appointments to develop their Individual Employment Plan include assessing needs and release barriers.
- Enroll in I-Match Program to build employment profile.
- Attend weekly open office hours as needed to connect with local resources and employment opportunities in their community of release.
- Employment interviews, if possible
- Directly before release, they will be scheduled to meet with their local community-based case manager, in their county of release, within 72 hours of release to continue their employment plan.

### **What is offered Post Release?**

- The released AIC will attend their appointment with the case manager in their community of release office.
- Training opportunities will be identified for the individual. They will be assisted with removing any barriers to attending the training needed.
- Connections with employers in their community will occur in their job market.
- Monthly contact for continued support if offered before and after obtaining a job with sustaining jobs being a goal.