

# NEWSLETTER

COLUMBIA RIVER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION & SOUTH FORK FOREST CAMP

**COLUMBIA RIVER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION  
& SOUTH FORK FOREST CAMP CURRENTS**



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# FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PROGRAM:

**Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 10/28/2024.**

## **PROPOSED RULES:**

### **291-180 Interstate Compact**

- Amends rule to align with state statute (ORS 144.600) regarding Oregon's participation in the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS); clarify Purpose statement by adding reference to the enabling legislation establishing Oregon's participation in the ICAOS; make changes for consistency throughout these rules and change "offender" to "adult on supervision" to align with department philosophy; adopt definitions for these rules; reorganize for clarity; make non-substantive edits (such as, capitalization); update Extradition Services mailing address, and update statutory authority.
- Last day of comment period: 1/13/25 at 12:00 PM

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# LIKE TO GAMBLE?

Come find out how to keep your gambling safe!

**Thursday, January 9th at 1:30pm**

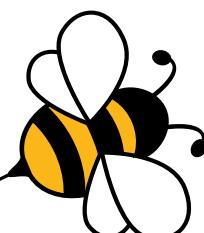
This info session will also include an option for an upcoming class where you can earn a Certificate upon completion.

KYTE Ms. Wilks to be added to this "Gambling Info" call-out.





# CRCI Beekeeping PROGRAM Spring 2025



## CRCI Beekeeping PROGRAM Spring 2025

Have you ever been interested in learning about bees? The CRCI Beekeeping Program is now accepting applications for the Spring-Fall 2025 season.

The CRCI Beekeeping Program strives to educate and certify AICs through Washington State Beekeepers Association (WSBA) in the skills of apiary work. The program introduces them to beekeeping as a valuable hobby to fill idle time upon release and gives participants valuable certifications which they can apply toward a career in beekeeping. The WSBA program also engages participants with the wider community through active conservation efforts and environmental stewardship.

Classes meet once per week for a term of one year and consist of lectures, testing and immersive fieldwork experiences involving interaction with bee colonies, hive tools and components. Participants can expect to receive Beginner and Apprentice level certifications through WSBA upon successful completion of all program criteria. Classes begin early January.

If you are interested in joining, please send an inmate communication form to Correctional Rehabilitation Manager Hanley in Program Services.

### **Applicant Criteria:**

- Your release date must be after December, 2025.
- You must have no major DRs in the past six months.

Applications due by **December 24th, 2024**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

# Reminder!

ATTENTION AICS:

CANTEEN ON THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS WILL BE DELAYED DUE TO DELIVERY DATE AND HOLIDAY. CANTEEN WILL BE DELIVERED ON:

DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH & THURSDAY JANUARY 2ND, 2025!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

IN ADDITION, PLEASE REMEMBER ENVELOPES WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR SID# PUT ON YOUR ENVELOPES WITHIN A HALF HOUR OF RECEIVING ON YOUR UNIT NOT CANTEEN. IF WE FIND YOUR ENVELOPES ARE BLANK, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED CONTRABAND AND BE CONFISCATED.

MS. JACKSON

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

# ROAD TO SUCCESS



## ROAD TO SUCCESS DECEMBER UPDATE:

Have you heard about the classes offered by the Road to Success (RTOS) program? Are you curious as to how you can sign up for the classes? Good news! Once you're approximately six months from your release you will be automatically scheduled for an assessment and you will be placed on the call-out. That's where you'll receive info about RTOS classes available to you and have the opportunity to sign up for some, or all. This is ALSO where you will be given the opportunity to apply for SNAP/Food Stamps, so it would be in your best interest to make this call-out a top-priority. All classes are voluntary and are held in Classroom 5 (upstairs in unit 5). Please be aware that you do not have to live in Unit 5 to take any or all of the Road to Success classes. **\*Must wear jeans, bring pen/pencil, and be on time. We do not admit entrance to people who are tardy.\***

### ROAD TO SUCCESS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING CORE CLASSES:

- **Employment** – Job skills, resume building, interview practice. (get a thumb drive containing various resources to take with you!). Get matched up with WorkSource services pre-release.
- **Tenant Education** – Overcome barriers to housing and learn your rights as a tenant.
- **Money Management** – Budgeting, credit building/repair and financial goals \$\$\$
- **Working Effectively with Your PO** – Develop a positive relationship with your PO
- **Your Family, Your Community, Your Release** – Reunite with family and friends and better understand the impact your incarceration has had on them.



### December's RTOS class spotlight is: **Tenant Education**

Getting a job upon your release will be relatively smooth as long as you have the qualifications and are willing to work hard. **HOWEVER**, the same is not true for housing. There are significantly more jobs than available housing in Oregon. The Road To Success Tenant Education class will help you prepare to overcome these obstacles. Be sure to sign up when you come to your RTOS Assessment!

### Highlights of this class:

- Learn how to write a Tenant Letter.
- Learn how you may qualify for certain rental accommodations due to the circumstances surrounding your felony conviction(s).
- Learn about Oregon's Fair Housing laws.
- Learn how to properly clean & maintain a rental property.
- There are many more topics covered in this class, so consider signing up for the RTOS Tenant Education class when you're eligible!

### December's Highlighted Resource is Inside Out Network (ION)!

Inside Out Network (ION) is a powerful new way to overcome the isolation and invisibility of reentry. Join ION to find helpful resources and supportive people through a revolutionary website that provides a path to personal transformation, the practical help you need, and the church or other faith community you may be dreaming about. ION offers Adults in Custody resources including Substance Abuse Treatment, Housing, Mental Health Support, Employment Opportunities and more. ION participants can message resource providers and receive responses while incarcerated and in anticipation of their release.

# LATEST ROAD TO SUCCESS SUPERSTARS

MATTHEW GARCIA – JAMES CARROLL – JOSE AGUILAR – BYRON DUMAS – MICHAEL ALLEN – CARL JOHNSON – JOSHUA STIDHAM – ANTHONY PENA – ERIC BARRY – ANTHONY TRAN – ANDRES VARILLAS – JUSTIN O’CONNOR – JACOB VILLA – ADRIAN PRATT – CHRISTOPHER FAVOR – MICHAEL MULLINS – BRYAN SHERBAHN – BENJAMIN TORRES – RHYAN BANEY – GLEN BELL – WILLIAM BIGLEY – JAIME CASTILLO – MARCUS GANT – RYAN GONZALEZ – MARCUS GUZMAN – ZUBULA KNUCKLES – DATHAN MCCRARY – JOAQUIN MEXICA SIERRA – DEMARCUS ROGERS – JOSEPH RUSSELL – JASON TURNER – KENNETH VANALSTINE – JEFFERY WADDELL – MATTHEW WISSMAN – SCOTT LANE – RONTE RICHARD – CAIDEN ROSE – JOSEPH RUSSELL – JASON TURNER – KENNETH VANALSTINE – JOSE VARGAS-MENERA

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING EVERY CLASS!!!

## RESOURCE ROOM INFO:

All AICs may access the Resource Room (located in Classroom 1) when they are 4 months or less to release or living on Unit 5. There you can find job postings, county-specific resources, transitional housing info, make phone calls relevant to your success upon release, work on a transition plan, and more... Open office hours are posted on each unit and are subject to change so feel free to send a kytic to Mrs. P or Ms. G and we will be happy to assist you.

## SOUTH FORK FOREST CAMP RTOS INFO:

**What?** SFFC folks who are within six months of release are also eligible for Road To Success services! Classes, one-on-one consultation, release resources, etc.

**Who?** Ms. Gaidosh, the Transition Coordinator from CRCI

**When?** Third Friday of each month from 8-11am in Administration Office.

## GENERAL UNIT 5 INFO:

Unit 5 is a transitional unit and is incentive-based. Advantages to being on Unit 5 include: special guests, regular one-on-one support with a Transition Coordinator, exercise time in classroom 5, “late night” on weekends and holidays, a generally quiet environment, the company of others who are working to succeed upon their release, and access to other incentives from time to time. Recently RTOS has hosted a poetry contest, Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, book club, and an art show!

**To be eligible for Unit 5 you must be six months or less to release, sign up for and participate in all RTOS classes, and be incentive level 2 or 3. Once on Unit 5 you must maintain good behavior, a clean bunk area, and pro-social behavior. If you receive 3 bunk-ins, one serious misconduct order, or don’t show up for scheduled classes you will be relocated to a different unit.**

## **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 AIC communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by making a language selection, then dialing 91 from any AIC 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 Constituent Services Office  
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254  
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.

### **Opposite Gender Viewing/Announcements**

Opposite gender staff announcement themselves when entering a housing unit by ringing a bell. This must be done any time the status quo of the gender supervision on a housing unit changes (if there is already an opposite gender staff on the unit then there is not needed to re-announce). When you hear the doorbell, opposite gender staff will be entering the housing unit so please make sure you are covered up appropriately.

It is also important you undress in the appropriate locations. If you are located in a bunk area, there are cameras throughout the facility so the designated changing/bathroom areas are the only areas you should be without undergarments. Opposite gender viewing may happen incidentally when staff are conducting routine cell checks. You can minimize this by keeping aware of the gender of supervision in your housing unit and ensuring you cover up when possible.

### **Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program**

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

AICs at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by making a language selection, entering your AIC PIN, then press 0\*711 AIC 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.

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. All advocacy calls are not monitored or recorded.

Advocates provide confidential support and crisis intervention, inform you about the investigation and medical examination process, educate you about healing from sexual abuse and offer resources and referrals

Advocates will not tell you what to do, communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release and will 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.

Just Detention International Headquarters is a national advocacy resource and can be reached at:  
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

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