## Powder River February 14th, 2025

**AIC NEWSLETTER** 

#### Need a good Stretch?

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Mostly	Snow	Snow To	Mostly	Mostly	Mostly	Mostly
Cloudy	Showers	Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy

#### For Level Override Requests:

Please fill out an Incentive Level Override form found in your unit with the other AIC forms.

Complete only the shaded sections.

Please provide detailed information.

Submit the form to: Ms. Hoopes, MPB Rm. 505



#### **AA Group**

Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

AA Group has resumed and will be held every Tuesday. Group will be held in the Eagle Cap Room in MPB from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Please send a communication to Ms. Geddes to be added to the Call Out.

#### Al-Anon

Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Al-Anon Group is held every Thursday night in the Eagle Cap Room in MPB from 5:30 — 6:30pm. Please send a communication to Ms. Geddes to be added to the Call Out.



#### A Quote to Consider:

"Be Courageous. Challenge orthodoxy. Stand up for what you believe in. When you are in your rocking chair talking to your grandchildren many years from now, be sure you have a good story to tell." — Amal Clooney

Here are some calf stretches and exercises:

#### Downward dog

This yoga pose stretches the calves, hamstrings, and spine. To do it, kneel on your hands and knees, then curl your toes under and press your palms into the floor. Next, lift your knees and hips toward the ceiling, and straighten your legs without locking your knees.

# Powder River Correctional Facility Contact Mentor List

**PRCF Contact Mentor Program Contact Information:** If you have questions regarding the Contact Mentor Program or the Oregon Way, or if you would like to participate in the program and be assigned to a mentor, please feel free to send an AIC Communication to Ms. Hoopes.

Security		New Directions Northwest
Lt. Brazofsky		Ms. HammanNDN
Lt. Robbins		Ms. KelloggNDN
Sgt. Gray		
Officer Hill		
Officer Martin		
Officer Gonzalez		
Officer Lefever		
Officer Chavez		Administration
Officer Endersby		Mr. Folden—Physical Plant Manager
Officer Erickson		Mr. Thomas—Physical Plant
Officer Kisor		Ms. DeVoreAdministration
Officer Leal		Ms. Geddes—Correctional Rehabilitation Mgr.
Officer Lopez		Ms. Hoopes—Correctional Counselor
Officer Thompson		Mr. McLaySuperintendent
Officer Willmarth		Ms. Bronnenberg-Physical Plant
Officer Spriet, S		Mr. Clark—Institution Security Manager
Officer Herrick		

#### Information Regarding Review Process for Incentive Level Overrides:

- Incentive level override requests are behavior based. The DOC 400 will be reviewed for comments, verbal warnings, conduct orders, daily fails, misconducts, and behavior/program fails will be reviewed. This also includes sanitation slips, staff sanctions and other forms of progressive discipline.
  - Please monitor your behavior to ensure you are following <u>ALL</u> the rules.

#### THIS INCLUDES THE LITTLE RULES.

- Please pay attention to the instructions for filling out the form. Highlighted areas are priority and need to be completed. Any missing or incomplete information will be returned TO YOU for correction.
- All submitted forms are reviewed with the same process. This is to ensure the review process is fair and consistent.
  - Please use the most recent form. Old forms will be returned for correction.
- Incentive Level Override requests are a privilege, not an absolute. Your behavior during the review process will be considered.



#### **Do Good Club Meeting Minutes**

#### February 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

#### **Executives Board Council:**

**President:** Moncada, Orlando (Present)

Vice President: Williams, Stephen (Present)

Secretary: O'Quinn, Jessey (Present)
Treasure: Hunsberger, James (Present)

Sergeant of Arms: Ekblad, Eric (Present)

#### **Club Members:**

• Wilson, Raymond

• Vargas, Adan (Present)

- Fonseca, Phillip (Present)
- Lara-Alvarez, Kevin (Present)

#### **Charter review:**

- a. Heard from prospective members, each member was given the chance to speak
- b. Voted in Leamaster, Prevo, McCullom
- c. Movies on Unit 2
- d. Incentive Movie will be Transformers One and will play February 14th & 15th
- e. Discussed club members Responsibilities

#### **Feeds/Fundraisers:**

- 1) Pizza Hut
- 2) Moncada, Vargas, Lara-Alvarez, Williams (Servers)
- 3) Hunsberger (Names)
- 4) O'Quinn (Sauces)
- 5) Fonseca (Greeting)

#### **Round Table**

- Pastry Info
- Canteen Sheet's

#### **Budget for 2021**

- \$5,330.58
- 1) Next Meeting Date: 3/6/2025

#### PRAS POINTS INFORMATION

- The updated PRAS points list has been posted in the units.
- As part of the PRAS Revision work, PRCF completed the transition to the new work assignment naming structure and points levels. This change includes eligibility for work performance reviews and PRAS step increases at set intervals for most assignments. The intervals are of a minimum of 90-days.
- Due to all the new changes, if you were already assigned to a work position in 2024, the 90-day count will not be retroactive. In this case, it will start from 1/1/25, meaning that the first 90-day point will be at 4/1/25.
- It is important to note that AICs are responsible for tracking their own time in assignment at each step.
- PRAS step increases are not automatic nor retroactive; they are discretionary based on time in assignment and performance.
- More information on the PRAS steps will be posted in the newsletter prior to April.
- Please note that the PRAS points listed in some of the position descriptions are outdated. Please disregard that information and follow the PRAS points list posted in the units. IWP is working on removing the outdated PRAS info from the position description in the meantime.



#### VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS



## RESPONSIBILITY LETTER BANK

The Responsibility Letter Bank is a structured letter writing process that provides adults in custody (AIC) with the opportunity to demonstrate responsibility for their crimes and express remorse for the harm they may have caused.

The program provides crime victims/survivors with the choice to receive information in a safe manner.

- ◆ AIC's may initiate the process by applying to participate in the program
- ◆ Crime victims/survivors may inquire with Victim Services to find if they have a letter available for them
- ♦ Victims are not contacted about the availability of a letter if they have not registered with the Bank through Victim Services
- ♦ Victims decide whether or not they wish to receive a responsibility letter and whether or not the AIC is informed that the victim received or read the letter
- ◆ Participation does not constitute permission for the AIC to make additional contact
- ◆ Victims may choose to respond to a responsibility letter through the program, however, further correspondence requires the approval to participate in the FDP
- Letters will be reviewed by the Victim Services Program for appropriateness
- ◆ Accepted AIC letters will be deposited in the Responsibility Letter Bank maintained by Victim Services
- ◆ Letters are voluntary and will not affect an AICs good time, release date, or post-prison conditions

To request additional information about the Responsibility Letter Bank, please contact Victim Services at:

DOC Headquarters
Victim Services- Responsibility Letter Bank
3723 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Suite 200
Salem. OR 97302-4975



#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ON AIC COUNCIL

The purpose and function of the Adult in Custody (AIC) Council is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information between the AIC population and DOC staff at Powder River Correctional Facility (PRCF). The goal for the AIC Council is to normalize the correctional setting by meeting as a group, on a regular and ongoing basis, to promote communication between AIC's and DOC representatives. This transparent flow of communication will provide an opportunity for issues/ideas to be brought forward and discussed in a respectful systematic manner finding solutions by all parties involved. AIC Council meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, or as called by any Council Staff Representative.

AIC's interested in participating shall submit a short letter of interest detailing their intent and what they hope to gain as a member of the Council. Please include any prior group or Council involvement.

Submit your letter of interest along with an AIC Communication to: Officer Brinton or Ms. Hoopes.

Thank you!

# What's all the buzz about?

Honeybees are responsible for approximately 80% of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S. Beekeepers have recently been experiencing unexplained colony collapse, a complete disappearance of bees from a hive. As part of the ODOC's sustainability project, Powder River is offering an apprenticeship level beekeeping program. The beekeeping yearlong course that is a combination of class room and hands learning on

maintaining of honey bee hives. Upon completion of the program you will be certified through the Washington Master Program and would be eligible to continue the journeyman and through the Oregon State University (OSU) after release.

program will be a apprenticeship Beekeeping master levels

Minimum Requirements: one year left before release date or entering treatment; must be outside cleared; must have GED or enrolled to obtain GED; incentive 3 level preferably; **NO known bee allergies**.

Cost: \$20.00 for workbook. CD28 Instructions:

a. Purpose: Bee Keeping Class b. Payable to: PRCF Art #2480

Classes start in March, 2025

If classes conflict with your work assignment, you must arrange with Work Supervisor to attend classes.



Please keep in mind that this will be an educational course and will not be counted as work, you will receive PRAS points at the level of any other education program.

> To enroll please send a communication and complete a CD28 to Ms. Pimentel by 28 February, 202

# EHR

#### **UPDATE**

TO: ALL ADULTS IN CUSTODY

FROM: HEALTH SERVICES

**RE:** Electronic Health Records (EHR)

**Project** 

It might be cold outside, but things are heating up for the EHR project!

Over the past few months, many people from Health Services have been testing a practice version of the EHR system to see how it will work. Also, more testing is scheduled soon! This is important because the people testing it are the doctors, nurses, dentists, BHS, and other health workers who will use the EHR to take care of your health. Testing helps to make sure the EHR works right before we start using it every day. Health Services will continue to keep you updated about the EHR Project! If you have questions about the EHR, send a kyte addressed to: **ASK EHR** 

PLEASE REMEMBER, for now, you still access health care, dental, and BHS how you always have in your institution.



### **Attention Veterans!**

# VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION HEALTH CARE FOR REENTRY VETERANS PROGRAM

Tony Sparber, LCSW, Veteran Reentry Info Meeting on:

## January 30, 2025

If You have served in the Military and have an Honorable, General under Honorable, Medical or Mental Health
Discharge

And are interested in obtaining information on Veteran Specific Resources available to you on release

#### To include:

Registration in the VA Health Care System

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Program Access** 

Veteran-specific Shelter and Housing Program Resources - GPD, SSVF, HUD/VASH

General Information on;-

- SSI, VA SC Comp., and NSC Pension Benefit filing and reinstatement info

VA Regional Office, State VA, County Veteran Services, VSO/VBO access

**Employment Resources, both VA and Community Based** 

VA & Community-Based Resources list in the Community of Your Release If you meet these criteria, are releasing in the next 12 months, and are interested in these types of services, please contact:

Ms. Luschen – MPB 518 via AIC communication



Releasing from prison soon? Worried about employment barriers due to your criminal background? We would love to help you.

You must be 6 months to Release to attend the class.

Send a Kyte to Ms. Suing if interested ASAP

Come to our class this February 3rd 8:30-10:30am here at PRCF.

Or contact our office for an application and write us at:

Opportunity Oregon
1045 Gateway Loop Suite C
Springfield, OR 97477
Our services are statewide and at no cost to YOU

#### **Thumb Drives:**

In accordance with OAR 291-139-0190 (2)(a), Legal and Library services, "may make removable media devices available for inmate use for saving and storing legal documents created using word processing equipment in the facility law library." Please note that access to thumb drives is a privilege.

#### Allowable Documents:

In accordance with OAR 291-139-0190(2)(c), only legal documents are allowed to be stored on the legal thumb drive that is assigned to you. Per OAR 291-139-0110 the following are considered legal documents:

- Pleadings (i.e., complaint, petition, or response)
- · Legal motions and memoranda
- Affidavits
- Court orders and Judgments
- Necessary papers submitted to a court in connection with a legal action.
- Necessary papers submitted to a paroling authority in connection with official actions and proceedings of such authorities.

#### **General Print and Thumb Drive Information:**

- It is possible for thumb drives to be corrupted. To help prevent this, please ensure that you properly eject your thumb drive every time.
- ODOC is not responsible for corrupted files.
- A cursory review is required for all documents that are copied and printed (See OAR 291-139-0170(1)(c)).
- Printed documents must contain your name and SID to verify that the documents belong to you and are legal in nature (See OAR 291-139-0110(2)).
- We may not have the forms that you need you may need to make your own form.
- Correspondence (letters) with legal counsel is not considered a legal document (See OAR 291139-0110(10)).
- Thumb drives are subject to cursory review (See OAR 291-139-0190 (2) (c)).

#### **AIC Message**

#### 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.





## **ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR)**

THE FOLLOWING ARE 5 EXAMPLES HOW THE EHR WILL HELP YOU AND YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN YOUR HEALTHCARE JOURNEY

### ERGENCIES

 THE EHR WILL HELP ALL YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS GET IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HEALTH QUICKLY IN THE **EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY** 



## **HEALTH RECORDS REQUESTS**

 ONCE ALL PAPER MEDICAL CHARTS ARE SCANNED, HEALTH RECORDS REQUESTS WILL TAKE LESS TIME TO FULFILL BECAUSE THE CHARTS WILL ALL BE DIGITAL

MANY OUTSIDE PROVIDERS CAN RECEIVE AND SEND PATIENT HEALTH RECORDS THROUGH THE EHR SAVING THE EXTRA TIME IT TAKES TO MAIL OR FAX THE RECORDS



## **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION**

 BARCODE SCANNERS WILL BE USED TO SCAN YOUR ID CARD AT MEDLINE WHICH PULLS UP YOUR MEDICATION RECORD IN THE EHR



## CHART ACCURACY

 ELECTRONIC CHART OPENED BY SID NUMBER OR BY SCANNING PATIENT ID CARD



## **OUT OF FACILITY SCHEDULING**

- EHR IMPROVES COORDINATION AND SCHEDULING OF **OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS**
- NEW WORKFLOW AND PROCESSES WILL MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS ARE MISSED



Do you have EHR SEND A KYTE ADDRESSED TO: ASK EHR

#### **PRAS Revisions FAQ**

#### What's Happening with PRAS Changes?

In 2014, a petition was made to change the PRAS (Performance Recognition Award System) so that awards adjust with cost-of-living changes. The petition had good ideas but was too complicated to handle quickly. So, the Department created a group to look at these ideas and other concerns from people in custody and their families. These included points assigned for work and programming, as well as improving the work history letter you receive at release.

#### **Good News:**

The Department's Executive Team approved changes based on this group's recommendations. These changes will fix some problems with the PRAS rules and make it more consistent. The goal is to improve the system without taking away benefits.

There have been delays because of limited resources, developing new systems, and COVID-19. But work has been going on, and progress has been made. In January 2024, the PRAS system was updated with new tiers and a 25% increase in awards.

#### What's Changing Now?

By August 2024, new names for work assignments have been set up to show the point levels clearly. This will make it easier to compare positions across different facilities. The process of updating current work assignments to these new names started in mid-February and should be done by December 2024.

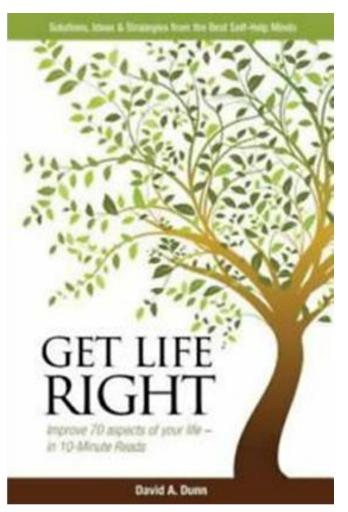
#### What Does This Mean for You?

- Most work assignments will just have a new name, but some may see changes in point levels.
- If your point level changes, the department will keep your current level as long as you stay in the same position.
- If you transfer or leave because of discipline, you'll get the new point level system.
- If you leave for court or medical reasons, your position may be held open. If you don't return in time, you'll start with the new point levels when you get back.

Most people will keep their current point level or get an increase. A catalog of positions and point levels will be available by the end of the year. Thanks for your patience as we make these improvements!

#### **NOTICE!!!**

New Nintendo Switch order forms and game forms are out! Please do not use older forms as they will not be accepted.



# WANTED GET LIFE RIGHT BOOK DONATIONS

Donation Box is located outside Ms. Hoopes' office in the Multi-Purpose Bldg.

### **PRCF Do Good Club**

Article I Club Name

PRCF Do Good Club

#### Article II Mission Statement

The purpose of the PRCF Do Good Club is to unite the Adults in Custody (AIC) at PRCF in promoting pro-social behavior. The goal of the club is to improve the quality of life for those inside and outside PRCF through charitable donations and social events. These social events will promote humanization, normalization, and pro-social behavior.

<u>Note:</u> This Club is not designated for personal gain or benefit, but for the benefit of the *PRCF Community as a whole.* Any participant in the Club is expected to adhere to this core belief or will be held accountable in accordance with PRCF policies.

#### Article III Membership

- a. The PRCF Do Good Club may have a maximum of 12 members. Exceptions may be approved by the program committee.
  - b. AIC's cannot be a member of more than three clubs at one time.
- c. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate in club meetings and/or activities on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.
  - d. All club members must be Incentive Level 3 or higher and be at PRCF for at least 60 days.
- e. To become an active member of the Do-Good Club an AIC must notify the club via a communication request to Ms. Bronnenberg. Upon receipt of request, the AIC will be vetted as an AIC Incentive Level 3, as well review of their conduct history by staff. *If accepted*, the AIC will be placed on the next available call out as a prospect member until voted in by the Club, provided the club is not full. If the club is at maximum membership occupancy, then they shall be placed on the club's waiting list until space is available.
- f. AICs who join the club after the inaugural meeting will be considered an active member after they have attended one meeting or event.
- g. To remain an active member, members must not miss two consecutive meetings and maintain Incentive Level 3 or higher. Failure to meet the minimum requirements will result in removal from membership. AICs who have been removed from club membership may apply for readmittance after 90 days from the time of removal.
- h. The Functional Unit Manager or designee may deny, revoke, or suspend individual or group activities for AIC conduct that is disruptive to group activities or institutional operations.

Proceeds from this and other fundraisers are used for things like Video Game Controllers and Games in the MPB, Popcorn for Incentive Movies, Suicide Walk and Family Day contributions, and a soda and candy included in a holiday gift bag at the end of the year for all of the AICs. Proceeds are also donated with Club approval to local community outreach programs. You are welcome to share your feedback with any Club Member. Please keep in mind, there are *limitations* to what this Club can address which is generally for AIC fundraising through feeds. Any changes to the function of PRCF *must* be submitted to the AIC Council. The list of AIC Council members is posted in the units.

Proceeds from the latest Do-Good Club Albertson's Chicken Fundraiser feed will be used to purchase soda and candy for the AIC Holiday Gift bags. Thank you for your contribution to our feeds!

# PRCF AIC COUNCIL







**Date:** October 31st, 2024

Staff: Officer Brinton, L. Hoopes, ISM T. Clark, Mr. Folden – Physical Plant, Mr.

Hite - Food Services

#### **AIC Council Members:**

Name	SID#	UNIT
D. Stewart	13245457	3-37
S. Hamilton	23273878	2-W6
J. Jimenez	7230494	3-27
H. Morales	8916321	1E-20
K. Harrington	14978964	1W-38
B. Shine	26930832	2E-24
N. Olivera	14173501	3-15

#### Agenda:

- 1. Approval of Minutes
- 2. Old Business
- 3. Submitted Proposals (Updates)
- 4. New Proposals
- 5. AIC Council Group Meetings (Needs, Suggestions, Concerns)
- 6. Next Meeting Thursday, November 21st, 2024.

#### 1) Approval Of Minutes:

**Previous Minutes Approved** 

#### 2) Old Business:

- AIC Council Proposals (Procedure) discussed. Proposals need to be managed better. Follow through, from start, to finish.
- -Discussed C.R.M. (cert. recovery mentor) C.A.R.E. Program @ Deer Ridge. Need to work out details. i.e., job description, chain of command, S.O.P., flow chart & pras points. (in process 10/31/24)



- -Discussed AIC member turnover and the need for replacement members. New AIC council members will be invited to join group by the exiting council member. This has been discussed.
  - Salt & Pepper packs have been approved. These will be included with the meal. Mr. Hite is looking into purchasing options and will distribute as soon as possible.
    - -1 West Restroom, additional soap dispenser(s)-approved. 1 West Shower area, partitions-not approved, due to lack of structural integrity in wall.
    - Details are being discussed for Inter-unit competitions. Moving forward.
    - Details are being discussed and worked out for wind-guard around weight pile. Physical Plant will need time for manufacture & Install.
    - Discussed adding another Family Day to the calendar. Still in discussion phase

#### 3) Submitted Proposal Updates:

- AIC CRM Position: Proposal submitted for the creation of a paid AIC Certified Recovery Mentor position to assist AIC's in need of mental health services prior to Security Staff getting involved. Need to discuss with Ms. Pimentel regarding the process for creating new position. Proposal has been submitted to EMT.
- Level 3/ Incentive "Late-night dayroom" Privilege still being discussed.
- AIC of the month Incentive, receiving a meal of their choice. Discussing policy for this item. Items to be discussed; voting, staff, and plan of action with Kitchen Management.

#### 4) Newly Submitted Proposals

- Submitting proposal to locate a small freezer, in a location that would make it possible to purchase Canteen Ice Cream and keep from melting. ©
- F.A.C.E. (families advancing children's education) working on details, logistics and proposal.
- Incentive level III weekend/Dayroom tv access between 10pm till approx. ten minutes prior to 12am count. Discussion with EMT/security. Proposal submitted.





- Submitting proposal that would allow A.I.C. to purchase soda w/ soda ticket and bring soda to Chow Hall, during meals.
- AIC Morales has brought up creating a "Multi Cultural" group. This would help with cultural diversity and better understanding of the various groups here at P.R.C.F.

#### 5) AIC Council Group Meetings:

- Will discuss at the following Saturday Meeting:
  - o Installation of new TV's in dayroom of unit 1.
  - Allowing AIC's to purchase stuffed animals created by R&D for children during in person visits.
  - O Proposal submitted Oct. 31, Discussed with AIC security staff, the possibility of "merging the photos taken w/ photo ticket, to be loaded on a thumb-drive". All AIC's receive a thumb drive upon release. Might be more cost effective and efficient to have photographs saved electronically. This suggestion has been declined. 10-31-24.
  - Proposal submitted Oct. 31, for Installation of Solar Panels and accompanying Program at PRCF. Conducting preliminary research.
  - Proposal submitted Oct. 31, for a electronic L.E.D. message sign to be installed in the activity yard. The primary function of this L.E.D. message sign would be "up to date bulletins, safety alerts, time & temperature". Executive Mgmt. Team will decide.

#### 6) Next Meeting

- Thursday November 21st, 2024.

#### 7) Round Table

- Feedback from N. Dakota D.O.C. Representatives was very positive. They visited the P.R.C.F. facility, September 25&26. Working on "Sharing ODOC/PRCF Culture". The visiting representatives look forward to sharing more ideas in the future.
- Discussed the possibility of creating an organized Bingo game
- Discussed looking into LOP activity options.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

2:30pm

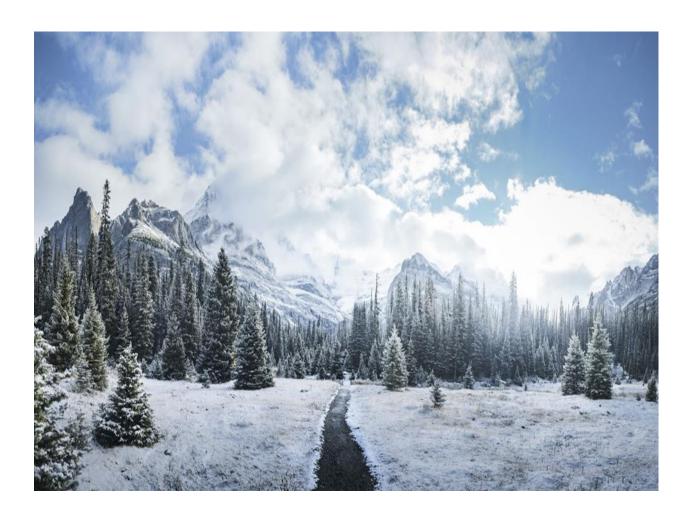
From the Administrative Rules Program:

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





#### February 15th

**1898** - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

#### February 16th

Entertainer and politician Sonny Bono (1935-1998) was born in Detroit, Michigan. Following a career as a popular singer, he became mayor of Palm Springs, California, then became a Republican congressman, serving until his accidental death from a skiing mishap.

#### February 17th

**1909** - Apache Chief Geronimo (1829-1909) died while in captivity at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He had led a small group of warriors on raids throughout Arizona and New Mexico. Caught once, he escaped. The U.S. Army then sent 5,000 men to recapture him.

#### February 18th

American politician Wendell Willkie (1892-1944) was born in Elwood, Illinois. He was the Republican nominee for president in 1940, running against Franklin D. Roosevelt.

#### February 19th

1942 - Internment of Japanese Americans began after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order requiring those living on the Pacific coast to report for relocation. Over 110,000 persons therefore shut down their businesses, sold off their property, quit school and moved inland to the relocation centers.

#### February 20th

**1943** - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as inexperienced U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe, with 1,000 Americans killed.

#### .February 21st

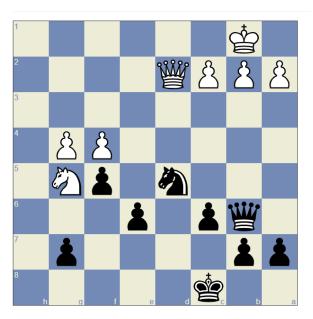
**1965** - Former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X (1925-1965) was shot and killed while delivering a speech in a ballroom in New York City.

#### En Passant- weekly chess puzzle

Difficulty: Intermediate

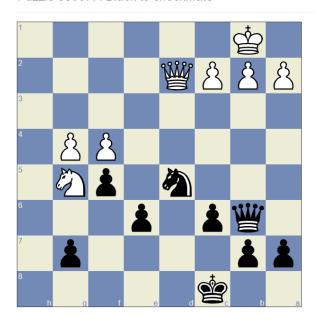
Black to move

Puzzle 830677: Black to checkmate



Last puzzle's solution

Puzzle 830677: Black to checkmate



Nc3+, Qxc3 2. Qg1+ Qe1 3. Qxe1#

#### **Physical Plant Tool-Room Clerk**

Physical Plant is seeking a Tool-Room Clerk to aid in inventorying tools, keeping track of work orders, supply closet inventory, tag-out process, filing, and computer related skills/tasks. Requirements to qualify to apply include:

#### MUST HAVE:

- 8 months until treatment eligibility or release date
- No Program failures
- Clear Conduct for the past 6 months
- GED
- Strong work ethic, ability to follow instructions, and work independently.
- MUST HAVE working knowledge of computers and able to identify tools and their use.
- Previous experience preferred.

<u>Interested in the position please fully</u> complete the CD1523 Work Application Form and send to Ms. Pimentel – IWP Coordinator. The position open until filled by qualified candidate.



#### PHYSICAL PLANT WORK ASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Physical Plant is accepting applications for general services. If you are interested, please submit a complete application. You must have proven trade skills listed below. If you have submitted a previous application, you may submit an updated application.

#### **To Qualify:**

Clear Conduct – DOC staff will review your overall behavior while in DOC Custody.

#### **Desired Experience:**

- Drywall
- Framing
- Experience with woodworking tools
- Carpenter
- HVAC
- General Construction Skills
- Painter
- PLEASE complete the CD1523 Work Application Form and send to MS. PIMENTEL ASAP

## **IWP** Position

# **NEW HOPE – POWDER PALS PROGRAM Interested AICs are welcome to apply**

New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals (New Hope – Powder Pals) partnered with the Powder River Correctional Facility, Oregon Department of Corrections, since early 2011. A key focus of this work has been the ability to provide meaningful work for inmates in training homeless dogs. More specifically, the program assists homeless dogs lacking obedience skills and behavioral issues that limit the animal's ability to be re-homed successfully. New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals is a Private Non-Profit whose purpose is to improve the lives of animals through kindness, understanding and respect. Their purpose is to rescue and rehabilitate animals in Eastern Oregon, increase awareness of animal well-being through education, and encourage a caring and safe environment for animals.

Work duties will include are but not limited to the following:

- Always follow the training program. Failure to follow the program will result in immediate removal from the program and may result in disciplinary action.
- Conduct or assist with scheduled training sessions.
- Conduct or assist with socialization of the animals.
- Follow the schedule of activities for the animals.
- Exercise animals daily.
- Keep a daily log of the animal's progress in the program.
- Feeding and watering following recommended daily amounts.
- Remove solid waste from kennel areas (inside and outside), and any other area as needed using approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Clean kennel area (inside and outside) using appropriate chemicals and PPE.
- Must be willing to work in a variety of weather conditions.

#### Qualifications for opportunity to apply:

- 1. In compliance with DOC Case Plan
- 2. No major misconduct reports within the last 6 months
- 3. Minimum of 6-8 months remaining on sentence
- 4. No history of animal neglect or abuse
- 5. Willingness to work as a team, open to new training ideas, willingness to make a difference to an animal
- 6. Be motivated for change and have a good attitude
- 7. Must be able to lift 50 lbs.

#### IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND \*AN APPLICATION FORM\* TO MS. PIMENTEL



# February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm	28	29	30	31 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets Delivery A&O CLASS	1
2	Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm	4	5	6 PRAS Payday	7 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets A&O CLASS	8
9	Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm	11	12	13 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets Delivery	14 A&O CLASS	15
16	17 Presidents Day Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm ADMIN CLOSED	18	19	20	21 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets Delivery A&O Class	22
23	Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm	25	26	27	28 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets Delivery A&O Class	1



## **Contact Mentor Corner**

#### **Responsible**

Have you ever thought about what it means to be "responsible"? The definition of being responsible includes being "morally accountable for one's behavior" and "being the primary cause of something and so able to be blamed or credited for it." When we are morally accountable for our behavior, we take ownership of our decisions—good or bad; as well as ownership for the outcomes of those decisions—good or bad. How would your life look if you prioritized personal responsibility? What would you change first? What would you take credit for? Would being responsible free you from the opinions and judgements of yourself and others? How would ownership and responsibility change your emotions, actions and behaviors; thus, help you to be more mindful? What are the ripple effects of being responsible? Who in your life would benefit from this shift in mindset? Challenge yourself to be more mindful and implement responsibility in your daily life. If you face obstacles, talk to a friend or support person to identify how you can overcome the issue, move forward and reach your full potential. Remember, being responsible takes daily effort and the desire to improve...one day at a time.

#### **Weekly Quote:**

Mindfulness gives you time. Time gives you choices. Choices, skillfully made, lead to freedom. Bhante Henepola Gunaratana

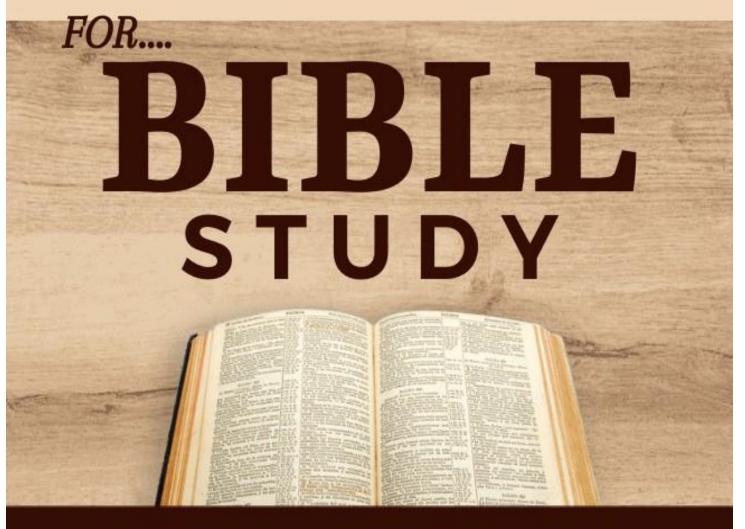
#### **Suggested Reading:**

The Little Book of Mindfulness by Dr. Patrizia Collard

#### **PRCF Contact Mentor Program Contact Information:**

Ms. Hoopes, Correctional Counselor, oversees the Contact Mentor Program at PRCF. She works with the PRCF Contact Mentor team consisting of Sgt. Crawford, Officer Brinton, Lt. Brazofsky and Officer Erickson to build the Contact Mentor program and improve communication between staff and AICs. If you have questions regarding the Contact Mentor Program or the Oregon Way, please feel free to send an AIC Communication to Ms. Hoopes-Multi Purpose Building Rm. 505.

## We Welcome You to Join Us



THY WORD IS A LAMP FOR UNTO MY FEET,
AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH. (Psalm 119:105)

The 3rd SUNDAY of the month

2:30-3:30 PM in the Chapel

**Grande Ronde Mennonite Church** 

Cove, OR

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## **Financial Services**

# Informational Briefing Adult in Custody (AIC) 2025 Tax Information

The Department of Corrections (DOC) will not provide federal or state tax forms to AICs.

AICs may write or call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Oregon Revenue to request tax forms.

AICs may elect to reach out to their friends and family to they send tax forms in through the mail. All incoming mail is the Departments rule on mail, 291-131-0025.

- DOC staff / legal assistants are not authorized to provide tax status updates on filings to AICs.
- AICs may appoint a qualified and trusted person as their of attorney (POA) to assist with the tax filing process. POA can be obtained by submitting a Library Request form (CD1714).
- DOC will only issue 1099 (MISC/INT) to AICs who meet specific minimum requirements.
  - ✓ 1099 MISC issued to AICs who have received \$600 or
  - √ 1099 INT issued to AICs who have accrued \$10 or more interest.

Department request subject State and Federal taxes due date: advice or April 15th, power forms AICs will need to use their own preaddressed postage **IRS** paid envelope for tax correspondence and more in filings

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Oregon Department of Treasury Tax Forms Requests	Internal Revenue Service Tax Forms Requests
Department of Revenue P.O. Box 14999 Salem, OR	Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Ogden, UT 84201-0002
800-356-4222	800-829-3676

AICs may submit an AIC Communication form to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and Family may submit questions to

# How to File Tips for Filing

- Get the appropriate forms and instructions (such as IRS Form 1040 and Oregon Form OR-40) from a trusted source, such as www.oregon.gov/dor and www.irs.gov. The institution is unable to provide these forms.
- You may appoint a qualified person as your power of attorney (POA) and have them file your tax return for you. Make sure to choose a person you trust to be your POA.
- Don't disclose your Social Security number (SSN) to others or let someone use your SSN for fraud. If fraud occurs, it will take a lot of work for you to clean up your account once you're out of prison.
- Request your Form W-2 from your employer if you didn't receive it.
- The award amount you receive from the Oregon Department of Corrections as an adult in custody is taxable income. You will receive Form 1099-MISC if your award totals exceed \$600.
- Be aware that the award amount you receive from the Oregon Department of Corrections as an adult in custody doesn't qualify as earned income when calculating your Earned Income Tax Credit.
- If you have a filing requirement, file or request an extension by April 15, 2025.

# Filing and Paying Taxes while in Prison Publication OR-PF

The same rules for filing a tax return that apply to you outside of prison still apply while you're in prison. You must

file a tax return if your gross income\* for the tax year is over the filing requirements set by law (see chart below).

For example, a tax return may be necessary if you:

- Worked part of the year and were in prison part of the year.
- Received income while in prison, such as: retirement income, investment income, or alimony payments.

#### Taxable income

These are examples only. For complete information, see IRS Publication 525.

- Employee compensation such as wages, salaries, commissions, fees, and tips.
- Miscellaneous compensation such as bonuses, severance pay, and sick pay.
- Business income (partnerships, S corporations, self-employed) (see IRS Publications 541 and 334).
- Unemployment benefits.
- Alimony received (see IRS Publication 504).
- Retirement income (distributions, pensions, annuities) (see IRS Publication 575).
- Investment income (interest, dividends, capital gains) (see IRS Publication 550).
- Gambling winnings.
- Some Social Security benefits (see IRS Publication 915) (Social Security isn't taxed by Oregon, but may be taxed by the IRS).
- Rental property income (see IRS Publication 527).
- Award amount received from the Department of Corrections as an adult in custody.

#### Nontaxable income

These are examples only. For complete information, see IRS Publication 525.

- Veterans' benefits such as disability pay or pension pay for disabilities paid to veterans or their families; veterans' insurance proceeds and dividends; and allowances for education, training, and subsistence.
- Qualified combat pay (see IRS Publication 3).
- Governmental benefit payments from a public welfare fund.
- Child support payments received.
- Medicare benefits.

Step 1: Mark the check box for any of the following that pertained to you in 2024. You were: 0 65 or older 0 Blind Your spouse was: 0 65 or older 0 Blind
Step 2: File for tax year 2024 if your gross income is more than the amount shown below

for your filing status.

Amounts apply to full-year residents only.

Your filing status is:	Number of boxes marked above:	And your gross income is more than:	
Can be claimed on another's return	Any	\$1,300*	
Single	0	\$7,710	
1	\$8,910		
2	\$10,110		
Married filing joint	0	\$15,425	
1	\$16,425		
2	\$17,425		
3	\$18,425		
4	\$19,425		
Married filing separate	0	\$7,710	
1	\$8,710		
2	\$9,710		
Head of household	0	\$9,665	
1	\$10,865		
2	\$12,065		
Qualifying surviving spouse	0	\$10,740	
1	\$11,740		
2	\$12,740		

#### In addition, file a return if:

- You are required to file a federal return.
- You had \$1 or more of Oregon income tax withheld from your wages.
- \* The larger of \$1,300, or your earned income plus \$450, up to the standard deduction amount for your filing status.

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<sup>\*</sup> Gross income is all income you receive in the form of money, goods, property, and services, unless that income is nontaxable.



## **Financial Services**

## **Informational Briefing**

## AIC Debt and Obligation Information

Dobt / Obligation Type	Collection Schedule	Additional Information
Debt / Obligation Type	Collection Schedule	
Court Ordered Financial Obligation (COFO)	<ul> <li>Collected from eligible deposits per ORS 423.105</li> <li>10% collected for COFO(s) from eligible deposits until the transitional savings trust account reaches \$500</li> <li>Then, 15% collected for COFO(s) from eligible deposits until obligation(s) are satisfied</li> </ul>	The department does not have case-specific information regarding COFOs; AICs are encouraged to contact the court of record regarding their COFO details  COFOs are not the same as County and US Court filing fees. Examples of COFOs are restitution, fines, fees, & child support  COFOs will continue to collect during the Holiday Buying Period
	account is considered an obligation, funds colled placed into the transitional savings trust accouses from ODOC custody.	
DOC Debt	Collected from eligible deposits     Additionally, collections shall occur the last business day of the month per OAR 291 Div. 158 if funds are available	DOC debt includes but is not limited to debt incurred from various disciplinary fines, copy, and postage advances     DOC debt is due upon receipt; if/when funds are not available; funds are advanced and set-up as debt     Monthly, AICs may spend up to \$40 of the first \$80 deposited into general spending     DOC Debt may be suspended during the Holiday Buying Period unless a new disciplinary fee is applied
County Court Deferred Filing Fee Obligation	<ul> <li>Collected as funds become available</li> <li>Multiple collections may occur throughout the month</li> <li>Additionally, collections shall occur the last business day of the month</li> </ul>	County obligations refer to deferred county filing fees These obligations are incurred when an AIC elects to file with the court and the court approves a deferred filing fee County Court fees will continue to collect during the Holiday Buying Period
Initial Federal / US Court Filing Fee Obligation	<ul> <li>Collected as funds become available</li> <li>Multiple collections may occur throughout the month</li> <li>Additionally, collections shall occur the last business day of the month</li> </ul>	Initial Filing fees can be collected in total and are due upon receipt     These obligations are incurred when an AIC elects to file with the court and the court approves a deferred filing fee     Initial Federal/US Court filing fees will continue to collect during the Holiday Buying Period
Federal / US Court Deferred Filing Fee Obligation	Collected around the beginning of the month	General filing fee collection amount determined by the previous month's deposit(s)  20% of previous months deposits multiplied by the number of cases is deemed collectable Federal/US Court Deferred filing fees will continue to collect during the Holiday Buying Period



## **Financial Services**

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Adult in Custody (AIC) Trust Accounts

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Transitional Savings Account	<ul> <li>Established per SB844/ORS 423.105 as a means for AICs to save funds for release from ODOC custody</li> <li>5% of each eligible deposit is received into the AICs Transitional Savings Trust Account until the account reaches \$500</li> <li>AICs may elect to transfer funds into this account by submitting a transfer request form (CD1832, available electronically and in paper) up to \$500</li> <li>AICs may continue a 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond \$500 if court-ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied</li> <li>Funds in the Transitional Savings Trust Account are protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment, but this is not the same thing as the Protected Spending Reserve Account</li> </ul>
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## **Financial Services**

## Informational Briefing

#### Savings Options for Adults in Custody

#### What is the Transitional Savings Account (TRSA)?

- Funds in the TRSA are protected from debt/obligation collection and garnishment.
- Established per SB844/ORS 423.105 as a means for AIC's to save funds for release from ODOC custody.
- 5% of each eligible deposit is applied into an AIC's TRSA until the account reaches \$500.
- AIC's may elect to transfer funds into their TRSA by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request form (CD1832) up to \$500.
- AIC's may continue a 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond \$500 if court-ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied.
- Funds in the TRSA are not available to AIC's until reentry into the community (*no exceptions*).

#### What is the General Savings Account (GS)?

- \* Funds in the GS Trust Account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment.
- \* Established as an optional means for AIC's to save funds outside of the TRSA.
- \* AIC's may elect to transfer funds into the GS Trust Account once per calendar month by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request Form (CD1832).
- \* Funds in this account are not available until the AIC releases from ODOC custody; an exception may be granted by the CFO or designee per OAR 291 Div. 158.

## What About External Savings Accounts?

AIC's may have accounts with external banking institutions however, ODOC staff are not able to facilitate. AIC's may not have unauthorized money items in their possession (such as checks).

**Note:** Trust Account Transfer Request Forms (CD1832) are available on AIC housing units or through Business Services. If the amount being transferred is excessive, it will be limited. The minimum transfer amount is \$5.00.

Please address any questions to Business Services by submitting an AIC communication (available electronically on the tablet).



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Due to hoarding of clothes and R&D having a need to keep a proper can receive an automatic 8-24 Hour Conduct Order. Please do not go exchange day Monday (GP) 7am, Tuesday (Programmers) 7am, inventory, AICs who are found with excess clothing through the clothing binds but wait for clothing Thursday (Programmers) 7am, Friday (GP) 7am.

#### AIC Handbook J. Personal Hygiene/Dress Code

- 18. Facility/State property you are authorized to have in your possession.
- a. 2 pair of blue jean pants
- b. 3 pair under shorts
- c. 3 pair regular socks
- d. 2 full sets of thermal underwear (seasonal)
- e. 1 Heavy jacket
- f. 1 stocking cap (beanie)
- g. 2 padlocks for top bunks (drawer and mud locker)
- h. 3 padlocks for bottom bunks (drawers and mud locker)
- i. 3 T-shirts
- j. 2 sweatshirts
- k. 1 chambray shirt (general population)
- I. 2 chambray shirts (Alternative Incarceration Program-AIP, if sweatshirt is returned)
- m. 2 towels
- n. 1 pair red shorts (return if blue shorts are purchased)
- o. 1 pair state sneakers (return if personals purchased)
- p. 1 pair work/snow boots (if job required)
- q. 2 pair boot socks (if job required)

## R & D Info

STATE CLOTHING ALLOWED					
1 Each Denim Coat	1 Chambray shirt 2 Chambray shirts (Program)	2 Pair Denim Pants			
3 Each T-Shirts	2 Sweatshirts 1 Sweatshirts (Program)	1 Each Belt & Buckle			
3 Pair Grey Dress Socks		2 Each Towels			
3 Pair of Underwear	2 Blankets (Wool or Cotton)	2 Sheets and 1 Pillowcase			
1 Pair State Tennis Shoes	1 Pair of State Shower Shoes	1 Pair Red Shorts			
(if no personal shoes)	(if no personal shoes)	(If no personal blue shorts)			
WORK CREW ONLY					
1 Pair Work Boots	2 Pair Work (boot) Socks	1 Pair Work Gloves			
	1 Each Safety Vest				

Work crew items must be turned back in when you are no longer assigned to a work crew. Work crew clothing is to be worn for work assignments only.

- 1. Clothing exchange is done on a one-for-one basis. You must bring the article of clothing you wish to exchange to R&D to get a replacement. If you do not have the article of clothing, and you have tried to find it, you are required to follow the proper state property re-issuance procedure. The forms are available on your units. (The process for returning clothing does not included turning items into the Unit Laundry buckets)
- 2. **<u>Do Not</u>** purposefully rip, tear, alter, or destroy any clothing or laundry bags in hopes of getting new ones. R&D does not have the extra clothing or budget to continue replacing damaged items. You can and will be held accountable if clothing appears to be purposefully destroyed.
- 3. Clothing exchange will occur Monday and Friday from at 6:30 am to 7:30 am. Coming into R&D outside of these hours, unless you've been called down, will result in you being held accountable, <u>If there is an immediate need please talk with your unit officer</u>.

### **Release Clothing**

Have you thought about your clothing needs for release and how you are going to pay for them?

When you are **45 Days from release**, you will need to contact R&D to make arrangements for your dress outs by completing a package authorization form to have clothing sent in <u>OR</u> by completing a CD28, to ensure you have funds available to purchase clothing from PRCF

The cost for dress outs can be up to \$35 depending on your needs. If you have any questions about the cost for dress out clothing, please kite R&D.

Due to changes to the Inmate Trust accounts you should start thinking about how you will pay for your dress outs. You can pay for dress outs with money in your General Spending account or your General Savings account but Not your Transitional Savings.



#### AIC Newsletter Article - 2022

#### **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 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 like 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:

Ericka Sage PREA Coordinator Oregon Department of Corrections 3723 Fairview Industrial Drive, SE Salem, OR 97302 From the Administrative Rules Program:

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 11/25/2024.

#### **PERMANENT RULES:**

#### 291-131 Mail (AIC)

- Amends rule to limit the type of envelopes, paper, and the use of certain materials related to incoming
  mail; to align the rules with statutory requirements for the processing of AIC mail with the Corrections
  Ombudsman; remove gendered language and add clarifying language and language for consistency with
  other department rules; change the term "inmate" to "adult in custody" per statutory requirement; and
  make minor grammatical and punctuation edits.
- Effective 1/13/25





# Changes to the Mail Rule Effective 1/13/2025

Effective January 13, 2025, the Mail Rule has been revised to address concerns regarding safety, security, and the well-being of both Adults in Custody (AICs) and staff. Mail postmarked after this date will be subject to the revised rule.

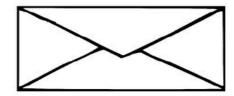
## Some of the new requirements that friends and family of AICs should be aware of include:

- Incoming mail must be in pen, lead pencil, or be typewritten or photocopied.
- Incoming mail must be written on standard weight (20 pound or less) white paper. This is standard copy/ print paper.
- Incoming mail must be enclosed in a commercially produced envelope using standard weight (20 pound or less) white paper that is no larger than 9" x 12".

There are no changes to the Legal Mail requirements

More information is available on the DOC website: https://www.oregon.gov/DOC





## Examples of items that will be refused:

- Any non-white envelope
- Envelopes larger than 9" x 12"
- Envelopes that are not commercially produced
- Envelopes made of cardboard, padded, corrugated, or tearresistant material
- Envelopes constructed of heavy weight paper (that is, greater than 20 pound) or with security screening features
- Cardstock (such as is used for greeting cards and postcards)

Greeting cards and postcards are not allowed.