


# NEWSLETTER

COLUMBIA RIVER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION & SOUTH FORK FOREST CAMP

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



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# REMINDERS & UPDATES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



## TO: ALL ADULTS IN CUSTODY

From: DOC Health Services Division

Beginning May 1st, aspirin will only be offered through an order from a provider or through commissary. For those patients who are suffering from mild to moderate pain from headaches, muscle aches, menstrual periods, colds and sore throats, backaches and other associated symptoms, ibuprofen and acetaminophen are available at the housing unit. In addition to calcium carbonate (Tums®) for acid indigestion, heartburn and upset stomach, these products are available for self-use. If your health care needs are of a greater need, please see your medical provider.



Para: Todos los adultos en custodia  
De: División de Servicios Salud

Comenzando el 1 de mayo, la aspirina solo se ofrecerá por orden de un proveedor o a través del comisariato.comisariato.. Para esos pacientes que padecen dolor leve a moderado de dolor de cabeza, dolores musculares, periodo menstrual, resfriado y dolor de garganta, dolor de espalda y otros síntomas asociados, ibuprofeno y paracetamol están disponible en la unidad de Vivienda. Además del carbonato de calcio (Tums®) para indigestión acida, acidez y malestar estomacal, estos productos estarán disponibles para uso propio. Si sus necesidades de atención medica son mayores, por favor vea a su proveedor médico.

## STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS COMMISSARY

Date: Monday, June 09, 2025  
To: Adults in Custody  
From: Dustin Hoffman, Distribution  
Services Statewide Operations Manager  
Subject: Commissary News, Updates and Reminders



### News:

The box for the Treva 5" Fan \$12.56 sold on commissary states that a power cord comes with the fan. The ISM's approved the sale of the fan if the cord was removed due to security issues. We do apologize. We have found a vendor that provides an acceptable power cord that is within security's specifications. This is the Clear Fan Adapter Cord that sells for \$10.25 on the commissary form. The fan is also battery powered therefore no power cord needed.

Thank you for your understanding and for always supporting your commissary operations. As we work daily to bring you new items and to keep the AIC welfare fund running.

# UPCOMING CRCI EVENTS



JUNE  
2025



## UPCOMING

### FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

- PIO Graduation  
(1:00-4:00pm dining hall)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

- Juneteenth Celebration  
(12:30-3:00pm Dinning Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH

- LGBTQ+ Event  
(6:15-8:45pm Dining Hall)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH

- GED Graduation  
(1:00-3:00pm Dining Hall)



## SIGN-UP DEADLINES

### FIELD DAY/SUMMER EVENT JULY 12TH & AUGUST 9TH

Sign-up deadline: June 20th

### GAMBLING GROUP MONDAY, JULY 14 @ 1PM

Send kyte to: Ms.Wilks

## ATTENTION AIC'S

Please ensure you review your canteen order before returning back to your unit. Once you have returned, Canteen will **NOT** offer replacements or credits for incorrect, or missing items.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ms. Jackson  
Canteen Supervisor



WHAT'S NEW?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
REGARDING MAIL INCOMING  
AND OUTGOING.

# MAILROOM

UPDATED: 6/12/25

When sending outgoing mail Your Return address information should be completed in **BLUE INK**. If you **MAKE AN ERROR while addressing, CROSS OUT WITH ONLY ONE LINE TROUGH THE ERROR**.

EXAMPLE: Doe, John #12345678 Then Rewrite correct info: #12345679

If you scribble/scratch/erase the entire error it appears that the envelope has been altered and it will be confiscated as contraband.

The Mailroom has been receiving books/packages that are either missing the Name and/or SID# of the recipient. These packages are marked "Return to Sender" with a label stating that it missing this identifying information. Books/packages with no return address will also be returned to sender per rule.

Please be advised that AMAZON has changed their labels and 95% of the packages are missing identifying information and do not have a return address. These will be returned to sender. HQ is working on an approved vendor list and once it is completed will be shared with you. It is recommended that you or your family/friends do not use Amazon as it will likely not meet the mail rules.

You will NOT receive a violation notice as this a **"Noticeable violation"** and per rule it does not generate any paperwork. This also applies to regular mail. If an item is returned to sender unopened there is no violation sent to you per rule. It is marked "Return to Sender" with the reason of why it being returned on a sticker to inform the sender why it was returned.

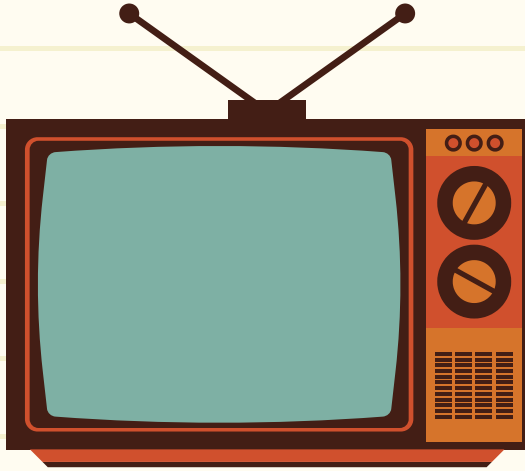
Please be aware that the CRCI Mailroom does not approve or deny books. If a book has not been reviewed and approved or denied previously, the book and its contents are sent for review to the Mailroom Supervisor at ODOC HQ in Salem. This is where the final determination if a book is approved or denied is made.

Lastly the Mailroom and other departments have been receiving quite a few kytes that are incomplete. If you do not complete **ALL** the information on the front of the kyte it will be returned to you to finish completing. Be sure to put down your **UNIT and BUNK NUMBER**. Do not fold more than once (in half only). If a kyte is not going to another institution you do not need to put the CRCI address but your kyte must have your housing information. PLEASE NOTE: IF you send a kyte that is soiled with liquid or any other substance it will not be delivered and returned to you to rewrite using a CLEAN kyte.





# TV NEWS FROM CHANNEL WILKS!



Ms. Wilks has been very efficient with managing the TV Program, when a kyte has been sent indicating that you are on the waitlist, you are indeed on the list. While occasional errors may occur, as is true in any process... such issues can be resolved collaboratively.

However, it is not necessary to continue submitting additional requests or inquiries regarding one's position on the waitlist. TVs are assigned strictly in the order names appear on the list, as they become available.

The timeline for receiving a TV cannot be guaranteed, as availability is dependent on the release of other AICs. There may be days with no releases and other days with one or several. Therefore, estimating a specific wait time is not feasible.

For AICs scheduled to release in less than one month, it is generally unnecessary to request a TV, as it is likely they you'll leave the facility before your name is reached on the waitlist. If an individual is due for release within a week after being notified of their availability, a TV will not be issued, as a short-term wait is considered manageable.

Additionally, all AICs departing the facility are strongly urged to return any loaner or personal TVs at Intake during release. TVs should NOT be handed off to other AICs under any circumstance. Possession of property not officially assigned to an AIC can result in disciplinary action. Donated TVs are placed into the loaner program and reassigned to the next eligible individual on the waitlist. This process involves verifying eligibility, updating the property database, and completing necessary documentation.

The continued success of the TV loaner program relies on cooperation and adherence to these procedures. If the workload becomes unmanageable, there may be no one else available to maintain the program.

## LOANER TV PROGRAM

# Program Services

## NEWS



### Loaner TV Program

#### Initial Eligibility:

- Must be case plan compliant.
- Must be incentive level 2 or 3.
- No FOCPs within 1 year.
- No Major/Minor Misconduct within 6 months.
- No more than 3 conduct orders within 3 months.
- Must not already have a TV on their property list.
- Less than \$500 in trust account.

#### Notice Regarding Job Applications

Please be advised that Ms. Wilks supports IWP by facilitating the distribution of job applications. However, she is NOT involved in the hiring process or in making decisions regarding job placements or changes.

In order to assist you efficiently, Ms. Wilks requires the job title and job number for a currently posted position. Applications can only be submitted for positions that are officially posted. Additionally, please pay close attention to application deadlines. For instance, if a Kyte request is submitted on a Friday for a job that closes on Sunday, please note that Program Services is closed over the weekend and you will not be able to get a job application in time.

Thank you for your attention to these guidelines.

#### Important Update Regarding the Loaner TV Program

Please be advised that significant effort is required from both Ms. Wilks and maintenance staff to support the Loaner TV Program. To maintain fairness and program integrity, the following policy updates are now in effect:

- If an individual who has a Loaner TV, is housed in DSU they will be deemed ineligible for a Loaner TV for a period of three (3) months.
- Individuals transitioning out of segregation should not expect immediate reissuance of their loaner TV.
- Additionally, if a TV is found on an individual's bunk that is not listed on their approved property list at the time of loaner TV delivery, the individual will be ineligible to receive a loaner TV for three (3) months and may also be subject to disciplinary action for possession of contraband.

These measures are being implemented to ensure proper compliance with program guidelines and to uphold accountability.

Thank you for your cooperation.





# FREEDOM LIBRARY

**CHECK OUT BOOKS ON SOCIAL  
JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, HISTORY OF  
MOVEMENTS, AND BIOGRAPHIES.**

If you are interested in checking out books that are in our Freedom Library, please send a kyte to Ms. Wilks or Ms. Fanta in Program Services

You will be put on a call out or be called down so that you can take a look at the books available. You will be allowed to check out 1-2 books at a time for a two week time frame. If your due date is up, you may stop into programs from 1:00-1:30pm to renew your book for another 2 weeks.



# ROAD TO SUCCESS

## ROAD TO SUCCESS JUNE 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!)
- 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.



### JUNE 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!

## June's Highlighted Resource is Opportunity Oregon!

Opportunity Oregon is a program that is making a difference in the lives of the formerly incarcerated population in Oregon. The program is dedicated to providing employment opportunities to individuals who have been released from prison and are looking to rebuild their lives outside of prison walls. The program is also working towards raising awareness among employers in Oregon about the benefits of hiring individuals who have been incarcerated. By providing job opportunities, the program is breaking down barriers and helping to reduce the rate of recidivism.

Our program focuses on providing education and job training to individuals who are re-entering society after being incarcerated. Our goal is to break the cycle of recidivism and give our participants the tools they need to succeed. We believe that everyone deserves a second chance and we are here to help those who are looking to turn their lives around. Our program has partnerships with local businesses who are willing to hire individuals with a criminal record, and we provide ongoing support to ensure our participants can maintain their employment and thrive in their new path. We look forward to speaking with the adults in custody at your facility and sharing more about our program.



# Latest Road To Success Superstars

Mark Devoy – Adam Chervin – Phillip Brazille – David Ramirez-Garcia – Cain Merrihew – Jesus Alvarez – Larbear Burch – Henry Franciscone – Michael Henry – Allen Layman – Justin Ober – Frederic Roe – Jeremiah Jackson – Rodney Matlock – Biruk Bekele – Kasiya Carney – Joshua Enix – Steven Ryals – Parker Vanek – Michael Zupon – Quentin Guidry – Brooklyn Sasso – Jeffrey Moore – Thomas Chase – Phillip Fonseca – Pedro Perez

Congratulations on completing EVERY class!!!

## 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. **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.**

## 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 kyte to "RTOS" 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?** Monthly

## FLAGGING CLASS:

The next Flagging Class will be held on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Flagging certification is valid for 3 years and certifies you for work in Oregon, Washington, Montana & Idaho. You will be required to **send a CD-28 to Ms. Gaidosh, in the amount of \$100 made payable to Todd Cooper for the purpose of ODOT Flagging Class**, or you can have a money order or cashier's check sent in from someone in the community with all of the same pay-to information included. Payment must be received no later than **Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Space is limited. This is a first-come first-serve opportunity.



# Financial Services

## Informational Briefing

### Adult in Custody (AIC) Trust Accounts

General Spending Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary spending account for AICs</li><li>• Eligible deposits are received into this account<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <i>Examples: Deposits received from friends/family, and PRAS</i></li></ul></li><li>• AICs use the Request for Withdrawal of Funds form (CD28) to facilitate financial transactions from the General Spending Trust Account</li><li>• Funds in this account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment</li></ul>
Protected Spending Reserve Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is a spending account established for AICs who receive protected money<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <i>Examples: disability benefits for veterans, moneys received from Native American or tribal government, railroad retirement benefits, OCE Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) Awards</i></li></ul></li><li>• AICs use the green Request for Withdrawal of Funds from Protected Reserve form (CD28P) to facilitate financial transactions from the Protected Reserve Trust Account</li><li>• Funds in the Protected Reserve Trust Account are protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment</li></ul>
Transitional Savings Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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, <i>available electronically and in paper</i>) 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>
General Savings Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Established as a means for AICs to save funds outside of the Transitional Savings Trust Account</li><li>• AICs may elect to transfer funds into the General Savings Trust Account by submitting a transfer request form (CF1832, <i>available electronically and in paper</i>)</li><li>• 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</li><li>• Funds in the General Savings Trust Account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment</li></ul>
Obligated Reserve Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical, Optical, Dental, Trip, Education, Religious, and Programming are accounts AICs use when there is a need to reserve funds for a good or service that meets specific criteria</li><li>• AICs may receive deposits directly to one of these accounts from an external source</li><li>• AICs must be approved to place funds into an Obligated Reserve Account</li><li>• Funds in Obligated Reserve Accounts are deemed spent and therefore are not subject to debt/obligation collection or garnishment</li></ul>

### Questions?

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 [dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us](mailto:dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us).



**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