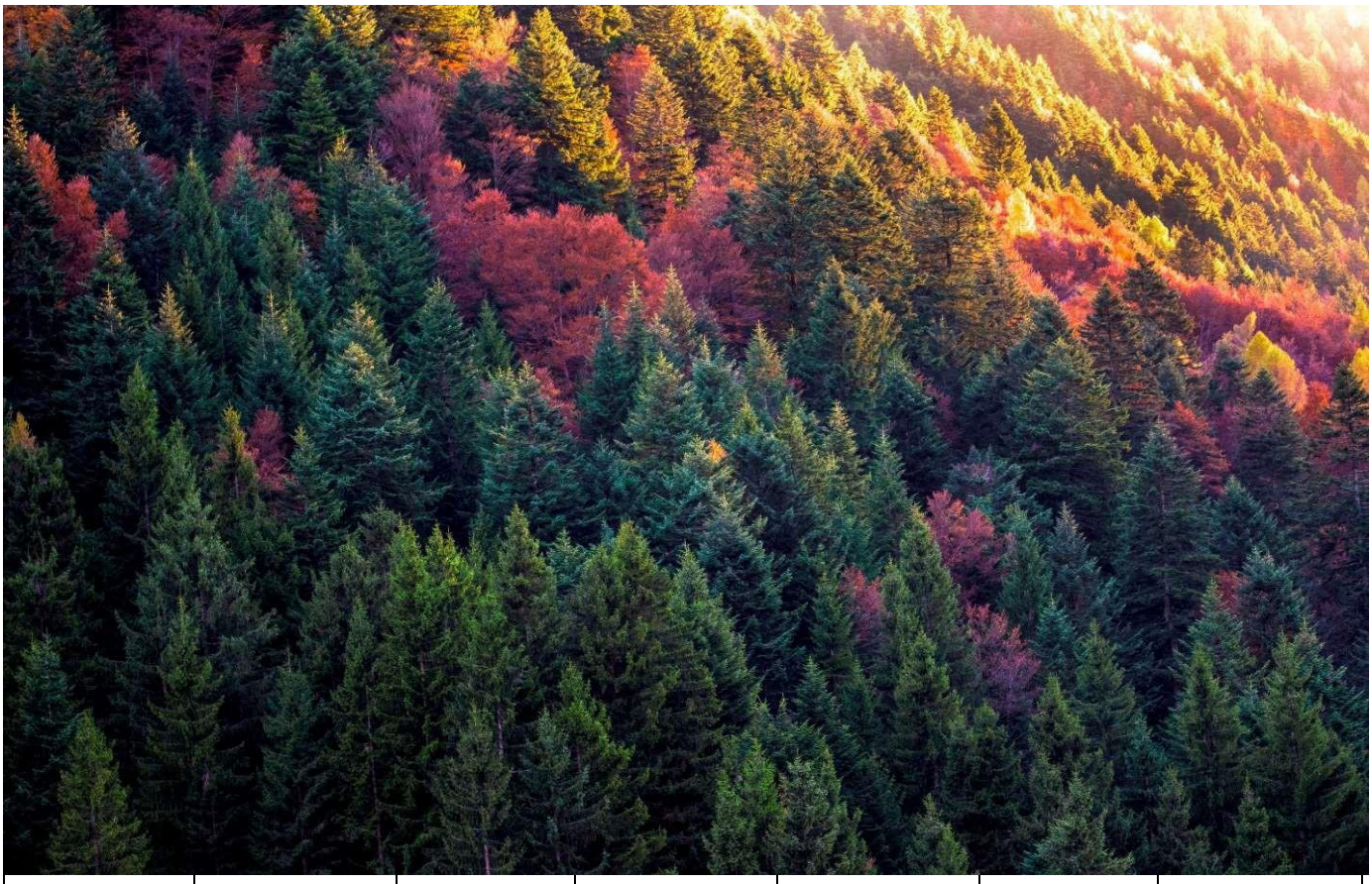
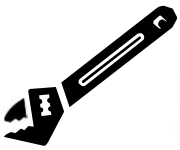
Powder River News

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

ADULTS IN CUSTODY NEWSLETTER



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OUTSIDE PHYSICAL PLANT

BOILER OPERATOR



Are you interested in pursuing a career as a boiler operator?

The **OSCI Boiler Operator Apprenticeship Program** is hiring for fall 2026.

This is a 4,000hour apprenticeship and costs $25 each month for 24 months for schooling.

Completers are eligible to test for the Boiler Operator License and earn a journey card.

Requirements to Apply

- Verified High School Diploma or GED.
- One-year clear conduct from incarceration date or major DR.
- Unfenced & Community Cleared, housed at SCI.
- 3 years and 5 years remaining.

Interested? Send a kyte to OSCI Physical Plant, Attention Arp. Include qualifications, why you are interested, and related current skills.

PRCF AIC WRITING CORNER

Don't let your creative writing stay hidden in your notebooks, send us your work today and inspire your peers! 🚀

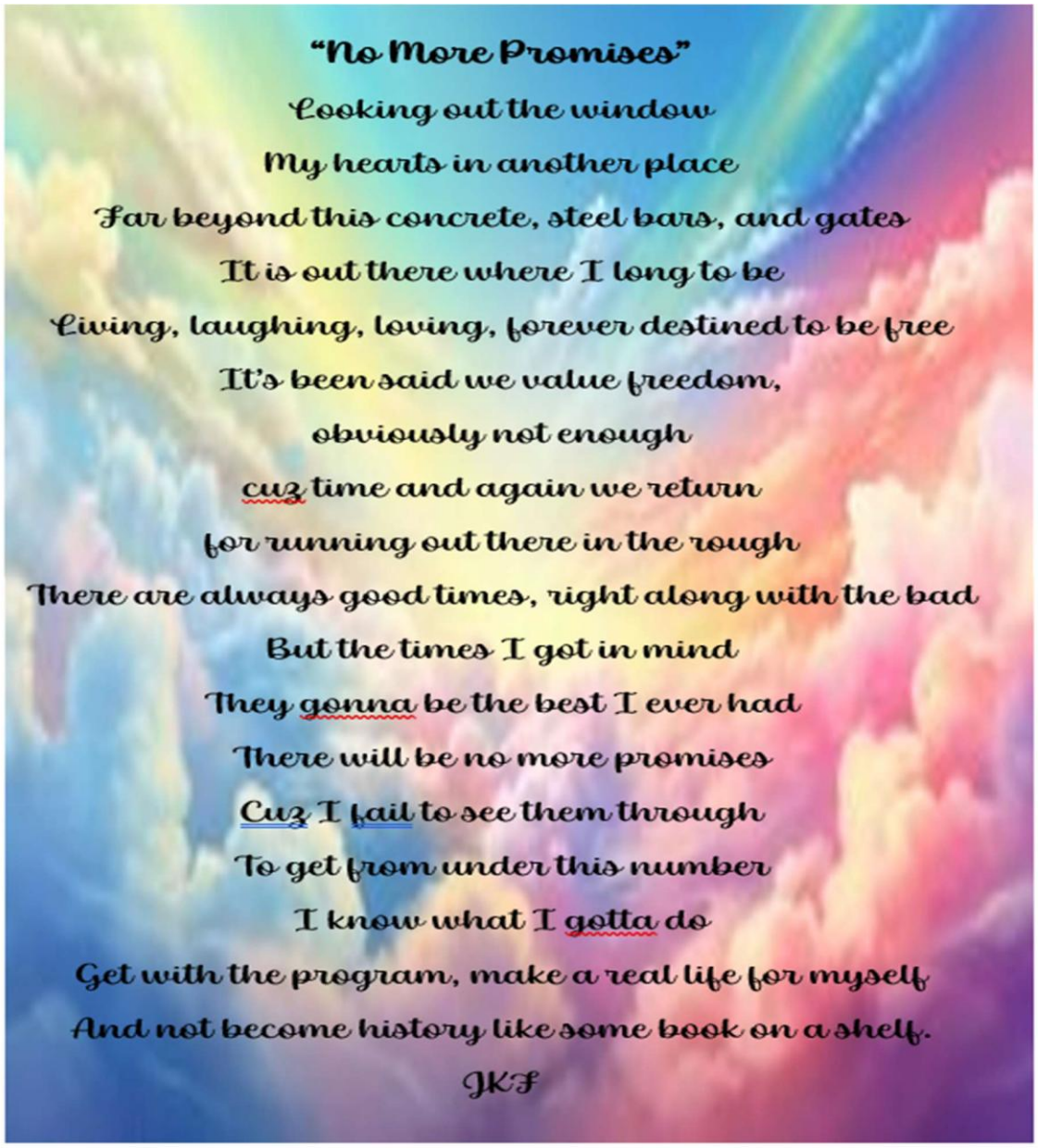
We are looking for original poetry, inspirational quotes and short stories from our community to feature in our brand-new weekly **AIC Writing Corner**. In PRCF's AIC newsletter!

One piece will be selected and published each week.

Items can be anonyms or with your name under your work.

Submission Guidelines:

- **What to send:** Original poems or short stories (keep stories under 500 words if possible.
- A copy of the work will be typed for the newsletter, and original items will be returned when submitted and approved.
- **How to submit:** Submit your items to **Ms. DeVore / Admin via communication.**
- **Deadline:** Submissions are open on a rolling basis but send your work by Thursday each week to be considered for the following week's newsletter.



PRAS run dates for 2027

Below is a listing of PRAS awards posting dates for 2027. The dates are determined by the 1st Thursday of the month, following the 1st Monday.

1/07/2027
2/04/2027
3/04/2027
4/08/2027
5/06/2027
6/10/2027
7/08/2027
8/05/2027
9/09/2027
10/07/2027
11/04/2027
12/09/2027

It is your Responsibility to keep track of your days worked and your monthly PRAS awards. If you have a question about your **PRAS**, please send an AIC communication to Institution Work Program Coordinator, Mr. Kennedy.

PHYSICAL PLANT JOB OPENINGS!!!

The Physical Plant has the following positions available:

Plumber

Please send an application to IWP Kennedy if interested
Experience preferred

On Sale and available starting Thursday 10/1/2026:

Holiday Card single for $3.03
OR
Buy 10 and get 2 free
12 ct for $30.30

(Reminder that the holiday cards do not count against your spending limit)



Send cards **out** to
Family and Friends.
ODOC cannot accept cardstock.

Thank you,

Commissary

Oregon Corrections Enterprises

Call Center Work Opportunity



learn a

The OCE Call Center provides AIC's with a unique opportunity to learn a marketable skill for when they return back to their communities. You'll learn valuable real-world skills that employers – like the companies that we call for – require in order to gain employment. You'll learn communication and sales skills, as well as learn how to use modern technology in a formal work environment.

Moreover, an AIC with 60 months left on his sentence can easily return home with $8,000-$10,000 in his pocket.

Apply by Application from your housing unit and send to IWP Kennedy. Make sure to check that you meet the Call Center criteria.

To qualify you need to meet the following criteria:

- Need 4 months of clear conduct – (program compliant, attitude/behavior and work history are included in the criteria checks)
- Cannot have any ID theft or fraud charges (some over 10 years are considered based on severity)
- Cannot be in any programs that would conflict with the Call Center work schedule
- Call Center experience is desired but not required

Telephone agents start at 11 PRAS points + a Team Goal Award PRAS match (Double PRAS) You will also be eligible to receive an added bonus from the private company that you work for. The work schedule is Monday – Friday 7:20am to 3:40pm

APPROVED AIC Haircuts

FADES:



SHAVED/BALD HEAD LONG HAIR SIMPLE BRAIDS SIMPLE DREADS









PROHIBITED HAIRCUTS/STYLES:

- HARD PARTS
- SHAVED DESIGNS
- MOHAWKS
- UNNATURAL STYLES (ANYTHING THAT BRINGS UNDUE ATTENTION)

RELIGIOUS APPROVED HAIRCUTS/STYLES ARE TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THE CHAPLAIN PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE RELIGIOUS HAIRCUT/STYLE.

POWDER RIVER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
CONTACT MENTOR CORNER

- The Contact Mentor roster has been updated and available for viewing in the AIC Newsletter. If you are interested in participating in the program and working with a Mentor, please send a communication to Ms. Hoopes, Contact Mentor Program Manager.
- Would you like to know more about AIC Council or have an idea that would benefit the AIC community? Talk to a member of AIC Council!
  - **Your current council members are as follows:**
  - **Lamberton 3 37**
  - **Pen 3 49**
  - **Fowler 3 29**
  - **Maldonado 1E-24**
  - **Hansen, M. 3 23**

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Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon Department of Corrections
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3723 Fairview Industrial Drive SE 200
Salem, OR 97302

New Year's Meal Update: Steaks Replaced with Half Chickens

As we approach the New Vear, we want to keep everyone informed about changes to the holiday meal tradition. Historically, steaks have been served as part of the New Vear's celebration for adults in custody. However, due to rising costs and budget constraints, it has become increasingly difficult to continue this tradition while staying within our allocated food budget. After careful consideration and feedback from both staff and the adults in custody population, the department has decided to make a change to this year's meal.

Instead of steaks, we will be serving half chicken for the New Vear's meal. This decision was made to ensure we can provide a festive and hearty meal while maintaining nutritional standards and staying within budget. The switch to half chicken allows us to offer a substantial entree that meets dietary needs and supports operational efficiency.

We understand that traditions are important, and changes can be disappointing. Please know that this adjustment was made thoughtfully, with input from kitchen teams and leadership, and with the goal of providing the best possible meal experience for everyone. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to celebrating the New Vear together with a meal that reflects both care and practicality.

As we welcome the New Vear, we hope the updated meal brings a sense of celebration and comfort to everyone. Our commitment remains to serve nourishing food and foster a positive holiday spirit throughout the facility.

Thank you,

Lz Acting Food Services Administrator
Operations Division

Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinics

It is that time again. Beginning in October, we'll be offering influenza (flu) and COVID vaccines to everyone. You will be approached by Health Services and asked if you would like a vaccine. We encourage you to say yes.

Both flu and COVID are highly contagious viruses that can lead to serious health issues. They spread through respiratory droplets and can be passed on even before symptoms appear. Vaccines work by making the body's immune system stronger and helping it to recognize and fight viruses. Vaccines reduce the risk of getting sick, and if you do get sick the symptoms are likely to be much milder and shorter in duration. Getting vaccinated helps to not spread flu or COVID to others.

The side effects of vaccines are usually mild, such as tiredness or a sore arm that generally last a day or two. Receiving a yearly vaccine is important, as protection wanes and viruses change over the course of a year, and so newer vaccines are needed to fight them. Getting vaccinated does not give you the illness, the vaccines use inactivated virus components to train your immune system safely. You can receive both flu and COVID vaccines at the same visit, but they will be given in two separate injections. Getting vaccinated is the single most effective way to avoid becoming sick from flu and COVID viruses.

If you have questions regarding vaccines, you are welcome to ask your health care provider.

WELCOME!

What is the Contact Mentor Program?

In 2016, the Oregon Department of Corrections partnered with the Norwegian Correctional System and AMEND from the University of California-San Francisco, to focus on ways to normalize and humanize our correctional culture. Currently, PRCF has approximately 30 Contact Mentors who meet formally and informally with AICs. During these sessions, Contact Mentors guide and motivate AICs to seek a positive change in their lives to find personal success.

What is the purpose of a Contact Mentor?

A Contact Mentors support AICs during their stay at Powder River. Working together, the Contact Mentor and the AIC can discuss ways to improve personal accountability, to develop and build communication skills, and to work collaboratively to emphasize the importance of setting and reinforcing boundaries, both now and in the future. Success only comes when you are willing to address those thinking barriers that keep you from moving forward in a positive manner. A Contact Mentor can be an important part of your personal progression by helping YOU implement the steps to set and accomplish goals that will help you solidify a workable plan for your future.

Our Contact Mentor Program uses a fluid approach to outreach. Upon request, AICs are assigned a primary Contact Mentor; however, AICS may communicate and work with all Contact Mentors as needs arise. A list of all PRCF Contact Mentors is posted on your unit and in the AIC Newsletter.

PRCF Contact Mentor Program Information:

Information regarding the Contact Mentor program is provided during A&O upon arrival to PRCF; and in the AIC Newsletter which can be found on the tablets. Please take time to read the AIC Newsletter as it provides continuous updates and pertinent information for AICS.

Multi-Purpose has an Activities, Transitions, and Contact Mentor bulletin board. Information regarding these programs will now be available for viewing on the applicable boards in the hallway across from the library.

PRCF Contact Mentor Program Contact:

If you have questions regarding the Contact Mentor Program or the Oregon Way, or would like to participate in the program, please feel free to send an AIC Communication to Ms. Hoopes-MPB 505.



Tablet and Scanned Mail Project Updates – October 2026



Tablet Deployment

- We are still preparing to issue every AIC a tablet.
- The timeline has moved back. We now expect tablets to arrive in late fall or early winter.
- The company making the tablets had delays because of shipping and world-wide resource problems.
- You do not need to do anything right now. We will share more updates as we get closer.
- After all the equipment is here, we will share the list of which facilities switch over first.

Scanned Mail

- Scanned mail will not start until after everyone gets a tablet and the system is working well.
- Until then, physical mail will stay the same.
- When we get closer, we will explain everything clearly so you and your friends and family know what to expect. They can follow the project updates online at https://engage.doc.oregon.gov/

What You Can Expect

- We will keep sharing updates in newsletters and on tablets.
- We will give plenty of notice before any changes happen to physical mail.

OSHA-10 CERTIFICATION COURSE

AICS MUST HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THE COURSE 10-20 HOURS

CLASS IS $59.00 PER AIC ONLY CHARGED IF NOT COMPLETED



To sign up – send a kite to Ms. Suing at PRCF.

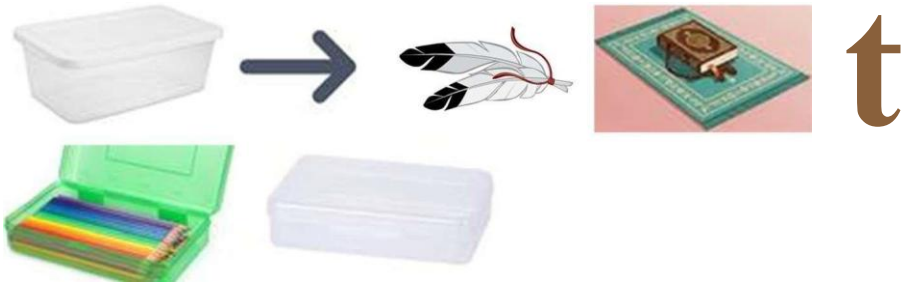
AIC Handbook. Section E. Bed Area.

10. The only articles permitted on the floor under your bed are shoes, 1 :Ritcher (bought off canteen), 1 one) authorized legal box containing only legal material, 1 TV box, and authorized medical items. Any accidental liquid spills will immediately be cleaned by the owner. These items will be neatly kept and any damages to these items or any other damage caused by these items is the fault and responsibility of the owner. Guitars and guitar cases must be stored at the head of the bed if you are on a top bunk or under the bed if you are on a bottom bunk.

AICs are allowed 1 Legal Box under their bed and not to be stored in their locker. There are only legal materials allowed in the Legal Box. We will allow more Legal Boxes if the AIC sends a request to the Security Manager asking permission to have additional legal boxes due to active legal cases.



AICs will **not** be able store the smaller storage boxes and religious boxes under their bunk but they can store them in lockers. Only religious items will be stored in the small religious tote/box as specified on the canteen sheet.



Shoes boxes are no longer allowed.



Yoga for Everybody

Come join our Yoga community!

Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm Deep stretching (yin) class

Yoga is a mindful practice of self-awareness.

Yoga can help calm the mind and reduce stress.
The physical practice builds strength and improves flexibility. Come try out one or both classes. Please submit a kyte addressed to Ms. Hoopes. We look forward to seeing you. No previous Yoga experience required

Laura Donahue - Yoga teacher



Thursday Yoga is now open for enrollment!

Ms. Donahue has the Saturday Yoga class on hold until further notice.
Thank you.

Magazine and Book Reviews by Mailrooms

Books and magazines that come through ODOC's mailrooms are each reviewed individually to determine if they meet the standards set forth in ODOC's mail rule, which can be found at OAR Chapter 291, Division 131 "MAIL (AIC)".

Under OAR 291-131-0037 8(b), "Vendors that repeatedly send prohibited content to adults in custody after multiple violation notices informing them of mail rule standards may be restricted."

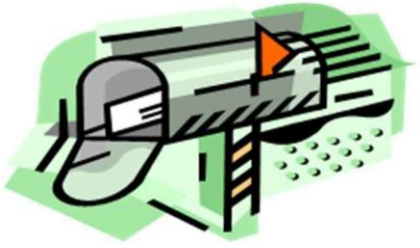
Currently, there are no magazine vendors prohibited based on this criterion. What this means is you can subscribe to any magazine you'd like, but each issue of the magazine will be reviewed as it arrives at the facility. If mailroom staff determine that a specific magazine issue violates the rule, it is marked in the system as "provisionally rejected" with the suspected violation noted for review by the mail rule central administrator. When magazine issues or books are provisionally rejected, they are held at each facility mailroom until the next steps of the review are taken. The central administrator will then either confirm the rejection or will disagree and the magazine issue will not be rejected. This is why a magazine issue may be ok one month, then the next issue rejected the next month.

There is an appeal process for these magazine issues or books that are provisionally rejected by the mailroom staff and confirmed for rejection by the central administrator. As written in the CD618A "Mail Violation Notice" the appeal is sent to ***the Functional Unit Manager at the facility where the violation notice was written***. This is the Superintendent at the facility, who likely has a designee responsible for mail. The Functional Unit Manager has the latitude to review the material and determine if they want to allow a magazine issue or book that violates the rule into *the facility they are responsible for.*

ODOC recently made changes to the mail rule to help mitigate the smuggling of drugs into facilities. ***The rules regarding pictorial or written content did not change, they are the same.***

Note: Magazines change over time. Every new editor may result in differences in the magazine content. When attempts are made to "find the line" of what's ok and what's not, when boundaries are pushed to find where that line is, eventually the line is crossed. There are some magazines which previously had content that did not cross the line, but lately they have pushed across the line with what they write or the pictures they print. When that happens, more individual issues of that magazine end up being rejected. People may assume the entire magazine publication is banned when it is not.

As a customer or potential customer of a magazine, you must determine if you want to spend money on magazines that seem to be rejected regularly.





NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	3	4 **Pastry Forms Passed Out**	5 **PRAS** **Payday** Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	6 A&O Class	7 **BINGO**
8 **Pastry Forms Deadline**	9 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	10	11	12 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	13 A&O Class	14
15	16 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	17	18	19 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	20 A&O Class	21
22	23 No Tickets	24	25	26 No Tickets	27 A&O Class	28
29	30 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm PASTRY DELIVERY	1	2	3 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	4 A&O Class	5

DECEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4 A&O Class	5 **BINGO**
6	7 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	8	9	10 **PRAS** **Payday** Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	11 A&O Class	12
13	14 **NO Tickets**	15	16	17 **NO Tickets**	18 A&O Class	19
20	21 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm .	22	23	24 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	25 A&O Class	26
27	28 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	29	30	31 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	1 A&O Class	2

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 AIC's 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 THE IWP COORDINATOR MR. KENNEDY

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. Robbins		
Lt. Gray		
Sgt. Crawford		
Sgt. Erickson		
Sgt. Delve		
Officer Chavez		**Administration**
Officer Easterday		
Officer Endersby		Mr. Folden—Physical Plant Manager
Officer Gonzalez		Mr. Thomas—Physical Plant
Officer Herrick		Ms. DeVore--Administration
Officer Hill		Ms. Geddes—Correctional Rehabilitation Mgr.
Officer Hollingsworth		Ms. Hoopes—Correctional Counselor
Officer Kisor		
Officer Leal		
Officer Lefever		
Officer Lopez		
Officer Spriet, S		
Officer Thompson		
Officer Willmarth		
Officer Bauman		

Financial Services

Informational Briefing

General Spending Account	• Primary spending account for AICs • Eligible deposits are received into this account ○ *Examples: Deposits received from friends/family, and PRAS* • AICs use the Request for Withdrawal of Funds form (CD28) to facilitate financial transactions from the General Spending Trust Account • Funds in this account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment
Protected Spending Reserve Account	• This is a spending account established for AICs who receive protected money ○ *Examples: disability benefits for veterans, moneys received from Native American or tribal government, railroad retirement benefits, OCE Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) Awards* • AICs use the green Request for Withdrawal of Funds from Protected Reserve form (CD28P) to facilitate financial transactions from the Protected Reserve Trust Account • Funds in the Protected Reserve Trust Account are protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment
Transitional Savings Account	• Established per SB844/ORS 423.105 as a means for AICs to save funds for release from ODOC custody • 5% of each eligible deposit is received into the AICs Transitional Savings Trust Account until the account reaches $500 • AICs may elect to transfer funds into this account by submitting a transfer request form (CD1832, *available electronically and in paper*) up to $500 • AICs may continue a 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond $500 if court-ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied • 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
General Savings Account	• Established as a means for AICs to save funds outside of the Transitional Savings Trust Account • AICs may elect to transfer funds into the General Savings Trust Account by submitting a transfer request form (CF1832, *available electronically and in paper*) • 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 • Funds in the General Savings Trust Account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment
Obligated Reserve Accounts	• 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 • AICs may receive deposits directly to one of these accounts from an external source • AICs must be approved to place funds into an Obligated Reserve Account • Funds in Obligated Reserve Accounts are deemed spent and therefore are not subject to debt/obligation collection or garnishment

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.



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.

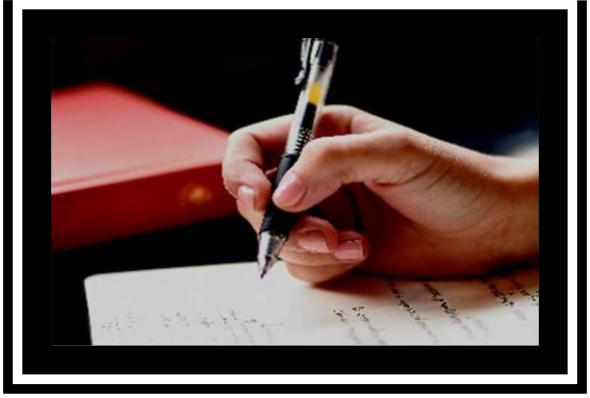
Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

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



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

From the Administrative Rules Program:

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 6/26/2026.

PROPOSED RULES:

291-171 Grievance Review System (Community Corrections)

- Amends rule to modernize terminology, clean up language, remove gendered terms, align procedures with current practice, and revise or eliminate outdated definitions. A key amendment also clarifies that "psychotropic medication" includes required lab monitoring, such as periodic blood tests.
- **Comment Period**: Comments must be received by the Rules Office before 12:00PM (noon) on 9/18/2026.

PERMANENT RULES:

291-048 Mental Health Special Housing

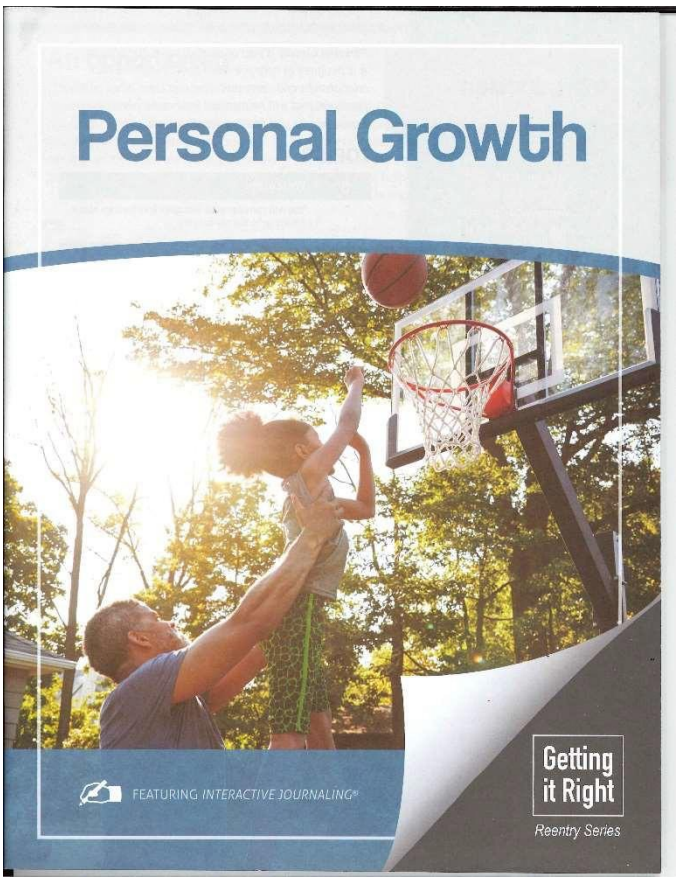
- Amends rule to clarify or improve consistency, remove gendered language, update and align definitions and processes with current therapeutic and operational practices, replace "inmate" with "adult in custody," and adopt a new rule establishing programming levels for Behavioral Health Units.
- **Effective**: 8/1/26

291-082 Assessment, Assignment, and Supervision of AICs for Work Assignments and Unfenced Minimum Housing

- Amends rule to update eligibility criteria for outside-the-perimeter work and lower-security housing, revise the definition of escape, and update and clarify classification criteria, terminology, and processes, along with general clean-up edits and removal of duplicative materials.
- **Effective**: 8/1/26

291-104 Classification

- Amends rule to update eligibility criteria for outside-the-perimeter work, revise the definition of escape and related custody thresholds, remove obsolete ICE-related overrides, and update classification criteria, terminology, and definitions. Also clarify the Classification Manager's role and refine key custody-classification processes.
- **Effective**: 8/1/26



- This 14-week course is designed to help you learn how to enhance your relationships, improve communication, manage difficult feelings and learn positive strategies to reinforce a confident community reentry.
- **YOU WILL EARN 1 PRAS POINT PER CLASS ATTENDED.**
- Class will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. You will be provided a workbook, have assigned homework, weekly journaling assignments and the opportunity to participate in group discussions. Consistent attendance, feedback/participation and respectful communication are **REQUIRED** for a successful course experience.
- **THIS COURSE IS FOR**
- **GENERAL POPULATION AICS WITH AN**
- **ACRS SCORE OF .30 & ABOVE.**
- Enrollment is limited to 12 participants. If you have questions OR wish to register for the course, please send an
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