



# News Release

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## Coffee Creek Correctional Facility participates in summer children's event

In partnership with the local Wilsonville Rotary Club, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility held its annual Through a Child's Eyes (TACE) event on July 11 and 12. This year, Governor Kate Brown attended the festivities on Saturday. She was able to speak with many mothers, children, and staff – and was impressed by what she witnessed.

TACE is an opportunity for women in custody and their children to spend the afternoon in a setting promoting family bonding and interaction. Mothers and their children come together in a setting that enables them to interact in a more relaxed and friendly environment. These families share a BBQ meal and participate in a variety of outdoor activities that encourage pro-social behaviors, while the mothers utilize the parenting skills they have learned during incarceration.



*Governor Kate Brown with a CCCF mother and her children.*

TACE has almost 200 volunteers including DOC staff, Rotarians, religious representatives, service-oriented business members, and dozens more who help with this unique program and make the weekend a success. The TACE event is open to minimum and medium-custody inmates who have at least six months clear conduct and have completed parenting education (or are enrolled in the classes).

CCCF is a multi-custody prison in Wilsonville accommodating all of Oregon's female inmates (approximately 1,260). The prison has cell and dormitory housing, inmate work programs, skills training, treatment programs, health services, religious services, physical plant, a central records unit, and administrative areas. CCCF participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises, including a contact center, auto CAD, and document scanning. In addition, CCCF houses the state's intake center, which provides intake and evaluation of all inmates committed to state custody by the courts. The intake center houses approximately 400 male inmates. CCCF's minimum facility opened in 2001, and the medium facility opened in 2002.

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