



Oregon Department of Corrections

Evaluating Oregon's Community Corrections Act

2023—2025

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The mission of the Oregon
Department of Corrections is
to promote public safety by
holding adults in custody and on
supervision accountable for their
actions and reducing the risk of
future criminal behavior.

FOREWORD

We are pleased to present the biennial Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) Evaluation of the Community Corrections Act . The purpose of this report, as listed in ORS 423.525(12), is to provide an evaluation of community corrections policy and assess the effectiveness of local revocation options. This biennium's report contains the most current data pertaining to adults on supervision in the community, including demographics, sanctions, and revocations; performance measures; and impacts of Oregon's Justice Reinvestment efforts such as Short-Term Transitional Leave expansion, Earned Discharge, and the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program. We are proud to say that all 36 counties contributed to this report and provided a diverse array of programs, case management strategies, and community partnerships that contribute to making Oregon a safer place to live. A history of strong partnerships between DOC and county community corrections agencies statewide has proven essential.

Oregon's Community Corrections Partnership Act was established in 1997 and is governed by ORS 423.505. The purpose of this act is to provide and promote the use of the most effective criminal sanctions necessary to promote public safety, administer punishment, and rehabilitate adults on supervision. Because community corrections in Oregon is a function of state government operated in partnership with local, county-operated community corrections agencies, this act also targets the enhancement of state and county partnerships. It encourages local control and a greater role for local governments and criminal justice systems in the planning and implementation of local public safety policies. We would like to thank our agency partners, without whom this report and the good work of supervision in Oregon's communities would not be possible.

We hope you find this report both engaging and educational. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Sanctions

WORK/RESTITUTION CENTER: Structured housing in which adults on supervision are allowed to leave for work or other approved activities.

JAIL: Secure custody, including sanction and SB 1145(1995) beds.

ELECTRONIC HOUSE ARREST: Adults on supervision spend most time at home with a small transmitter attached to wrist or ankle.

DAY REPORTING: Requires adults on supervision to report daily to a central location; may include curfew, community work, substance testing, alcohol/drug groups, cognitive restructuring, employment readiness, and education.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & WORK CREW: Adults on supervision are assigned to work for government or private non-profit agencies.

PRE-TRIAL SERVICES: Selection and supervised release of adults who are ordered to serve custody pre-trial to free up secure custody beds for higher risk adults on supervision.

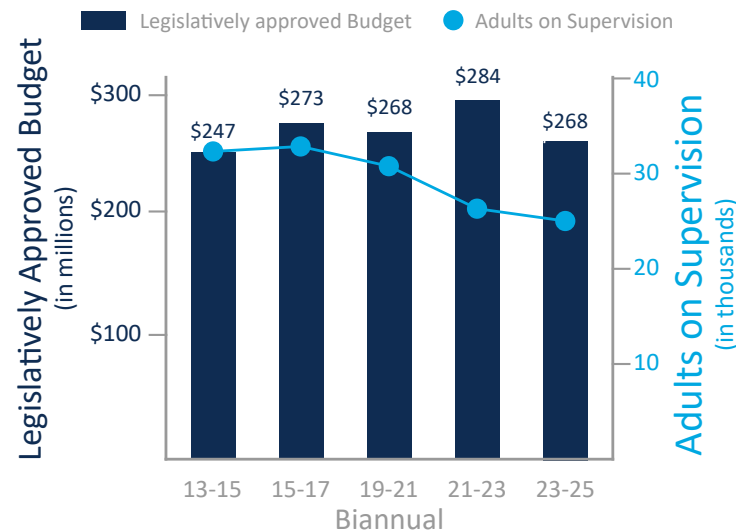
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

(A BALANCE OF SUPERVISION, SERVICES, AND SANCTIONS)

In Oregon, community corrections is comprised of a partnership between DOC and local community corrections agencies. This partnership provides a cost-effective means of holding adults on supervision accountable, changing their criminal behavior, and protecting the community.

Each component of community corrections—supervision, sanctions, and services—is an important part of holding adults on supervision accountable for their criminal behavior while protecting the community from future crime. Research shows this combined approach is consistent with evidence-based practices and significantly more cost-effective than relying on jails or prisons alone as a response to criminal behavior. Sanctions used by local community corrections agencies include electronic surveillance, community work crews, day reporting centers, residential work centers, and jail. In addition to using sanctions, local community corrections departments also secure services for adults on supervision such as alcohol/drug treatment, sex offender treatment, employment, education, and mental health services in order to meet the requirements of the courts or the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (BOPPPS).

Community Corrections Funding
(Budget vs Adults on Supervision)



Treatment and Services

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (OUTPATIENT & RESIDENTIAL): Group and individual treatment to address alcohol and drug issues. Ranges generally from 28 to 180 days.

MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT): A program providing individuals on supervision with medications to assist with substance abuse withdrawal.

DRUG COURT: A court-supervised diversion program for adults on supervision charged with drug offenses.

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT: Includes evaluations, general counseling, and services for adults on supervision who are experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition.

ANGER MANAGEMENT: A program delivered in a group setting that teaches methods to control anger in a productive manner.

BATTERER INTERVENTION: A program including education, paired with Supervision geared to prevent all forms of battering and increase victim safety.

COGNITIVE RESTRUCTURING: A program aimed to help individuals identify, challenge, and modify unhelpful ideas or behavioral patterns assisting in interrupting criminal thinking patterns.

SEX OFFENSE TREATMENT: Group and individual treatment to assist in providing behavior control methods to those on supervision for a sexual offense. Treatment is generally long in duration.

Other Services

EMPLOYMENT: Assist adults on supervision with obtaining and keeping jobs.

EDUCATION: Assist adults on supervision with obtaining Basic Education, or GED.

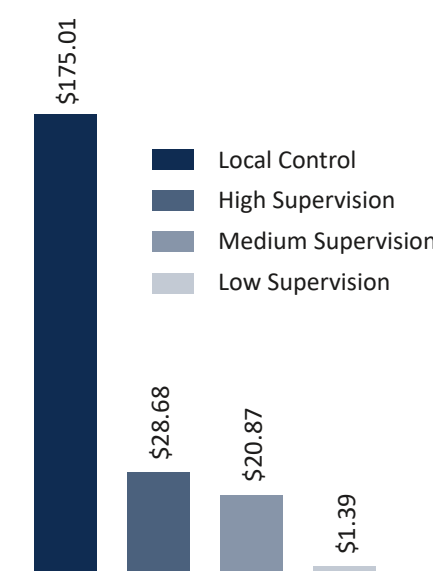
TRANSITION SERVICES: Services to assist adults on supervision with transitioning from incarceration or residential treatment to the community, including housing, treatment, and employment.

URINALYSIS: Testing for drugs and alcohol.

POLYGRAPH: Disclosure and ongoing testing of those on supervision for a sex crime to ensure compliance with conditions of supervision.

Parole and Probation Officer (PO) supervision practices are based on the level of risk adults on supervision pose to the community. The greatest efforts are concentrated on those determined to be at the highest risk to commit a new crime and those whose behavior and compliance with the orders of the court or BOPPPS is less than desirable. These populations have the highest amount of contact with POs, whether through scheduled office visits, home visits, or employment checks, as well as with other agencies, including law enforcement and social service programs. Adults on supervision are also subject to unannounced contacts, searches, and may be subject to geographical tracking (GPS), random substance testing, to include urinalysis for drug and alcohol use, or polygraph testing to monitor compliance with conditions of supervision. Contact becomes progressively less frequent as individual stability factors increase and overall risk to reoffend decreases. Together, evidence-based supervision, sanctions, and provision of appropriate services ensures effective accountability for adults on supervision, and a reduction in the likelihood they will commit new crimes.

Cost Per Day (2023–2025)



ANTABUSE SUPPORT: Subsidized assistance with the purchase of Antabuse—a drug to inhibit alcohol usage.

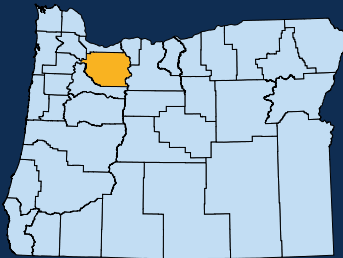
SUBSIDY: Financial assistance for adults on supervision in need of housing, food, transportation, work clothing, etc.

CRISIS AND TRANSITION HOUSING: Individual and group housing primarily for those released from prison or temporarily experiencing instability in living arrangements.



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Clackamas County



Mobile Stabilization Outreach Unit (MSOU)

AIDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON SUPERVISION, UNSHELTERED, AND SEEKING STABILIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

The Clackamas County Parole and Probation Division's Mobile Stabilization Outreach Unit (MSOU) is a program designed to work collaboratively with local service providers to meet individuals in their community, providing a unique blend of supervision and services to clients with complex needs.

Individuals on supervision in Clackamas County experience a wide range of issues that can become exasperated by homelessness, untreated mental health or substance abuse disorder, and a lack of access to resources or barriers that make compliance on supervision extremely challenging. As a response, MSOU was first launched in July 2023 at the Milwaukie Public Library. Utilizing the Library's community room, Clackamas County Parole and Probation Officers (PPOs) met with individuals on supervision to triage their needs and connect them to service providers who were present.

In 2024, MSOU has expanded to the cities of Canby and Sandy. Community partners include the Department of Human Services (DHS) who supports access to food assistance and health insurance; the non-profit organization Love One, who meets basic needs directly; Recovery Works NW and Parrott Creek for treatment and mentoring services; and the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), which supports our immigration population.

With the goal of increasing client engagement and compliance while reducing the use of warrants and arrests due to an individual's failure to report and other technical violations, MSOU expands the "office visit" to include neutral sites in the community where the AOS lives. Instead of relying on ever-changing referral lists and simply providing contact information for treatment and service providers, MSOU brings these partners to the meeting itself, immediately putting the client in contact with the services they need to stabilize and meet their legal obligations.

To illustrate the kind of impact MSOU can make, we want to share the story of an individual who experienced a mental health episode in 2020 when COVID caused the loss of their job in Canada. After crossing into the United States, this person was contacted by law enforcement due to reckless driving and a physical altercation. Following their arrest, the individual's declining mental health resulted in a placement at the Oregon State Hospital. Their situation was further complicated with the individual losing their identification, slipping into further despondency, and becoming referred to as a "Jon Doe".

County Spotlight Article Clackamas County



In 2021, the individual was eventually placed on probation in Clackamas County. However, they would remain homeless for the first two years of supervision, struggling with mental health issues and spending time in the local hospital or county jail. The individual initially provided very little personal information to their assigned PO, even declining support in the form of basic food and shelter.

With the startup of MSOU in July 2023, Parole and Probation staff were able to connect with the individual in the community, earning their trust and eventually learning their identity and story. Interacting with this person through MSOU sparked a groundswell of change, which included the acceptance of support and connection to the Mental Health Services Coordinator from the Parole and Probation Division.

In December 2023, MSOU was able to contact the individual's family, who had not known their whereabouts for the previous two years and thought they were deceased. Two months later, this individual was granted an early case closure in the form of Earned Discharge and provided support to travel from Portland back to Canada for reunification with their family.

This story is just one example of how MSOU truly meets people where they are at, creating new opportunities for our adults on supervision to gain access to the resources they need to be successful on supervision.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS POPULATIONS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

(PROFILE OF ADULTS ON SUPERVISION)

	January 2023	July 2023	January 2024	July 2024
Probation	10,797	11,157	11,157	11,240
Parole/Post-Prison Supervision	10,280	10,252	10,009	10,009
Transitional Leave	384	436	437	432
Local Control	227	244	243	261
Total Community Corrections Population	21,688	22,089	22,015	21,942



Probation: Supervision in the community under the jurisdiction of the court.

51%

Parole/Post-Prison Supervision: Supervision in the community and under the jurisdiction of the Board of Post-Prison Supervision (BPPPS) or the Local Supervisory Authority (LSA).

46%

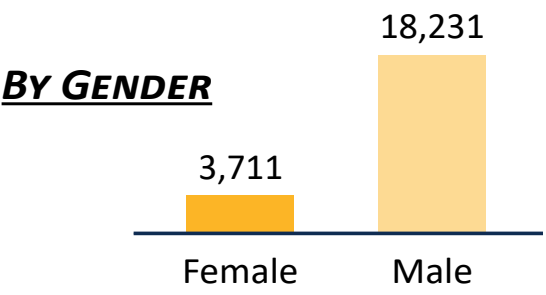
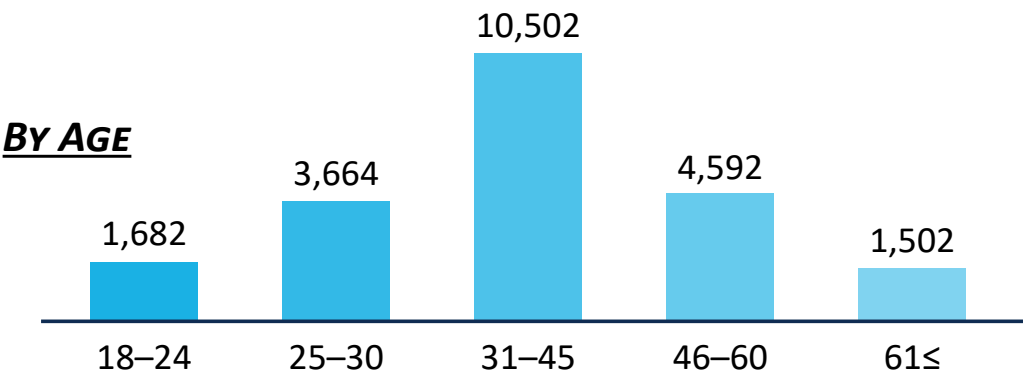
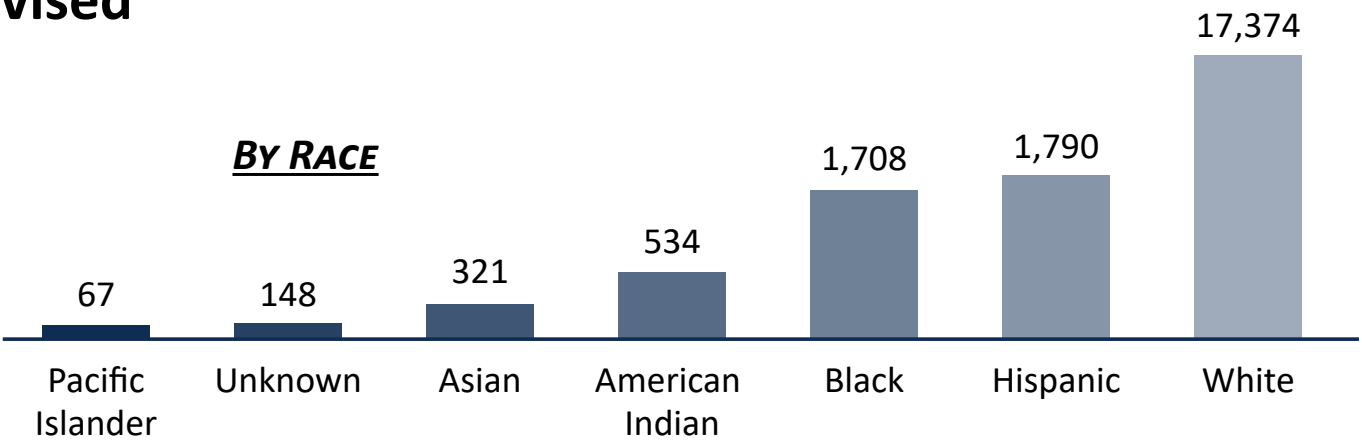
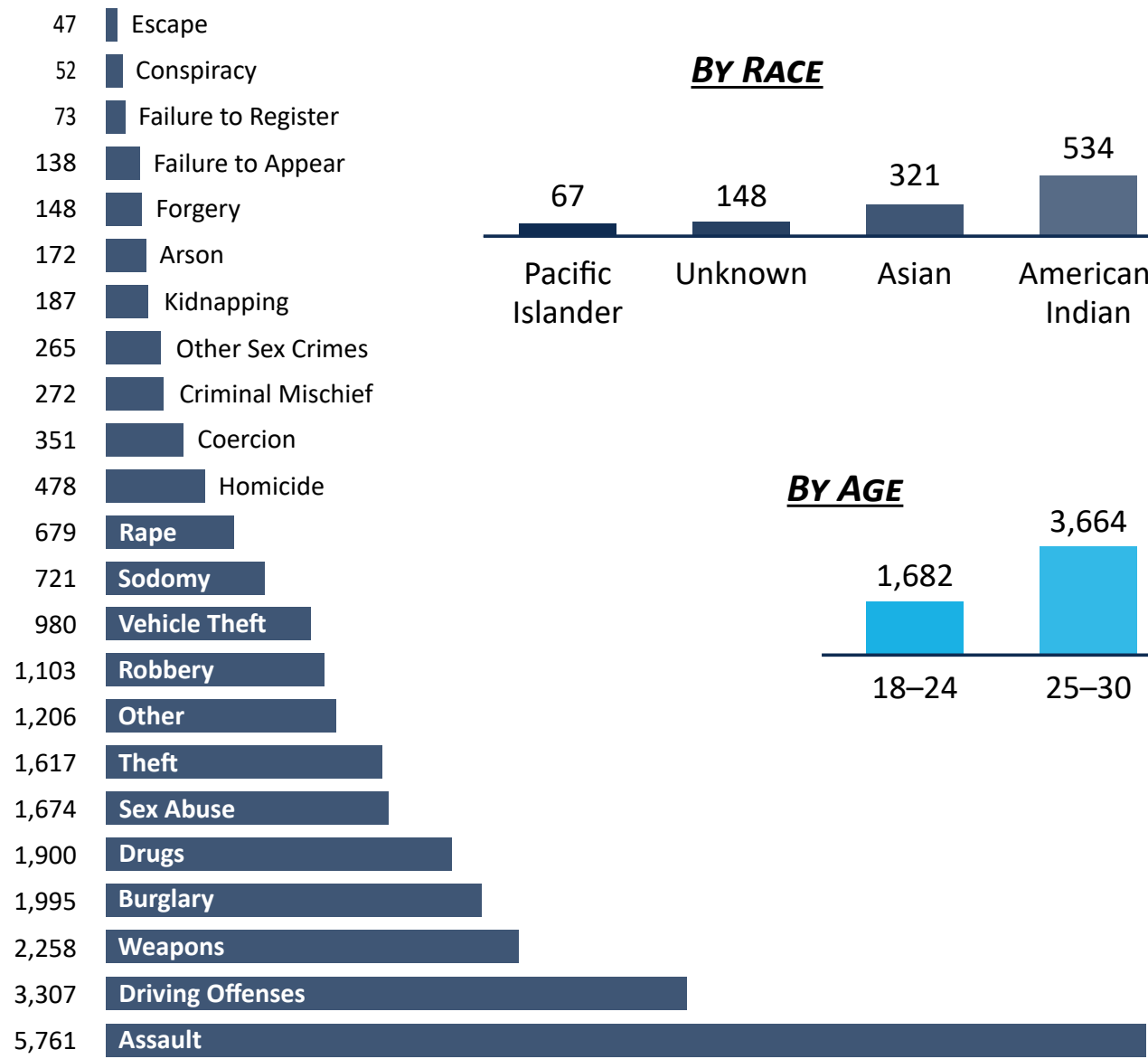
Transitional Leave: Supervision in the community for a period of 30 to 120 days while remaining under the jurisdiction of DOC, until they reach their earliest projected release date, at which time they move to Post-Prison Supervision.

2%

Local Control: Serving a custody sentence of 12 months or less for a new crime or revocation of supervision.

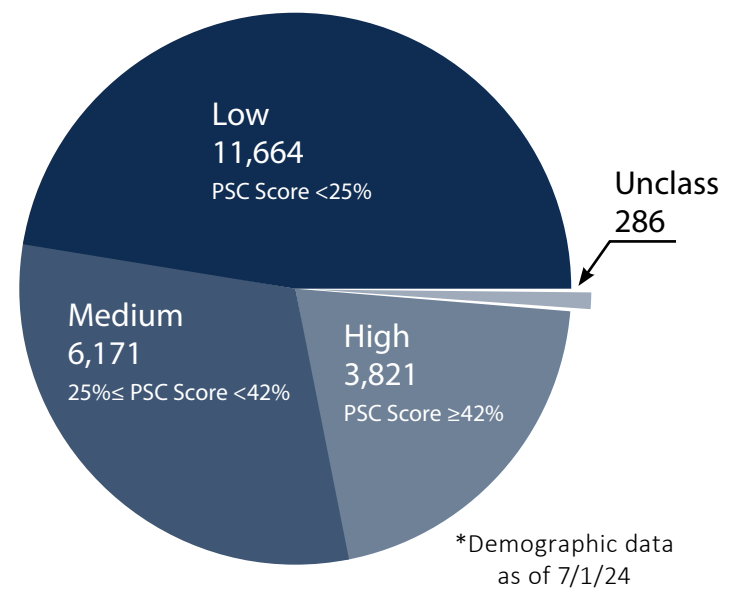
1%

Types of Cases Supervised



Risk to Re-offend

Community risk level is based on the Public Safety Checklist (PSC) score. The PSC is a static, automated risk assessment tool that was developed to predict the likelihood of a new felony conviction within three years of release from incarceration or imposition of probation. The PSC uses criminal history and demographic data to calculate a risk to recidivate score. Community corrections agencies in Oregon started using the PSC in 2012 as an initial triage tool and have identified appropriate cut-off scores to define low, medium, and high risk to recidivate populations. Low risk to recidivate is defined as a PSC score less than 25 percent. Medium risk to recidivate is defined as a PSC score greater than or equal to 25 percent and less than 42 percent. High risk to recidivate is defined as a PSC score greater than or equal to 42 percent. Historical data has been used to calculate the PSC score for those released from incarceration or sentenced to probation for the cohorts from 1998 to 2013.

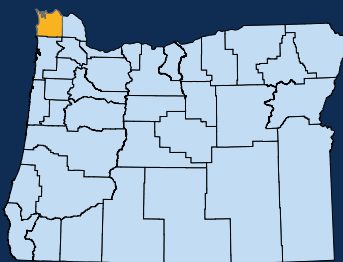




PO Dan Smith, Judge Kirk Wintermute, VSO Carl Wiley, Specialty Court Coordinator Darla Aho (Veteran's Treatment Court)

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Clatsop County



New Specialty Court in Clatsop County helps veterans navigate the criminal justice system

A team of advocates and advisers in Clatsop County recognized the high percentage of veterans in our community and implemented a Veteran's Treatment Court program to better serve this population. Clatsop County has a higher population of veterans per capita than many other counties around the state as it is home to Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center, Coast Guard Air Station Astoria, and Virtue at the Pointe Treatment Center (residential program for veterans). Parole and Probation Officer Dan Smith and Veteran Service Officer Carl Wiley were key players in getting this program off the ground. Being veterans themselves, Dan and Carl share a passion for serving this population and building a program relevant to the unique needs of veterans while understanding the complexity and aftermath of war.

Dan and Carl were part of the steering committee that began as a brainstorming session, which eventually led to the development of concrete action steps and full program development. Numerous Specialty Court Team members attended the All Rise Conference in Anaheim, CA in the summer of 2024 (including Carl and Dan), our team members attended many sessions relevant to the subject of veterans and the unique design of the Veteran's Treatment Court. We are also excited to announce that the Clatsop County Circuit Court secured a grant from CJC to fund a Specialty Court Coordinator, and the program has accepted their first participant. We are honored to serve those who have served our country and recognize the hard work of PO Dan Smith, VSO Carl Wiley, and other community members who have a heart for this population.

County Spotlight Article

Clatsop County



PO Heather Senquiz and PO Julie Johnson

Gender Responsive Program

In June of 2023, Clatsop County Community Corrections launched a work group to explore the possibilities and structure of a Gender Responsive caseload. This work group consisted of representatives from our partner agencies and community corrections staff. A large percentage of the representatives were also women that were formerly justice involved themselves. This was of great importance as these women had first-hand knowledge and experience, which was invaluable to the process. They navigated their own involvement in the justice system and came out, not only successful in their own lives, but are now helping others within the agencies they currently represent.

This group spent 6 months working on structure that addressed programing that would:

- Build group cohesion
- Provide opportunities to hear from other women in the community and gain insight into their journey and success.
- Provide structured incentives based on accomplishment and performance.
- Incorporate Cognitive Behavioral Interventions and support focused on the needs of women.
- Build bridges to community resources and navigation.
- Provide an environment that is inclusive serving nonbinary, gender non-conforming, transgender, and others that could benefit from this structure and programing.

In January 2024, we launched a specialized gender responsive caseload. Through this experience, we built valuable partnerships and learned much. We continue to explore methods and strategies to help offer avenues of success to Justice Involved Women to include:

- Twice monthly small group opportunities for women involved in this programing which employs the Pathways to Change model.
- Larger group activities in which we host an event that provides opportunities for interaction and learning. Women from our community (often formerly Justice Involved) are invited to present and help lead these interactive presentations on health, wellness, success, and how to have healthy fun.
- A structured incentive program that recognizes accomplishment including those big achievements as well as small wins.
- Emersion into the supports available within our community and assistance in navigating and accessing these resources.

County Spotlight Article

Clatsop County

JRP Downward Departure Program

Clatsop County recently started a Downward Departure Program to serve justice involved individuals on probation with suspended prison sentences. The program consists of a team of professionals within the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, including a Parole and Probation Deputy, Enforcement Division Sergeant, and two Enforcement Division Deputies. The Downward Departure Team was recently expanded with supplemental JRP funding, so we can better meet the needs of program participants while increasing engagement and accountability in the process.

The Downward Departure PO is building a strong balance of therapeutic rapport and accountability with each program participant through intensive supervision practices such as regular office/field contacts, risk assessment(s), and cognitive-behavioral interventions (Effective Practices in Community Supervision) as she works diligently to engage participants in treatment services (mental health and substance use disorder) and community-based support. The PO works in partnership with the Enforcement Division to increase the quantity of contacts for high risk/high need individuals, assist with program participant follow through, deliver swift and sure intervention when needed, and reduce the length of abscond time.

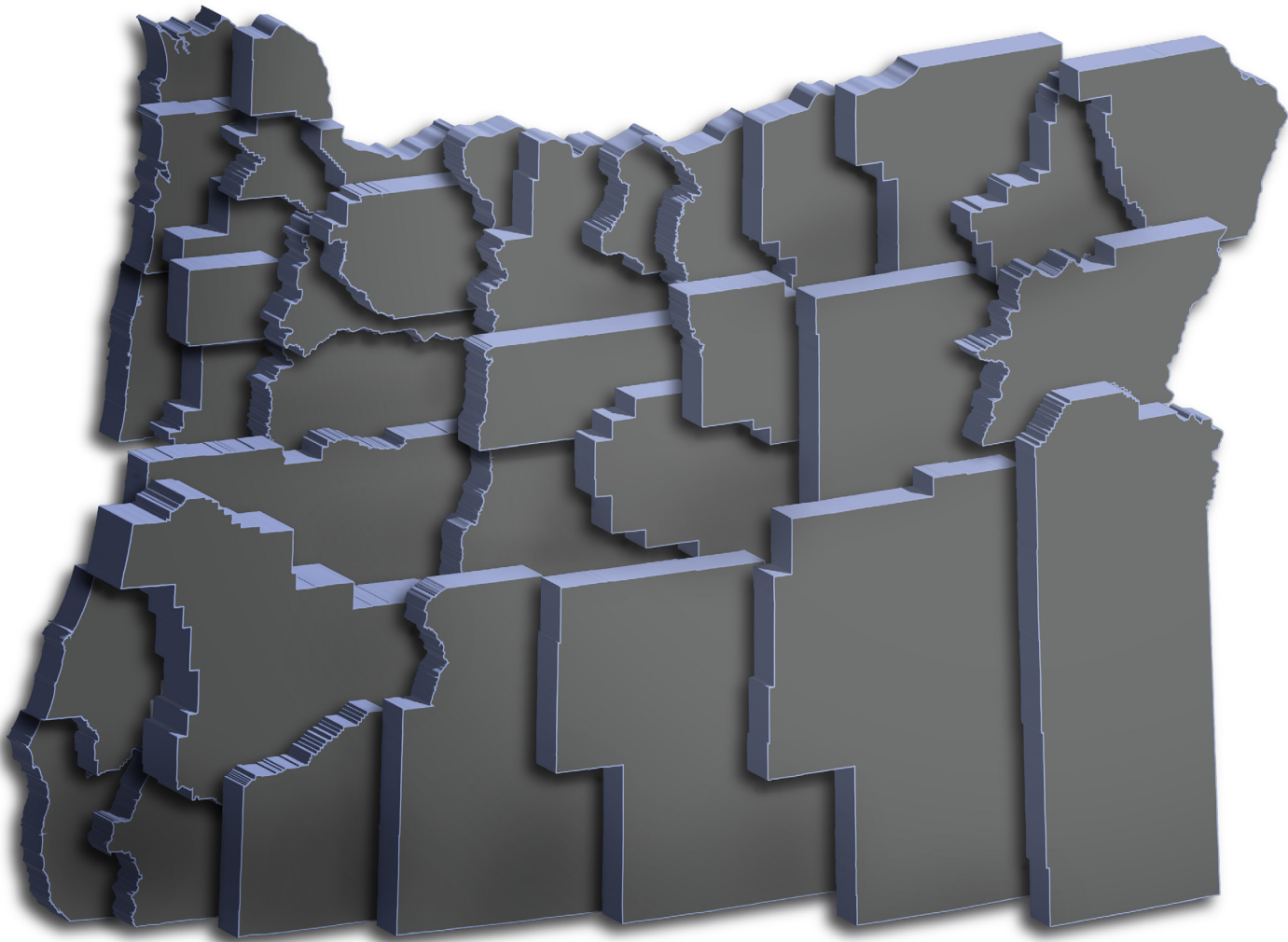
This team approach and collaboration with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Enforcement Division places emphasis on innovative, compassionate community policing by prioritizing program participant treatment engagement/re-engagement, follow through to appointments, mental health field contacts, and use of Motivational Interviewing to increase the quality of contact with law enforcement. Frontloading accountability, prioritizing treatment attendance (including medication assisted treatment), and keeping the highest risk individuals engaged in vital community resources aimed at long recovery will assist us with positively impacting lives and improving recidivism metrics for this population.



Deputy Joseph Fox and PO Melanie Davis (Downward Departure)

POPULATION OF ADULTS ON SUPERVISION BY COUNTY

Note: Data reflects population snapshots taken 7/1/2024 and includes those supervised out of state. Data varies by data entry practice. This should be taken into consideration when interpreting misdemeanor population counts.



Map Legend

- Felony
- Misdemeanor

Total

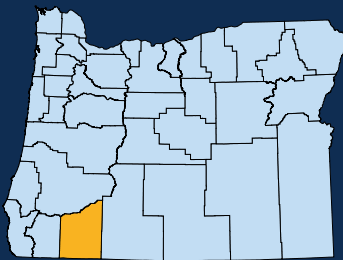
- 20,390
- 4,999





COUNTY SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Jackson County



Jail Release Resource Program (JRRP)

*DESIGNED TO HELP AICs BY CONNECTING THEM
WITH ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES
BEFORE THEIR RELEASE*

In Jackson County, a transformative program called the Jail Release Resource Program (JRRP) has been making significant strides in supporting Adults in Custody (AIC). Funded by the Justice Reinvestment Program and Opioid Settlement Dollars, JRRP is a pilot initiative designed to help AICs by connecting them with essential community resources before their release from the Jackson County Jail. The program is open to all AICs who are approaching their release date, whether or not they are under community supervision.

The JRRP is a product of a robust collaboration among several key organizations: the Jackson County Jail, Health and Human Services, Jackson County Community Justice, and numerous local providers. This partnership has created a network of support services aimed at addressing a wide range of needs for AICs. Through JRRP, upon release, individuals have access to medically assisted treatment, medication for opioid use disorder, substance use treatment, mental health counseling, housing assistance, and referrals to the Transition Center. Additional services include Oregon Health Plan sign-ups or reactivations, access to telephones, referrals to employment services, victim services, and provision of identification and clothing.

Community Justice Officers (CJOs) play a critical role in the JRRP. They conduct resource surveys with interested AICs while they are still in jail to determine their needs and preferences. Once these surveys are completed, CJOs reach out to relevant treatment and resource agencies to begin the process of connecting AICs with the

necessary support. This proactive approach often includes scheduling substance use disorder (SUD) assessments either during the individual's time in custody or shortly after their release, ensuring a smooth transition to treatment.

Additionally, CJOs provide referrals to community peers who can offer immediate support upon release. These peers assist AICs with a variety of needs, such as securing housing, obtaining additional treatment, applying for food stamps, and addressing other challenges identified while the individual was in custody. This peer support is instrumental in helping individuals reintegrate into the community and maintain their progress.

The JRRP's efforts are making a tangible difference. James A., a former AIC, shared his positive experience with the program: "My experience with the Community Justice Transition Center started while I was still in county jail. The program's reputation was impressive, and I heard many inmates speak highly of it. I reached out to Juan R., who responded quickly and came to meet with me. After our interview, my information was forwarded to the CJOs, and I was selected for the program. I also enrolled in the Pathfinders program, which has been incredibly beneficial for my self-help and rehabilitation. Overall, I've seen this program help many people get back on track and focus on improving their lives. It was a good start for me."

Dillon Robertson, a peer with the Pathfinder Network, also praised the JRRP: "My experience with the new Jail Release Resource Program has been fantastic! We receive consistent updates via email, which allows us to engage with potential participants and get them signed up for services while they are still incarcerated. This early engagement has been great for connecting them with resources and support through us. In my opinion, this program has been very effective, and we're grateful for the opportunities it provides."

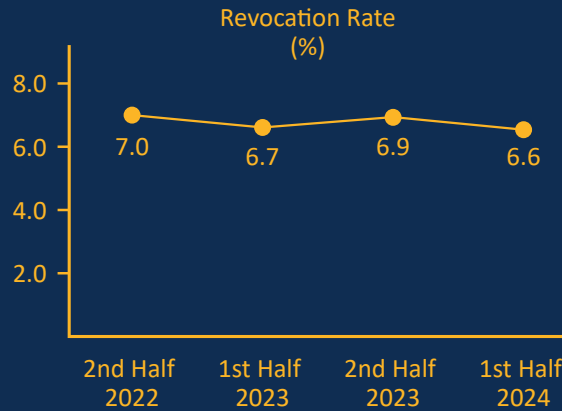
The JRRP's goal is clear: to equip AICs with the resources and support they need to succeed in the community, thereby reducing the likelihood of reoffending and contributing to the overall health, safety, and livability of Jackson County. By providing comprehensive services and fostering strong community connections, the program is making a positive impact on the lives of individuals and the broader community.



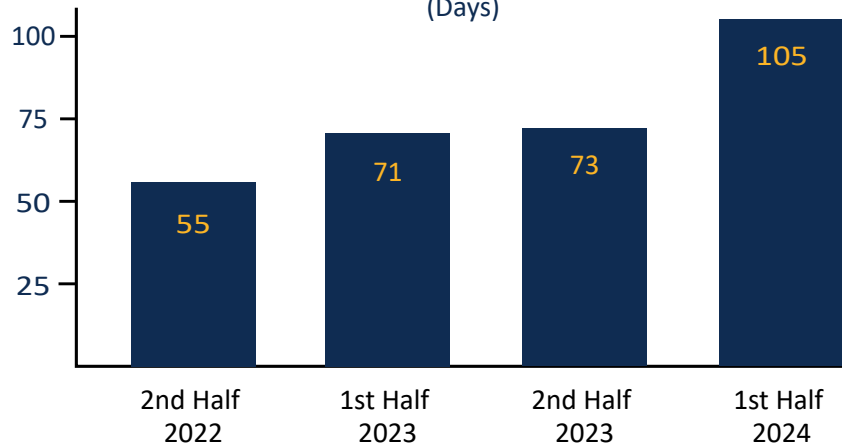
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Revocations

In Oregon, a revocation is defined as the termination of supervision for one of two reasons: (1) the result of violating behavior or (2) a determination by the sentencing court, Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, or local supervisory authority that the purposes of supervision are not being served. Using intermediate sanctioning, risk and need models that focus on problem-solving, and diversion strategies, community corrections agencies in Oregon are able to ensure only the highest risk adults on supervision are being revoked and re-incarcerated.



Average Length of Stay for Local Control Sentences
—New Crimes and Revocations—
(Days)



How Local Control Sentences Are Served (New Crimes and Revocations)

Served	1/1/23	7/1/23	1/1/24	7/1/24
Jail	95.6%	95.0%	94.2%	90.1%
Restricted Community	4.0%	2.9%	3.7%	3.9%
Community	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Criminal Justice Responses	.4%	1.2%	1.7%	1.6%

Restricted Community: Electronic home detention, restitution/work center, or inpatient substance abuse treatment.

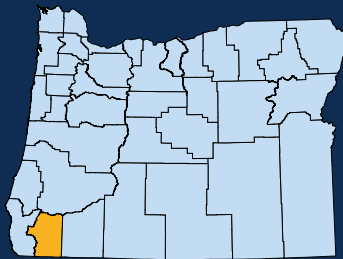
Community: Community service work, non-electronic house arrest, intensive supervision, or day reporting.

Other: Non-standard coding used. Unable to determine category.



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Josephine County



Drug Court

WHERE RESILIENCE TAKES ROOT



Josephine County Drug Court was established in 1996 through a joint effort of community partners seeking to break the cycle of substance abuse and criminal activity. The program is a highly effective treatment court that helps non-violent adults on supervision with a high risk of re-offense and high criminogenic needs recover from a substance use disorder. Since its inception, the largely grant-funded program has a proven track record with 498 graduates and a 63% success rate—a full 13% higher than the average drug court in Oregon. This is accomplished through widespread community collaboration that provides a minimum of one year of treatment, direct and frequent court oversight, and rigorous probation supervision.

A team of professionals oversees the participants and meets weekly to assess their progress. The team includes the Judge, Coordinator, Deputy District Attorney, Defense Attorney, Probation Officer, Police Officer, two Case Managers, a Peer Support Specialist, a Mental Health Provider, and a program Evaluator. By utilizing evidence-based, intensive outpatient therapy combined with wrap-around services, the program removes barriers and changes negative thinking patterns. During court hearings, the program incentivizes positive behaviors and sanctions non-compliance while modeling a recovery lifestyle through monthly activities, community support groups such as NA or AA, and an active Alumni Group.

The typical participant has a lengthy criminal history and a severe substance use disorder. Most participants represent an underserved and marginalized population that suffers from generational use and generational poverty, homelessness, unemployment, and untreated or undiagnosed medical, dental, and mental health needs. In stark contrast, program graduates create a new life free of drugs, alcohol, and gambling, have stable housing, employment, and general education, and many are reunited with their children or relatives.

In a community suffering from widespread substance use disorder, the program is changing lives by decreasing drug use, reducing recidivism, and increasing public safety. Josephine County Drug Court is where resilience takes root.

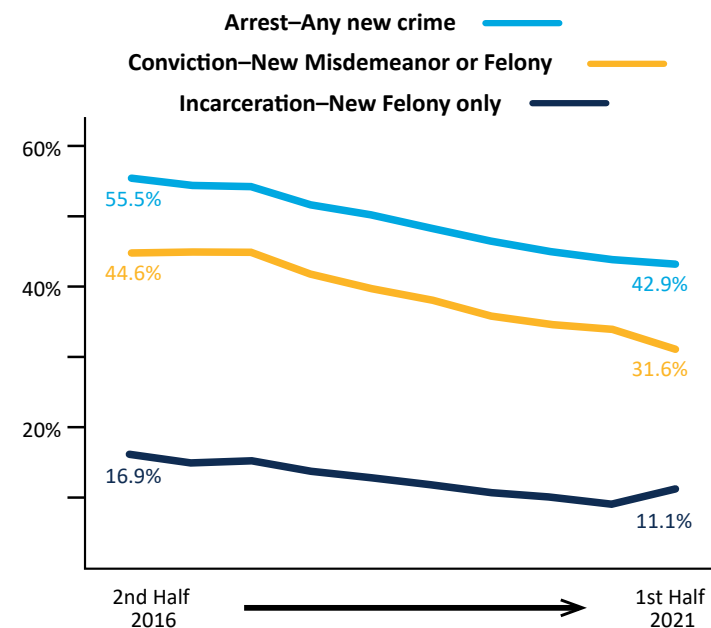
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Central to the work of community corrections is the ability to accurately measure outcomes related to adults on supervision. The primary outcome measure for consideration is recidivism, as the primary goal of any correctional system should be that no new crimes are committed while on supervision or upon completion of supervision. There are also several other correlating measures of great importance, including successful completion of supervision, payment of restitution, completion of community service work, participation in treatment, and employment.



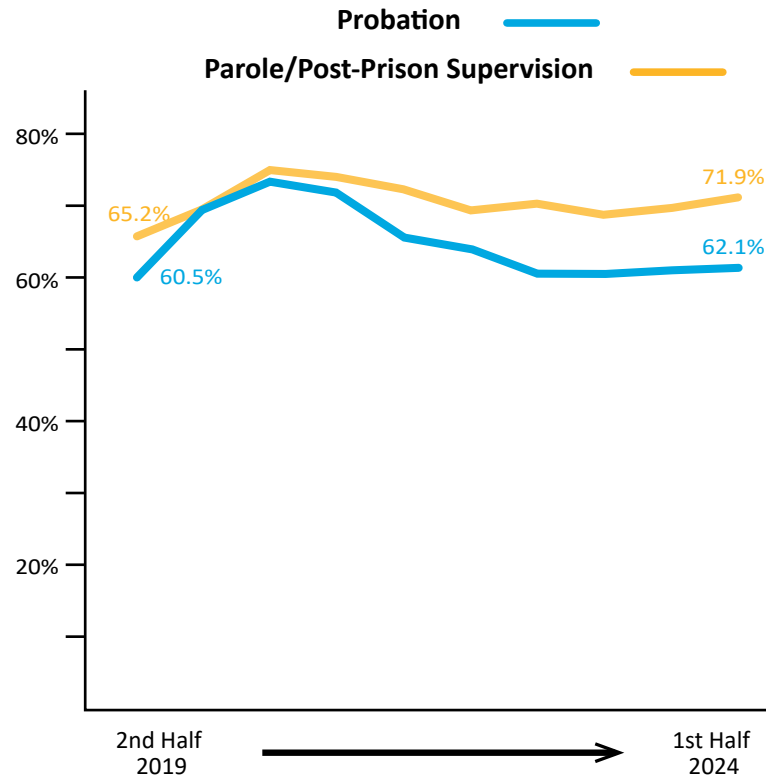
Recidivism:

Reduce recidivism as measured by arrest, conviction, or incarceration for a new crime within three years from initial admission to supervision. The most recent data available reflects those who began probation or released from jail/prison to supervision during the first half of 2021.



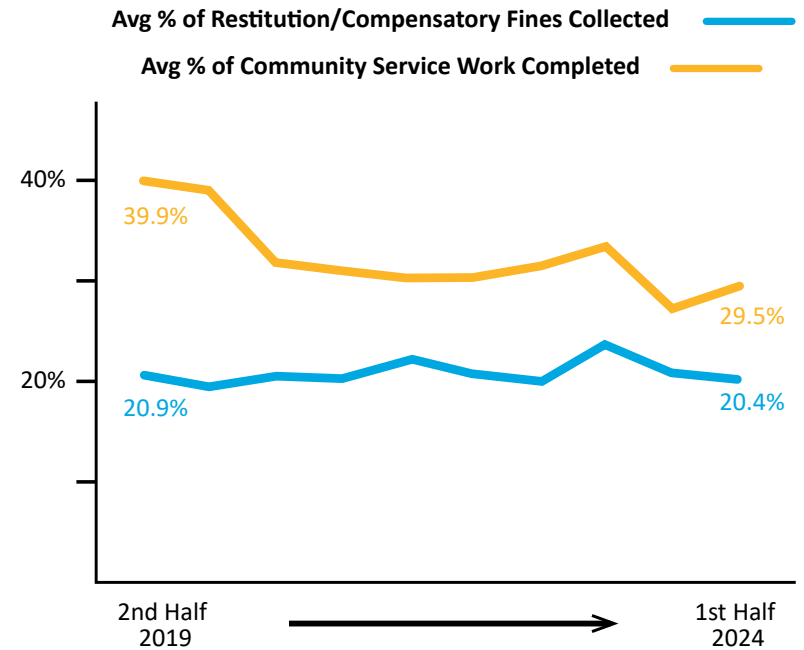
Successful Completion:

Increase the percentage of positive case closures for adults on supervision to include:



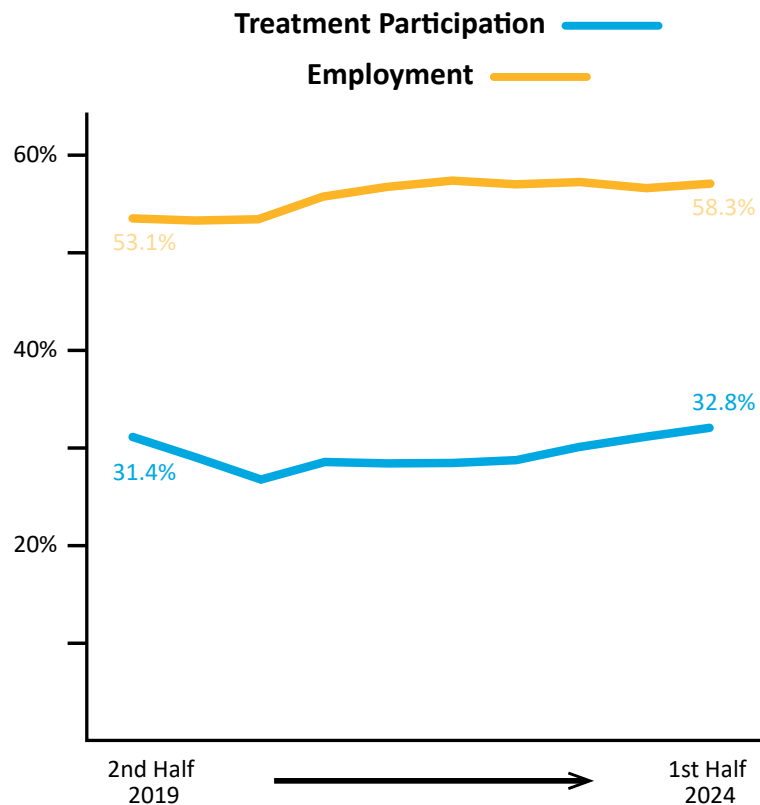
Restitution/Compensatory Fine Collection and Community Service Work Completion:

Increase the percentage of restitution/compensatory fines collected (owed to victims) and hours of community service provided by adults on supervision at the time of supervision completion.



Employment and Treatment Participation:

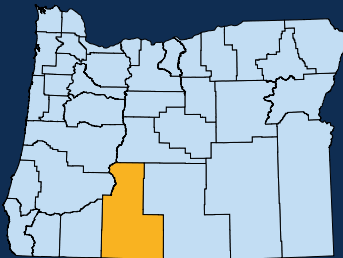
Increase the percentage of adults on supervision who are employed or those participating in treatment while on supervision.





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Klamath County



Project Turnkey

A GRANT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE DEFICIT OF EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

The Project's History

In 2020, the Oregon legislature approved \$65 million for Project Turnkey—a grant program to address the deficit of emergency shelter beds which had been even more severely impacted due to COVID-19 quarantines and the recent fire tragedies. The program, administrated by the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), focused on immediate and long-term housing needs by providing support for the acquisition, retrofitting, and potential operation of hotel and motel properties in wildfire-affected areas.

Klamath County was one of the approved counties invited to apply. The Department of Community Corrections, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, wrote a grant application to provide a community-based housing opportunity for

- fire affected families
- COVID-19 quarantines
- those experiencing a homelessness event
- justice-involved-individuals on community supervision

OCF approved Klamath's application—awarding \$1,700,000 for the acquisition and retrofitting of the Oregon 8 Motel and RV Park. The purchase was finalized in April 2021.

"When we quit thinking primarily about ourselves and our own self-preservation, we undergo a truly heroic transformation of consciousness."

Joseph Campbell

Housing

The Department of Community Corrections operates the 29 sober, supportive transitional housing units, partnering with Public Health and Klamath Basin Behavioral Health for some of the distribution.

The units designated to justice-involved-individuals (JIIs) on community supervision, provide a structured foundation for successful community reintegration. Safe affordable housing is a basic human need and integral to the framework for a life free of criminal behavior, substance abuse, and negative mental health outcomes. This housing aids in reintegration by managing negative behavior, supporting positive change, developing a good rental history, and promoting the goals of an addiction and criminal behavior free lifestyle.

A local RV Park is being retrofitted as a tiny home village for future housing opportunities.

Community Corrections Campus

Klamath County Community Corrections is one of the few in Oregon to offer in-house treatment services to JIIs on community supervision. This location serves as a second campus for the Home of Behavioral Education Reducing Oregon Criminality (BEDROC).

BEDROC offers:

- gender-specific, evidence-based programs
- victim family support
- cognitive therapy
- alcohol and drug counseling
- incentive-based learning
- education and employment assistance



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The Restorative Justice Center

Restorative justice focuses on repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior. It emphasizes individuals taking responsibility for their actions, making reparations, and working towards healing.

Following this model, the newly established RJC is a safe and respectful place for culturally responsive, trauma responsive services, and holistic healing.

Peer-based focus groups engage historically underserved populations and address topics such as equity, disparity, inequitable access, and gaps in services provided.

Local community partners provide outreach services including peer support, alcohol and drug treatment, and cognitive therapy.

The center is located behind the Homefront units in Klamath County, housed in the old motel recreational building.

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SHORT-TERM TRANSITIONAL LEAVE



2,526
STTL Releases

87%
Successful Completions

208,706
Prison Bed Days Saved

2,580
Jail Bed Days Used

Data Represents most recent 2 years

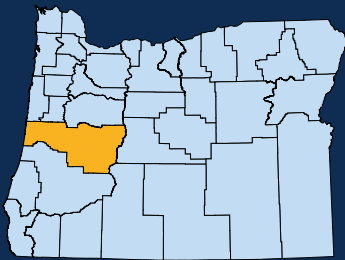
Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL) is a program designed to provide adults in custody (AIC) with transitional opportunities that promote successful reintegration into the community. STTL allows AICs to secure housing, find employment, and become engaged with treatment prior to beginning their post-prison supervision period. During transitional leave, participants are given an opportunity to become acquainted with their PO and to reintegrate with their support networks. These individuals are still under the jurisdiction of DOC while on STTL and may be returned to prison if they are found to be out of compliance with department rules or assigned release conditions. What is referred to as STTL today is an expanded version of the original program that provided eligible AICs an opportunity to release up to 30 days early. Passage of the Justice Reinvestment Act (HB 3194) in July 2013 resulted in expanding the amount of potential leave from 30 to 90 days. Due to the low rate of STTL failures, substantial cost savings to the State of Oregon, and the postponement of additional prison construction, the program was again expanded in 2018 to 120 days through the passage of House Bill 3078.

Eligible AICs who were sentenced prior to August 1, 2013, may receive up to 30 days of transitional leave; those sentenced on or after August 1, 2013, may receive up to 90 days; and those sentenced on or after January 1, 2018, may receive up to 120 days. Eligibility to participate in STTL is contingent upon a person's ability to meet the requirements of statute and administrative rule. STTL continues to have a high degree of success, with 87 percent of participants completing the program. Since its implementation, STTL has resulted in a large number of prison bed day savings and very few jail bed day additions. The program itself has been successful—a very low percentage of participants do not successfully complete this program. Recidivism rates are, in all cases, lower, if not significantly lower, for participants in STTL when compared to matched pairs who did not receive STTL. This speaks to the thoughtful work being done by DOC in partnership with the county community corrections agencies in identifying appropriate program participants.



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Lane County



Mental Health Unit (MHU) Team

*PERSONNEL, ASSESSMENT, OUTREACH, AND
PARTNERSHIPS*

Mental Health Team

Through the pandemic, clientele suffering from mental illness were among those impacted the hardest. So much so, to the degree possible, we added a mental health specialist as an additional resource for those suffering from mental illness. With COVID appearing further in our rearview, we are again ready to advance our efforts. This is a fertile environment to push the evidence-based envelope in addressing a major responsivity factor in reducing risk (recidivism) while improving the quality of life for many. Our strategy consists of a four-pronged, detailed approach: Personnel, Assessment, Outreach, and Partnerships.

We have identified our expanded Mental Health Unit (MHU) Team, consisting of three officers whose experience, temperaments, and interests are in line with the goals of this initiative. They have received specialized training and are regular participants in statewide networking efforts for those who supervise clients afflicted with mental health challenges. We have refined the process of considering the population to be served, and as with any evidence-based initiative, we know that validated assessment must rest at the foundation. First, we have developed a screening process at intake that effectively identifies those suffering from mental illness. Second, identifying those suffering from mental illness within our current population, we've developed a screening referral process to those specialized caseloads. Third, we collaborate with the Public Defender's office to connect with clients who are facing a probation sentence who have presented with mental health challenges during the court process. Finally, six months to release, we collaborate with social services (benefits) in the community and the Department of Corrections to ensure a seamless transition from prison to the community.

With the willingness to follow the research and evolve with evidence-based practices, our Mental Health Team is in the process of identifying needed resources and developing creative strategies to reduce barriers. We engage in outreach opportunities in the community at dates, times, and locations that reduce barriers to merely connecting with us. Monthly, we deliver services to clients at Catholic Community Services, in collaboration with our Health and Human Services partners. Our intent is not to be an enforcement presence in the community, but rather one that aims to invite our clients to engage. We intend to present a trauma-informed presence, minimizing any display of authority by wearing plain clothes, not displaying badges and other trauma-inducing equipment, etc.

Given the risk and need of the population we serve, every effort is made to fast track service deliverables in meeting a significant barrier in addressing criminality. We strive to meet clients where they are, reducing barriers, and providing quick access to services. To achieve this goal, we have developed partnerships in the community to support access to wrap-around services in areas such as medication accessibility, housing stability, and assistance with basic human needs. We've developed close partnerships with Lane County Behavioral Health, the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Developmental Disability Services, Department of Corrections, the Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Courts, and others to provide support to these clients.

We have witnessed significant positive impact to those we strive to serve. We are seeing individuals more frequently who have historically not reported, as they build trust with the team. Word is spreading with our trusted community partners, who are contacting us in different ways to engage in increased collaborations.

Dog Therapy

In April 2023, Lane County Parole & Probation started a Canine Therapy Program. Since its inception, it has served Lane Parole & Probation and other programs in Lane County. The Therapy Dogs have been deployed to multiple events that include loss, stress, and wellness, to include visiting an employee and the employee's family in the hospital. Agency staff receive weekly on-site visits from certified Therapy Dogs, which has proven to be an invaluable resource to assist our greatest resource (employees) who might be going through personal and professional stressors in their lives. This program also complements Lane County's existing wellness initiatives, which include a physical fitness program that integrates mindfulness and nervous system regulation techniques to combat oxidative stress, a Peer Support program and Chaplaincy resources.

The research in support of Therapy Dogs is overwhelming and has linked benefits to both mental and physical health. Mental health benefits include reductions in feelings



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of loneliness and anxiety. The simple act of petting a dog releases an autonomic relaxation response, causing a release of serotonin, prolactin, and oxytocin, all of which can play a part in elevating mood. Dogs can also provide an escape or happy distraction by keeping us in the present moment. They can also be a catalyst in therapy environments by breaking the ice on difficult topics and reducing initial resistance to engagement in the process. Noted physical health benefits include, but are not limited to, lowered blood pressure, improved cardiovascular health, reduces breathing rates associated with anxiety, and diminished physical pain resulting from the release of endorphins during interactions with the dog.

In April of 2024, the agency conducted an anonymous employee survey asking for program feedback. One of the questions asked was “How has the Canine Therapy Program benefited or not benefited you?” Responses include:

- Even if just for a few ear rubs or pets, I naturally feel calmer after seeing the dog.
- Most definitely a highlight of my week.
- It brings joy to the office, and I wouldn’t want this changed for anything.
- Benefited. They have been amazing and are always there when we need them the most.
- It helps me break away from all the things I see on paper and on my screen. Working with sensitive criminal activity information can take a toll on someone if they do not have a way to break their attention off it, even if it is for just a couple of minutes.
- Provides some stress relief and puts me in a better mood.
- Brings positivity to the workplace. Overall great addition

- I've had some stressful cases lately, and it's been great to go cuddle with a dog.
- On any given day, the presence of one of our Canine Therapy dogs has simply lifted my mood. Even if I'm having a great day, I love dogs, and they just add to the joy of my day.
- I find the canines to be calming when it's a stressful day.
- It boosts morale and breaks up the day!
- It almost makes the office feel a little more like home as well.

Another question posed was, "What do you like most and least about the program?"

Responses include:

- I have no complaints at all. I liked the dogs visiting, and it appears too good for everyone.
- Just having them here lifts the mood/feel of the workplace.
- I love having a safe place to go to simply calm my brain.
- I like seeing the smiles and joy that this program brings to our staff.
- I like everything about this program. Every time the dogs are here in the office, you can feel the shift in the office; folks are happier and more relaxed.
- I love seeing the dogs and seeing how much joy they bring others—there isn't anything I don't like about it.
- The way people react when you bring the dogs around, they take a break from stressful work stuff and get a minute to pet and love on the dogs.
- I absolutely love it when the dogs are here. Just brings a lightness to the office that is notably different on those days.
- I like seeing the dogs—they have a very calming presence. I have no complaints.

The only critical feedback received in the survey was a reference that we need to make the therapy dogs more available to staff.

Since its inception, Lane County Parole & Probation has assisted numerous Law Enforcement agencies across the United States and in Oregon in starting their Canine Therapy Programs. This program continues to be a resource for many of these departments.

The Lane County Canine Therapy Program has been a tremendous success. The program was recognized by the Lane County Board of Commissioners for the value that it has brought to the county in its first year of implementation.

In the future, we hope to expand the use of our Canine Therapy Program to those in our community to include individuals impacted by crime and clientele on community supervision suffering from trauma and other debilitating barriers to reform. The Canine Therapy Program has superbly met Lane County's established brand in improving the quality of life.

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EARNED DISCHARGE

Earned discharge, as established by HB 3194, allows for the termination of an adult's felony probation or local control post-prison supervision for compliance of their supervision. The maximum reduction earned may not exceed 50 percent of the period of supervision imposed and may not be used to shorten the period of supervision to less than six months. This provision became effective when rules were adopted in May 2014 and applies to anyone sentenced to felony probation or a local control sentence on or after August 1, 2013.

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2172, which expanded eligibility for earning a reduction in supervision to include persons on any type of supervision who are not serving a sentence for a disqualifying crime. House Bill 2172 applies only to sentences imposed on or after January 1, 2022. The Department of Corrections has since adopted rules required by House Bill 2172 related to the process for notification of eligibility for a reduction in supervision, as well as restitution payment standards for determining when a person is in compliance with the requirements for earning a reduction.

In the 2023 regular legislative session, Senate Bill 581 was passed expanding eligibility for reduction in supervision to individuals on post-prison supervision whose sentences were imposed before January 1, 2022, and directed the Department of Corrections to adopt a new rule requiring supervising officers to provide quarterly updates on an eligible person's progress toward earning a reduction in supervision. The bill also required rules related to the process for notification of eligibility for a sentence reduction applicable to sentences imposed before January 1, 2022, in addition to those imposed on or after January 1, 2022.

13,152 Earned Discharges

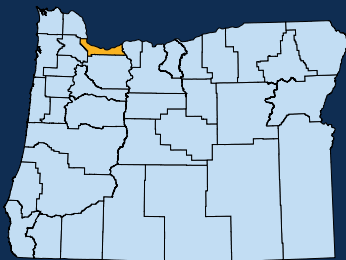
83% Adults on supervision with no new misdemeanor or felony convictions





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Multnomah County



DCJ's Stabilization & Readiness Program (SARP)

A DAY SHELTER, A KIND OF ONE-STOP SHOP WHOSE LOCATION OFFERS SAFETY AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO COUNTY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Until very recently, the basement of the Department of Community Justice's (DCJs) downtown Portland Mead Building facility wasn't much in the way of an inherently welcoming space.

But now, in the form of a 4-by-16-foot mounted wall mural depicting a daytime, outdoorsy scene, a source of sunshine and safe vibes warms this windowless area where community-supervised clients experiencing severe and persistent mental illness and/or houselessness attend the court-mandated Stabilization and Readiness Program (SARP).

Punctuating the mural's color and light is a motivating affirmation: "I'm Going to Make Me So Proud." And all of it was done with the input and artistry of the program's clients.

A Safe Space for Vulnerable Clients

Corrections Counselor Angela Christenson, a SARP lead, describes the program as a day shelter, a kind of one-stop shop whose location offers safety and close proximity to county and community resources.

"First and foremost, we are actively keeping them off of the streets during the daytime, providing a safe space to rest as a lot of our clients don't have stable housing or shelter at all in some cases. We feed them and in general provide dignifying care."

A crucial component of the mural project's positive impact, she said, is that SARP clients themselves played a large role in designing and painting the mural. In turn, they have developed more personal confidence and pro-social skills.

For Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson, both the mural and the establishment of stable funding for SARP in the County’s recently approved budget are sources of pride.

“(SARP) was one of the first visits I made when I was coming in as Chair in 2023,” she told attendees at the mural’s unveiling. “This program was something I was really proud to have voted to support when I was a County commissioner.”

Chair Vega Pederson said SARP helps address some of the biggest community challenges and needs, noting “this is a space where people can find respite, companionship, and learn skills and practices that are going to help them get ready for longer-term treatment and to be stable, healthy, and happy.”

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Collaboration on Design

For DCJ Program Communications Specialist Corie Michaels, the lead on the SARP mural, the goal of the project is to use art as a vehicle to improve outcomes for clients. It’s among the numerous evidence-based strategies DCJ employs to maximize resources and results, guided by a core belief that people can change.

Michaels, who does equity-minded graphic design and data visualization work for the department, has over 20 years’ experience painting murals for community projects and private clients.

The SARP project, which began in summer 2023, marked the first time Michaels collaborated directly with DCJ clients on a mural. Michaels and a College to County intern met with SARP participants, “and we asked what sorts of themes and images they would like to see on the wall. From those ideas, I created a design and transferred it onto the boards. Then we started painting together.”

Buy-in and Results

“When we’re doing group activities that involve art, that’s when everybody is going to come in and at least try it out,” Christenson said.

“One of the challenges in getting SARP clients to be involved in a group is their willingness to take a risk and to just do something, to start something. Through this experience, a lot of them have been able to overcome that. They’re more able to imagine something and make it real. It’s been incredible to see.”

Another corrections counselor, Valerie Madden, worked in SARP for six months, a time when the mural project was in progress. She saw increased motivation from clients.

“The idea of creating something is so powerful,” she said. “A lot of clients at the beginning were very intimidated by working on the mural because art is kind of seen as a professional space. But we’re down here to support them: ‘Try it out just a little. Try it!’ A lot of them did take it on, and they actually liked it and started doing other little art projects.”

Madden noted that numerous clients are shy, even timid, and that art is a great vessel for drawing them out of their shell: “I think sometimes it uncovers personalities that are kind of hidden when people are just surviving. And I think they actually start to feel true to themselves.”

One regular SARP client who contributed significantly to the mural shared that he grew up with an aptitude for art and that the mural project has reconnected him to his creative side. Disclosing his struggles with mental illness, he described the soothing effect of drawing and painting.

Of this client, Madden said, “Now he’s motivated to pursue this and that, like, ‘I can do something. I have something to give; I’ve created something,’ and that goes a long way.”

Working Together

In every group Michaels has worked with during her career, she has seen the therapeutic effects of painting.

“Visual art is self-expression, emotional release, and it is a vehicle of the ‘flow’ state,” she said. “A group mural project enables pro-social communication and teamwork.”

Instead of working individually, participants must work around and with each other to create one final piece. This process can build trust and relationships within a community like SARP.

“The beautification of the space is a bonus,” Michaels added.

Built to Last

Christenson and Madden hope to see another mural project at SARP and that their clients have continued making art since the current mural was completed.

“I think that it really kicked off an art culture in our little community down here,” Christenson said.

Madden said that with staff encouragement, two clients who had contributed to the mural decided to visit the Portland Art Museum. “They went on their own on a free admission day. They took pictures and showed them to us like, ‘I really like this piece! And look at this one!’”

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony Michaels said, “Murals are my favorite art form because they are big, bold, and for a community.”

“The mural we have created here at SARP will be hung here for as long as SARP remains in this space,” she told the client artists at the event. “You as participants should be so proud of what you have accomplished.”

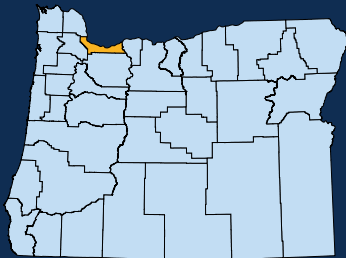


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DCJ's African American Program

PROVIDING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS FROM PRISON TO THE COMMUNITY

Three decades ago, efforts commenced to address the issue of African Americans in Multnomah County being over-represented in the criminal justice system and having higher rates of recidivism and parole revocation.

The fruit of these initial efforts, the Department of Community Justice's African American Program, is a proven success in providing culturally specific services to assist in the successful transition of African Americans from prison to the community.

Program Growth and Success

After several years of preliminary research, the African American Program launched in 1996 with two probation-parole officers and a single corrections counselor, servicing 140 male adults in custody.

Gradually, the program gained traction. Culturally specific community groups and serving providers got onboard and, recognizing a need, designed a component tailored to Black women in custody that began in 2003.

The criteria for a justice-involved individual's enrollment in the program includes having been convicted in Multnomah County; being scheduled for release in 12–18 months from a minimum- or medium-security institution, and voluntarily submitting a letter of interest in taking part.

Over the years, the growing success of the African American Program has led to more capacity and more clients. Some of the program's graduates started their own community



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outreach efforts in partnership. Other graduates even went to work for Multnomah County, serving in such roles as corrections counselor and clinical services specialist.

A major change came in 2016 with the incorporation of the H.E.A.T. (Habilitation, Empowerment, Accountability, and Therapy) curriculum for men. Two years later, the female-specific H.E.R. (Habilitation, Empowerment, and Recovery) curriculum began.

Data Proof of Program's Effectiveness

Today, the program's success as an evidence-based, trauma informed endeavor that inclusively leads with race is evident both anecdotally and by the data collected.

For example, the initial 1990s data that informed the program's original launch showed African-American offenders in Multnomah County re-offended at a rate of 31 percent; by contrast, in the most recent program data available, the recidivism rate of program graduates was just 5 percent. African-American males on active supervision in Multnomah County from 2013–2019 have an overall return to incarceration rate of 9.6 percent. Their counterparts that participated in the African American Program during that same period of time returned to incarceration at a rate of 5.8 percent; during the same period, African-American females returned to incarceration at a rate of 6.5 percent whereas females in the program returned to incarceration at a rate of 4 percent.

And on a personal level, the presence of program graduates within both community service providers and DCJ itself speaks to a high level of engagement and trust, helping new graduates stay connected and accountable as they make their way in a post-release world. All of this explains why in the most recent DCJ budget sent to the Multnomah County Budget Office for approval, additional funding in FY 2024–25 was requested for the African American Program even as a mandated 3 percent budget reduction was applied across DCJ as a whole. The objective of this request is to ensure that this innovative, effective program can grow and continue achieving successful outcomes in the community.

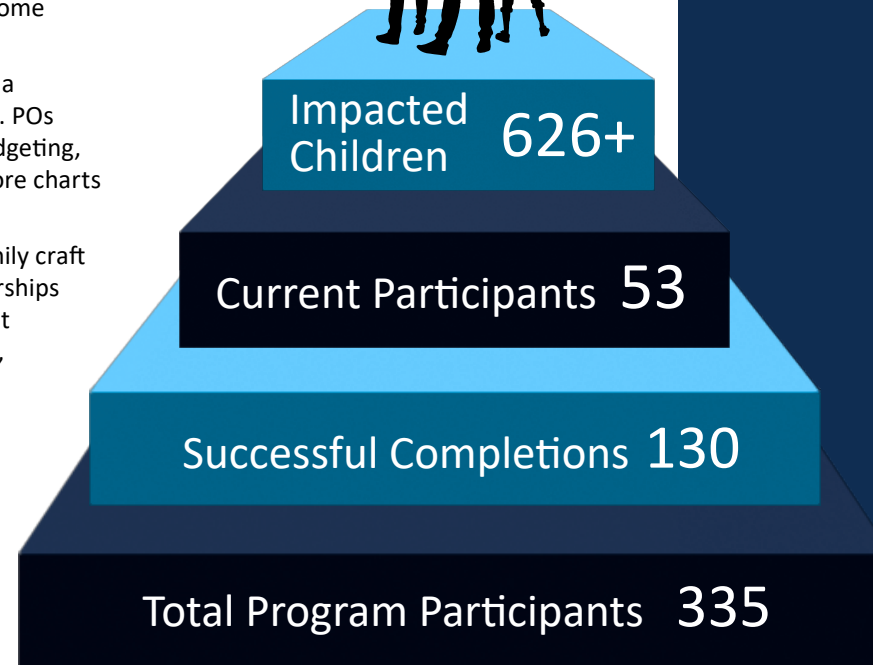
FAMILY SENTENCING ALTERNATIVE PILOT PROGRAM

House Bill 3503 (2015) established the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program (FSAPP) in partnership with a variety of stakeholders including DOC, the Department of Human Services, county community corrections agencies, and circuit courts. The five counties currently participating in the pilot are Columbia, Jackson, Marion, Multnomah, and Washington. FSAPP is a community-based program in which eligible non-violent primary parents facing prison sentences can be diverted from prison and continue their parenting responsibilities. This collaborative effort promotes the reunification of families, prevents children from entering the foster care system, and reduces the chances adults on supervision and their children will become involved in the criminal justice system in the future.

In addition to more intensive supervision, FSAPP participants receive a variety of services and support geared toward parenting and families. POs are actively engaged in skill building with parents in areas such as budgeting, cooking healthy meals, and the creation of reading schedules and chore charts for their children.

Adults on supervision and their children participate in interactive family craft nights, educational field trips, family hikes, and more. Several partnerships have also been developed between pilot counties and local non-profit organizations, resulting in access to cognitive restructuring programs, including Pathways to Change, and parenting programs such as Parenting Inside Out, Caring Dads, and Moving On.

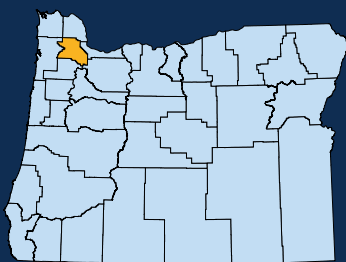
Some of the pilot counties have been able to establish transitional housing specifically for FSAPP mothers and their children. In July 2025, the FSAPP pilot program is scheduled to sunset; however current legislation has been proposed for the pilot sunset to be removed and the program to be ongoing.





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Washington County



Culturally Responsive Services

The Why

Over the past few decades, Washington County has nearly doubled in population; with individuals and families moving into the county from near and far. Over this time, Washington County has become more diversified, with citizens from different ethnic groups, cultures, identities, and religions all choosing to call Washington County home. As the county has changed over the years, it has become even more important for Washington County Community Corrections (WCCC) to better adapt supervision services to fulfill its mission to “promote behavior change to enhance community safety.”

From 2021 to 2023, approximately one out of three new adults on supervision within Washington County were people of color. During this same timeframe, department sanction data dashboards revealed that supervised adults of color were serving custody sanctions that were, on average, longer than those of adults on supervision who were not of color. As a result, addressing racial disparity became a significant priority for the department. While WCCC had historically established caseloads for monolingual Spanish-speaking clients and had implemented Gender Responsive Caseloads, it acknowledged a need to do more to ensure equitable treatment for all supervised adults of color in the community.

Culturally Responsive Caseloads

For a community corrections department to be truly client centered and provide trauma informed care, there should be supervision available to honor the differing life perspectives of individuals of color who may have been underserved or have unique barriers to completing supervision successfully in the community. In response to the recognition of the need to better serve Black adults on supervision, the Afrocentric Caseload was developed and launched in July of 2023 with the intention of providing culturally responsive supervision to this population. Washington County Community Corrections then took an additional step by creating a Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) caseload with a focus on first generation Hispanic Americans. Despite the specific focuses of each caseload, any adult of color on supervision can opt into culturally responsive supervision, except for those supervised for a sex crime or domestic violence conviction.

The combination of a probation officer of color, evidence-based supervision strategies, and culturally responsive community partners enables adults of color on supervision to be placed in a more collaborative situation where there is an opportunity to increase professional rapport earlier on in the supervision process. Culturally responsive probation officers are coached and encouraged to engage their clients in proactive, transparent conversations that are intended to decrease the chances of absconding behavior and recidivism. Further, culturally responsive probation officers are also coached to identify their own potential bias and apply creative responses to violations that both limit the use of the custody units or court appearances unless necessary. This approach aims to maintain professional rapport and stability factors while also minimizing the use of local custody beds.

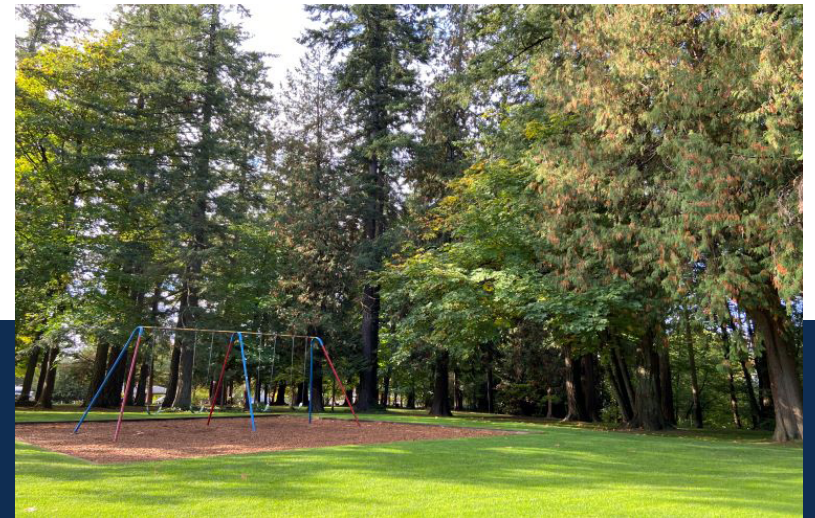
Culturally responsive supervision strategies are also enhanced through synergetic community partnerships with organizations that understand the importance of working with adults of color on supervision in a culturally responsive manner. Community partners such as Going Home II, Bridges to Change, and Instituto Latino have committed to improve the lives of those in the community for underserved populations and individuals of color and have welcomed the opportunity to work side by side with WCCC to improve outcomes for adults of color on supervision.

Beyond Culturally Responsive Caseloads

WCCC has also embraced the opportunity to adapt in response to an ever-changing community by following the lead of the Washington Board of County Commissioners, who adopted the Washington County Equity Resolution in 2020 and developed an infrastructure to identify and eliminate systemic barriers for those served. This has included ongoing participation in county-wide meetings such as the Equity Leadership Council, Land Acknowledgment Workgroup, Racial Bias Crimes Multidisciplinary Team, and the Civil Rights Compliance Committee. Regular participation in these county meetings has allowed WCCC to ensure compliance with laws such as the Title VI Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In the area of language equity, WCCC has continued to adhere to the county Language Access Plan to ensure that community corrections employees, clients, and victims have access to the necessary interpreters and essential document translation needed to promote success for those who face language barriers. It is critical for adults on supervision to clearly understand conditions of supervision, documents that they sign, and the general activities of formal supervision if they are to ultimately be successful. With easy access to interpreting services and proven processes for translation of vital documents into local Safe Harbor Languages, WCCC is fully prepared to address language barriers for all.

Within WCCC, the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) Committee meets on a regular basis to generate creative ideas and approaches for raising staff awareness and engagement in meaningful conversations around EDIA topics. Aided by the Reconstructing DEI Workbook by Lily Zheng, the internal EDIA Committee has specifically looked at group exercises to help stimulate healthy and productive DEIA conversations in team meetings across WCCC. By routinely discussing the critical topics throughout the department, the aim is to not only provide better community supervision services on culturally responsive caseloads but across all caseloads. Washington County is committed to assessing and addressing barriers to promote a safe and equitable community for all.

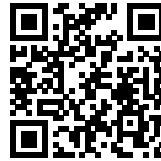


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INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION




*Documentary trailer and
full-length production*



THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULTS ON SUPERVISION regulates the movement and transfer of community supervision between states. Additionally, it ensures timely notification to victims in jurisdictions where adults on supervision are authorized to travel and relocate.

ORS 144.600 and OAR 291–180 govern the Compact in Oregon and require that all courts and executive agencies enforce its rules and take all necessary actions to effectuate its purposes. At the state level, the Compact, as it's known, is administered by the Oregon Interstate Compact Office, a functional unit of the Community Corrections Division of DOC.

The Interstate Commission for Adult Supervision (Commission) is a quasi-governmental administrative body created by the ICAOS to oversee operations of the Compact nationally, enforce its provisions on the member states, and resolve any disputes that may arise between states. The Commission is represented by all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As a member state, Oregon receives yearly audits conducted by the Commission to ensure its compliance with the national standards. ICAOS with the support of NCIC produced a documentary giving a glimpse into the important work being done by the Commission.

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Oregon adults on supervision who are supervised in other states.

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Adults on supervision supervised in Oregon for other states.

Executive Chair Award:

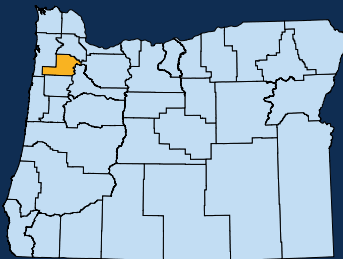
Jeremiah Stromberg (OR), Commissioner

During the 2023 ICAOS annual business meeting in Norfolk, VA, Oregon's Commissioner Jeremiah Stromberg was awarded the Executive Chair award. The Executive Chair award is presented to a commissioner who makes essential and lasting contributions to the Commission. The individuals recognized through this award embody qualities of leadership, service, and commitment. They inspire us and lift the Commission through their efforts. Commissioner Stromberg has proven himself as an active and influential leader, having served as the former Commission Chair for four years and a member of the Executive Committee for nine years. Jeremiah is a dedicated supporter of growth, principled change, and public safety, which demonstrates his commitment to the Interstate Compact and the field of corrections.



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Yamhill County



Gender-Responsive Caseload

"Being gender responsive means creating an environment through site selection, staff selection, program development, content, material that reflects an understanding of the lives of women and girls and responds to their strength and challenges."

Covington & Bloom, 2003

Starting Small but Strong at Yamhill County Department of Community Justice (YCDCJ)...

With the support of our department leadership team, a Gender-Responsive caseload was formed at YCDCJ in January of 2023. Utilizing vacant space at our department's Day Management Center, a meeting space was created separate from the corrections annex where the clients served on this caseload can come to feel safe and supported while they work with their parole/probation officer.





County Spotlight Article Yamhill County

At the Day Management Center, we were able to create a meeting space for adults on supervision and their children, with plenty of natural light, soft furnishings, and inspiring décor to promote comfort and safety. The restroom is filled with inspiring décor. Hygiene items are available and accessible. Adults on supervision have ease of the kitchen to grab coffee, soda, water, or a snack.

We have also started a clothing closet that is supported by donations from community members and is maintained by clients who need to complete community service or choose to volunteer their time. It provides a much-needed clothing resource for individuals of all genders who need clothing when they are released from prison, for job interviews, or as an incentive to help them build self-confidence.

More recently, in spring 2024, the idea came forth to start a gardening project. The idea was inspired by our interests of adults on supervision in growing and enjoying flowers. With the support of the Community Justice Management Team, County Maintenance, County Public Works, this project has come to fruition.

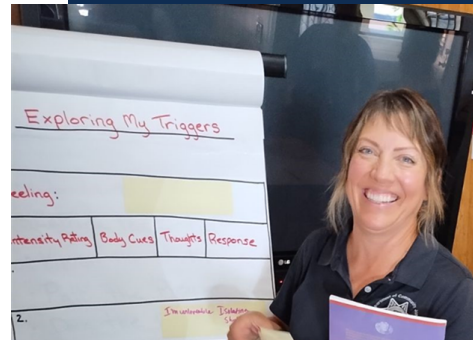
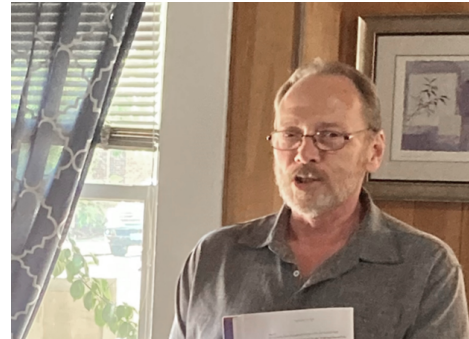
Justice involved individuals like Sarah S. (pictured left) have been able to complete community service work while beautifying the area around the Day Management Center. They are learning valuable skills, feeling productive, and participating in restorative justice through their community service work.

Meet Our Staff

Pam Ramsey and Gary Heard have teamed up to provide Gender Responsive services to the women served on this caseload. Both Pam and Gary are dedicated to the delivery of evidence-based services to achieve better outcomes for female corrections clients.

Gary is the main facilitator of the Moving On women's cognitive group. Gary has 25 years of experience delivering cognitive-behavioral programming in corrections settings. His passion is for working with the female population to help them overcome gender-specific responsivity factors. He helps them see it is possible to have healthy, respectful interactions with a person of the opposite gender. There is great value in this modeling these qualities for those we supervise.

Parole and Probation Officer Pam Ramsey co-facilitates group and supervises individuals participating in the gender-responsive caseload. Each adult on supervision is interviewed utilizing the Women's Risk and Needs Assessment to develop case plans, and individual casework is done utilizing Pathways to Change interventions. Pam's approach to supervision is strength-based, relational, and trauma informed. Both Pam and Gary's mission is to help female clients discover their value and self-worth so they are able to attain safety and wellness.



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Client Impact

How have you been impacted by this approach to supervision?

“When I started seeing Pam Ramsey, my first impression was a surprising level of kindness and understanding. She struck me as the kind of individual who is adept at working with people who are struggling and works to make herself approachable. I have found it very helpful to have a resource that I can reach out to without anxiety or hesitation, and her dedication to her clients has been incredibly helpful.

I met Gary Heard from Moving On during an extremely foreign/difficult period in my life, and he helped me realize that asking for help and struggling was okay but remained encouraging and respectful through every class. His input and advice has helped me grow and understand myself more than I ever expected.”

—Julie N.

“I’d like to start with thanking Pam for her way of approaching me and making me feel safe and comfortable. If there’s a problem I am dealing with I let her know and she helps guide me through it or gives me advice on how to handle it. Her tone of voice is very soft, which makes me feel at ease. Overall, I think Pam is great at what she does and as a person.”

—Citlali L.

“Pam’s approach to supervision has had a significant positive impact on me in several ways. Firstly, her supportive and empowering style has helped me feel more confident in my abilities. Her feedback and guidance have helped me grow as an individual.

Additionally, Pam’s emphasis on self-care and work-life balance has been incredibly beneficial for me. She encourages me to prioritize my own well-being and set boundaries.

In the Moving On group, Pam and Gary’s leadership have created a warm and welcoming environment where I feel safe to share my experience and support others within the group. Their compassionate and non-judgmental approach has helped me feel comfortable opening up and exploring my own feelings and experiences.

Overall, I am grateful for Pam’s supervision and guidance. I look forward to her continued support on my journey.”

—Kelly B.

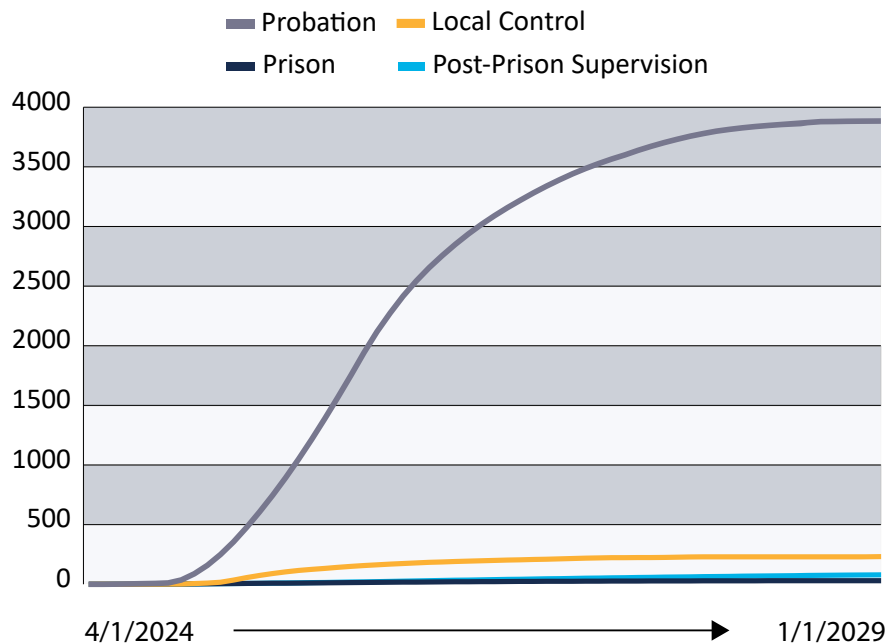
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DRUG POSSESSION AND DELIVERY SENTENCING CHANGES IN HB 4002

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION ESTIMATED IMPACTS

HB 4002 Criminal Justice Population Estimated Impact



In March 2024 the Oregon Legislature passed HB 4002, and Governor Kotek signed the bill April 1, 2024. This comprehensive behavioral health and public safety bill makes several substantial changes to Oregon's health and public safety systems. For criminal sentencing specifically, the bill makes changes to drug delivery and drug possession sentences. In addition, the Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program is created and law enforcement agencies are encouraged to participate in local deflection programs.

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was tasked with estimating the criminal justice population impacts from the sentencing changes in the bill. Due to the challenges lingering from the COVID-19 pandemic, CJC primarily used 2018 and 2019 administrative criminal justice data to inform the population impacts. The estimated criminal justice population impacts have been incorporated into the most recent Corrections Population Forecast conducted by the Office of Economic Analysis.

The largest population increase is expected with the funded probation population. The bill creates an unclassified Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor (DEM) for Possession of Controlled Substance (PCS) offenses, and this misdemeanor is funded for community corrections supervision. Prior to the passage of the bill, user amount PCS offenses were at the Class E violation level, and not sentenced to supervision. CJC used sentencing data from 2018 and 2019 which includes funded Class A misdemeanor user amount PCS sentences to estimate the impact of the law change. CJC estimates at full impact an additional 2,600 funded PCS cases starting supervision which includes individuals sentenced to probation and conditional discharge. Additional supervision cases are included for drug delivery sentences. The cases are estimated to have a mix of 18-month probation sentences or 12-month conditional discharge sentences, as well as additional time on supervision for individuals who fail a conditional discharge sentence. The bill also creates funded misdemeanor local control sentences, which includes revocation sentences at a maximum of 180 days. The total probation population impact, including all probation and conditional discharge sentences, is nearly 4,000 individuals at full implementation.

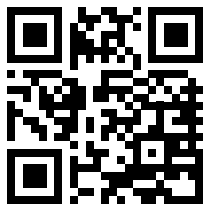
The bill makes several changes to drug delivery criminal sentences and offenses. The definition of drug delivery is modified to include "possession with the intent to transfer" cases. In addition, enhanced penalties are created for drug delivery offenses at or within a certain distance from a treatment facility, temporary residence shelter, or public park. CJC estimates an additional 111 drug delivery cases per year at full impact, with a proportion sentenced to prison, local control, or probation based on previous sentencing trends.

COUNTY NEWS

BAKER COUNTY



Director: Ryan Downing
Number of Staff: 5
Phone: 541.523.6415



As a division of the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Baker County Parole and Probation provides services to approximately 200 justice-involved individuals (JII). The office is currently fully staffed, which consists of 1.0 FTE Lieutenant, 3.0 FTE Parole and Probation Deputies and a 1.0 FTE Office Manager.

In early 2021, Baker County Parole and Probation moved into a new building, ultimately co-locating with the local mental health services provider, New Directions Northwest Behavioral Health and Wellness (NDN). This has been an invaluable move for those that we serve. NDN offers a variety of services including outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment, sex offender treatment, cognitive course offerings, supported employment and residential treatment. These offerings, combined with a strong peer support program, strive to help clients build trust in services and rapport with clinicians.

Baker County Parole and Probation continues to operate a community service work crew (CSWC) program and collaborates with various agencies throughout the county. The CSWC has teamed up with the Oregon DOC Powder Pals Program, which allows clients to practice skills and gain responsibility by assisting in the care of adoptable canines. Other projects included roadway litter patrol throughout the county, Leo Adler Pathway cleanup and participating in setup and take down for National Night Out. CSWC has partnered with the Baker City Lions Club, Baker City Downtown and Community Connection of Northeast Oregon. This program allows clients to make reparations to the community and shows community members the importance of second-chances.

As we move forward, we will continue to prioritize the needs of those we serve while ensuring public safety. Maintaining successful collaborations with our community partners and developing unique and innovative programs will be key in accomplishing this.

COUNTY NEWS

BENTON COUNTY



Director: Justin Carley
Number of Staff: 13.3
Phone: 541.766.6858



Benton County Community Corrections (BCCC) is in Corvallis, Oregon with a population of approximately 96,000. Benton County Community Corrections is a Division of the Benton County Sheriff's Office and we are responsible for supervising adult justice-involved individuals (JII) on probation, parole, and post-prison supervision who reside in Benton County.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and professional Parole and Probation Staff. BCCC has two Support Staff, two supervisors, seven Parole and Probation Officers (PO), Case Monitors, and a Director. Here are the people who are doing the work every day in our Parole & Probation Office:

- Support Staff—Summer Smallwood (2017) and Katie Bateman (2022)
- PO's—Josh Hall (2001), Susan Sowers (2001), Cody Smith (2007), Josh Pritt (2013), Shawna Johnson (2014), Nick Miller (2024)
- Leadership Team—Sergeant's Joel Pickerd (2001) and Abe Griswold (2001)

We are very proud of the work that our Staff do each day. The work they do every day often goes unnoticed or under the radar, but we recognize it, we know its value and we appreciate all of them.

BCCC has several specialized caseloads and programs, including the Transition Program, Drug Treatment Court, Evidence-based Program, Work Crew Program, and a Sex Offender Supervision Program. Our staff prioritize limited resources based on the highest risk to the community and use evidence-based programs and community partnerships to make the most effective use of resources.

BCCC also continues to have excellent collaborations and partnerships within the community. Moving forward, our goals include consistently adhering to the best-practices within the profession of Community Corrections. We will continue to prioritize our state allocated grant-in-aid dollars to focus on those JII's who pose the greatest risk to the community. And we will continue to work with our community partners to provide resources and services to JII's in Benton County.



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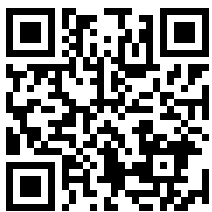
CLACKAMAS COUNTY



Director: Malcom McDonald

Number of Staff: 50

Phone: 503.655.8603



The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Parole and Probation Division provides community supervision for almost 2,000 individuals at any given time in Clackamas County, the third-most populous county in the state. The Division contains several specialized units designed to meet unique risk and responsivity factors, working closely with our partners in the criminal justice system and those who offer community-based treatment to deliver the most effective form of supervision and services for the residents of Clackamas County.

During this biennium, the Parole and Probation Division has capitalized on relationships and resources developed through the Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services (IMPACTS) grant. By housing a full-time Mental Health Services Coordinator within the Parole and Probation office, we have been able to more effectively bridge the gap between supervision and support services; a blended approach to bring about positive change amongst our most vulnerable clients with the highest needs. Since their arrival, the IMPACTS funded coordinator has become instrumental in linking unsheltered clients seeking stabilization to the community-based resources and referrals they need to reduce our reliance on emergency medical or law enforcement responses.

The effect IMPACTS has made to reduce our use of critical resources cannot be understated. For example, one individual was released from prison in 2021 and had almost 30 emergency room (ER) visits in his first year. His housing options were limited due to sex offender registration obligations, interpersonal conflicts, and concerns with ongoing substance use. IMPACTS funds provided a long-term stay at a motel to stabilize the client before wraparound services could be delivered. He was diagnosed with an incurable, but manageable, medical condition—eventually becoming stable enough to self-monitor his health and appointment schedule. ER visits effectively stopped by December 2022 and in January 2024, the client successfully completed supervision with long-term housing thanks to the IMPACTS team and the resources that provided the stability the client needed.

The IMPACTS program is one of many the Clackamas County Parole and Probation Division deploys in our effort to maintain community safety as we take every opportunity to intervene and assist justice-involved individuals in their journey toward recovery.



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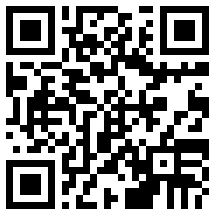
CLATSOP COUNTY



Director: Kristin Hanthorn

Number of Staff: 11

Phone: 503.861.2875



Clatsop County Community Corrections is committed to meeting the needs of justice involved individuals on community supervision, working collaboratively with community partners, delivering quality services, and prioritizing community safety. Community Corrections provides a wide range of services including office/field contacts, cognitive behavioral interventions, swift/sure incentives and sanctions, and programming tailored to the risks and needs of the individuals on supervision. Specialty programming options include Mental Health Treatment Court, Veteran's Treatment Court, Drug Court, Gender-Responsive caseload, Cultural Responsive caseload/services, Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, and General caseload. Our vision is to provide a trusted sheriff's office, enhancing public safety, through a culture of integrity, duty, courage and compassion.

CLATSOP COUNTY SPECIALTY COURT



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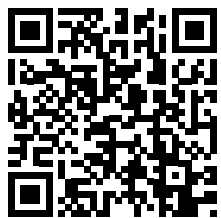
COLUMBIA COUNTY



Director: Larry Evenson

Number of Staff: 20

Phone: 503.397.6253



Over the first half of the 23–25 biennium, Columbia County Department of Community Justice (DCJ) has continued to utilize county specific programs to reduce recidivism and increase successful transitions for our clients returning to their community. These programs include: four specialty court programs, Columbia County Transitional Facility (CCTF), Columbia County Justice Reinvestment Program (CCJRP), electronic monitoring (EM), and the Work Crew program.

Columbia County DCJ fosters close relationships with the Courts, District Attorney’s Office, law enforcement, and treatment providers to promote positive changes in individuals who are facing potential prison sentences. The CCJRP utilizes intensive supervision methods, interventions, assessments, and a collaborative approach to reduce recidivism and promote a safe and healthy community. Also involved in the CCJRP is an in-house Intervention Specialist who aids and support participants through treatment-based services including group sessions and mindfulness techniques which facilitate better emotional regulation and coping. This creates an environment of participant accountability and support.

The Work Crew program provides services by having adults on supervision work in and give back to their community. Individuals participate in projects involving cleanup of illegal dump sites, restoration and maintenance of parks, and other projects assisting local government and nonprofit agencies. While on the Work Crew, participants get the opportunity to learn trade skills, reporting on time for work, working as a team and gaining pride in their work. Electronic Monitoring allows for clients to be held accountable, while maintaining client family connection, employment, and other stability factors.

The CCTF is a 20-bed transitional facility; a men’s house with 12 beds and a women’s house with 8 beds. CCTF’s purpose is to provide a structured environment which supports and guides’ transition. Returning from the pandemic protocols and a program increase from 90–120 days, the houses are back to normal capacity.

COUNTY NEWS

COOS COUNTY



Director: Mike Crim
Number of Staff: 14
Phone: 541.396.7700



Coos County Community Corrections is comprised of 14 full time team members which include our Director, Business Manager, Administrative Services Manager, Corrections Secretary, Work Crew Coordinator, and 9 Parole/ Probation Officers responsible for the supervision of approximately 450 Adults on Supervision. Our officers are a dedicated long-standing team and each currently holds advanced certification through DPSST. We are proud of our low turnover rate with our newest PO being on the job for 6 years. Special assignments include sex offenses, Measure-57, domestic violence, and downward departures.

For a relatively small county we are fortunate to work with treatment providers across the range of needs of our clients. Programs such as our Treatment Transitions Program capitalize on these partnerships with bi-weekly in person meetings attended by our Director, Business Manager, and representatives from several of our providers provide rapid feedback and timely appropriate referrals for the client's specific needs. Our work crew program is robust and is a favorite of citizens and our commissioners.

One of our proudest successes in recent times is the number of Peer Mentors employed by Bay Area First Step and ADAPT who either still are on caseloads, or, have completed their supervision. At this time there are approximately 20 mentors who work diligently with adults on supervision to access services, treatment, and life needs. It is very common for our officers to collaborate with an assigned mentor as a colleague in effort to more adequately support the individual on supervision. We are currently working on an opportunity to bring many of them before our Judges in a "meet and greet" environment to showcase their success.

COUNTY NEWS

CROOK COUNTY



Director: Aaron Boyce
Number of Staff: 8.5
Phone: 541.447.3315



The Crook County Community Corrections Office has continued to support Justice-Involved Individuals in making positive life changes. The Staff of the Crook County Community Corrections Office continues to be comprised of 5 sworn POs and a Director. Crook County Community Corrections also continues to fund a dual-certified Corrections/Parole and Probation Deputy who works inside the Crook County Jail and assists individuals who are in custody with release planning and programming while they are in the local jail.

A new program that Crook County Community Corrections is very excited about is our in-house mental health technician. This position has been funded through JRP funds and works out of the Community Corrections Office. The mental health technician can immediately assist justice-involved individuals both in the Community Corrections office as well as inside the Crook County Jail who are having mental health concerns. The mental health technician then follows up and ensures accurate information sharing is facilitated with our local mental health provider for long-term care. This position has been very effective at increasing support thus reducing the mobile crisis response rate within the jail and community for our clients. The mental health technician has also been able to build reports with these clients and assist them with positive behavior change programming. Crook County Community Continues to look for positive ways to engage our justice-involved population to create positive behavior change and reduce recidivism.



COUNTY NEWS

CURRY COUNTY



Director: Dave Denney
Number of Staff: 4
Phone: 541.247.3306



Curry County experienced a large-scale cyber-attack in May 2023. This incident greatly affected our county and data loss included information used by our Parole and Probation office. With the help from many different agencies and community partners, our Parole and Probation office has fully recovered and is fully functional. It was a very difficult hill to climb and our deepest thanks to everyone that assisted us.

After the passage of HB 497, our office has seen a substantial increase in the supervision of misdemeanor assault IV-constituting domestic violence and misdemeanor menacing-constituting domestic violence convictions.

This year we are pleased to have a 2nd Domestic Violence Treatment provider offering services in Curry County. The new provider comes to us with many years of experience and adds a program in Brookings, that rotates each week between a virtual class and an in-person class. We have received positive reviews from class participants so far. Our office assists with the cost of treatment for adults on supervision experiencing a temporary lack of income. Our desire is for all individuals to be successful while on supervision and the cost of treatment shouldn't be a hindrance for them.

Community partners are a vital asset in supervising justice involved individuals. Curry County now has two new individuals to assist us. One partner comes from the Oregon WorkSource and specializes in assisting adults on supervision with finding jobs within Curry County. Employment is vital for those recently released from incarceration and may also be difficult to obtain with a criminal history. This specialist helps to bridge the barriers with a potential employer. Additionally, this community provider has previously been justice involved and offers peer support for those under supervision. This partner is also working towards completing their education to be a substance abuse treatment provider with a goal to provide services in the Curry County area in the near future.

In December of 2023, our most seasoned Parole and Probation officer, Mike Lang, retired after 24 years of service in Curry County; 11 of these years were within the Parole and Probation division of the Curry County Sheriff's Office. We welcomed Thomas Edwards into our office to assume PO Lang's position. PO Edwards comes to our agency with previous experience, and we are happy to have him as part of our team.



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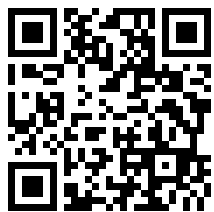
DESCHUTES COUNTY



Director: Deevy Holcomb

Number of Staff: 40

Phone: 541.385.3246



Deschutes County Community Justice—Adult Parole and Probation works to protect the public, repair harm, hold adults on supervision accountable and facilitate pro-social thinking. To this mission in FY 23—25 we continued to focus on supporting staff proficiency and innovation, understanding the impact of our work and environment, and engaging with community members and public safety partners in our shared vision to ensure successes are experienced in an equitable way. We brought awareness and attention to the needs of our staff and organizational culture to strengthen resilience and wellness as professionals in a tough and ever-changing field, including all-staff training and practice in Trauma Informed Oregon’s approach to trauma informed care for both clients and staff. We launched a gender-responsive program after conducting a Gender Responsive Policies and Practices Assessment which identified need for equitable ways of working with justice-involved women and supporting the staff who work with them.

We continue to work hand in hand with an advisory group of diverse community members to learn about, improve the impact of our system on marginalized populations, and build community trust. After a year of construction, our main building was expanded and includes a large community meeting space that has in turn expanded our relationships with community and county partners who come for a meeting and leave with a tour and renewed understanding of the holistic approach we play in the lives of justice-involved individuals. Looking ahead we will continue to strengthen our gender-responsive program, bring awareness and support for personal, client and community wellness and effective practices into our daily work, and adjust and adapt to changes in law and client practices in regards to effectively working with individuals with substance use disorders.

COUNTY NEWS

DOUGLAS COUNTY



Director: Joe Garcia
Number of Staff: 24
Phone: 541.385.3246



Douglas County Community Corrections (DCCC) is one of two community corrections departments that operate under the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC). Our department consists of sixteen certified parole and probation officers, three support staff, two certified parole and probation officer supervisors, one executive support staff, and one certified parole and probation officer director.

DCCC provides supervision services based on geographical location as well as provides services through the following specialized caseloads: sex crimes, adult drug court, mental health court, domestic violence court, unhoused and reduced supervision.

During the 2023–2025 biennium, Douglas County has begun to experience a slight uptick in the number of clients on supervision. DCCC population also continues to be one of the highest risked populations in the state. The statewide caseload risk levels are 15.8% High, 27.8% Medium, and 47.8% Low. Douglas County’s caseload risk levels average 38% High, 35% Medium, 22% Low, and 5% New Cases.

Despite having limited resources and being geographically challenged, Douglas County has a long-rooted history in collaboration and innovation. Our Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) serves as our hub for community public safety initiatives. Douglas County currently operates the following programs: in custody RSAT treatment, Adult Drug Court, Domestic Violence Court, Mental Health Court, Mobile Crisis Unit, Sobering Center, the Gary Leif Navigation Center, and many other programs and services that support justice involved individuals (JIIs).

Our community has also been the recipient of an IMPACTS grant that focuses on community jail reach-ins and release services and is currently seeking additional support to implement MAT in our jail.

DCCC continues to strive to be a leader in Oregon as it relates to outcomes. We consistently meet or exceed statewide contact standards for JIIs as well meet or exceed many of the other statewide outcomes.

COUNTY NEWS

GILLIAM & WHEELER COUNTY



Director: Tina Potter

Number of Staff: 1

Phone: 541.351.9515



The emphasis will be on engaging in substance abuse treatment but will also include assistance with other needs as identified.

The Gilliam-Wheeler Community Corrections office is located in the Gilliam County Courthouse at 221 S. Oregon Street in Condon, Oregon and is responsible for providing parole and probation services in both Gilliam and Wheeler Counties. Combined, the total area served is 2919 square miles with a total population of approximately 3480 people.

Services include an alcohol monitoring program, GPS monitoring, an adult community service program, housing subsidy and assistance with other needs. This office works closely with both Gilliam and Wheeler County Sheriff Offices as well as our local treatment providers who provide a variety of services within the two counties.

The GWCC office is currently staffed by one person who is responsible for performing the duties of the Director, Parole/Probation Officer, Community Service Coordinator and Support Staff. The number of justice involved individuals served by this office currently averages 30–35 people. This number is much lower than in the past but is expected to increase with the passage of HB 4002.

Pursuant to HB 4002, Gilliam County has applied for funding through the Behavioral Health Deflection Grant Program and was awarded \$150,000 for developing and implementing a Deflection Program. The County is still in the developmental phase, but a program coordinator has been identified and things are moving forward.

GWCC is currently working on a supervision plan that will fulfill the statutory obligations of HB 4002 for those individuals placed on supervision. The emphasis will be on engaging in substance abuse treatment but will also include assistance with other needs as identified.

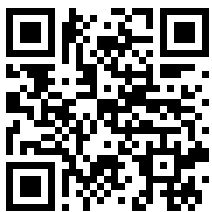
Being a one-person office for two Frontier County's is a unique experience, but the challenges keep it interesting!

COUNTY NEWS

GRANT COUNTY



Director: Josh Wolf
Number of Staff: 4
Phone: 541.575.1743



Grant County Community Corrections has undergone a complete staffing overhaul and continues to operate under the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Todd McKinley has restructured the team, which now includes Director Josh Wolf, PO Janice Clement, and PO Sam Stinnett.

While our team is new to Community Corrections, we bring 45 years of combined local law enforcement experience. Although we come from a correctional background, our experience at the Grant County Jail offers us a unique perspective.

We are enthusiastic about embarking on this new journey in Community Corrections. Despite the steep learning curve, we are supported by a strong team and have received tremendous assistance from other counties, with a special thanks to Harney County.

At the start of the 2023–25 biennium, our goals included staff certification, reorganizing Community Service Work (CSW), and mastering operational procedures. We have established a solid partnership with Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) and are aware of the challenges we face, particularly given Grant County's rural nature, which complicates addressing needs of adults on supervision such as housing and job opportunities.

We are committed to implementing evidence-based practices, conducting assessments, and developing individualized case plans. We meet bi-monthly with CCS to discuss criminogenic needs and collaboratively create case plans.

As we reach the midpoint of the biennium, two of us have obtained certification through DPSST, our Community Service program is back on track, and our job knowledge is expanding daily. Our goals for the remainder of the biennium include integrating Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) into our operations and training all three staff members as facilitators. Additionally, we are planning an office update for 2025–27, which will include short-term housing, a dedicated meeting space for in-house programs, and life skills training.

COUNTY NEWS

HARNEY COUNTY



Director: Lodi Presley

Number of Staff: 4

Phone: 541.573.2933



This biennium, Harney County was able to utilize Justice Reinvestment and the additional funds approved in the short session to maintain current staffing. Our already small office includes one administrative assistant, one primary parole and probation officer, the director and a part time sex offense specific treatment provider.

In the fall of 2023, we collaborated with Symmetry Care to bring Thinking for a Change training to our area to co-facilitate the program with the director and addictions counselor. We had some trial and error with a small group of justice involved females and some dropping from group but are happy to report that we're nearing the completion of the first women's group. We have seen how this program improves problem-solving, cognitive self-change, and social skills. We will continue to partner with Symmetry Care for the Recovery Support Mentor program, having a mentor in our office some hours during the week to help bridge the gap between supervision and treatment.

Transitional housing continues to be a critical service for adults on supervision, especially as they return to the community from prison or long jail sentences. We would like to further add to this program by adding a house manager/peer mentor, but that will likely have to wait until next biennium unless approved for the grant mentioned above.



COUNTY NEWS

HOOD RIVER COUNTY



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Hood River County Parole/Probation is a Division of the Hood River County Sheriff's Office. During the 2023—2025 biennium, Hood River County has continued to experience a decline in Justice Involved Individuals (JIIs) on supervision within our office. Despite the decline in the number of JIIs we serve, we have continued to focus our resources, prioritizing our high and medium risk JIIs through evidence-based programs and practices.

During the 2023—2025 biennium, Hood River County was fortunate to receive continued support through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). Through this funding, we were able to continue with our short-term subsidized housing for Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL). JRI funding has enabled us to rent a motel room on an annual basis at a reduced rate of \$65.00/night. This program is intended to be short-term housing for JII's releasing from DOC or local custody. The target population for this program is male and female STTL releases for the duration of STTL if in need of stable housing, followed by medium to high-risk clients who are homeless or pose a community safety risk.

In collaboration with LPSCC and other community partners we have identified a significant need for housing in Hood River County as we currently do not have any. I am excited to report in partnership with Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) Hood River County applied for and received an award for the IMPACTS grant to open the HRC Warming Shelter with two units dedicated to for JII's how have behavioral health diagnoses and are high utilizers of criminal justice and healthcare resources.

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COUNTY NEWS

JACKSON COUNTY



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This biennium, Jackson County Community Justice embraced a set of new core values: Integrity, Respect, Consistency, Trust, and Teamwork. These guiding principles now shape every facet of our work as we diligently provide care and supervision to over 1,800 adults in Jackson County.

To enhance our relationships with public safety and community partners, we introduced liaisons for our public safety agencies and hosted meetings with community providers. This effort not only strengthened our connections but also enabled us to better understand and address the needs of those we serve.

Internally, we undertook a comprehensive review of our data, uncovering trends and gaps in our services. We discovered that a segment of Adults on Supervision (AOS) were often transient and had difficulty maintaining regular reporting. In response, we established the “Re-Engagement Caseload,” a new initiative designed to focus on locating and reconnecting these individuals before resorting to warrants. This proactive approach has helped us more effectively manage this challenging population.

Additionally, we identified a notable number of unhoused AOS, many of whom were living along the local Greenway. To address this issue, we created the “Unhoused Caseload,” pairing a parole and probation officer with local service providers and the Medford Police Department’s “Livability Team.” This collaboration aims to connect these individuals with crucial services, including housing, behavioral health support, Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT), and peer services.

Our Transition Center has been a cornerstone of our efforts, providing nearly 17,000 days of transitional housing in 2023 to those who would otherwise face homelessness. Beyond housing, the Center offers a range of wrap-around services and programs, such as the five-month “Transitional Care Program,” the Goodwill “Good Works” skill-building initiative, and the “Jail Resource Release Program” to ease transitions back into the community.

Furthermore, the Transition Center facilitates several key partnerships, including the “Pathfinder Network” and the “Reclaiming Lives” peer support programs, as well as a MAT partnership with Boulder Care. This collaboration has successfully connected 102 AOS with MAT services while residing at the Transition Center.

We are particularly enthusiastic about our new partnership with Community Works, our local sexual assault and domestic violence victim services provider. Through the JRP funds allocated to victim services, we have embedded a full-time advocate at Adult Services. This advocate is deeply integrated into our daily operations, assisting with various victim services, participating in PCAN, and playing a crucial role in victim reparations efforts at Community Justice.

Through these initiatives and partnerships, Jackson County Community Justice continues to advance its mission, guided by our core values, and remains committed to improving the health, safety and livability of our community.



COUNTY NEWS

JEFFERSON COUNTY



Director: Robert Rodriguez

Number of Staff: 8

Phone: 541.475.6145



We've introduced a restitution payback program, allowing adults on supervision who owe restitution to victims of their crimes to work on work crew and receive payment that gets applied directly to their restitution.

Jefferson County Adult Community Corrections currently supervises approximately 260 Adults on Supervision (AOS). We offer specialized, as well as gender specific caseloads to provide services to adults on supervision based on their risk and needs. We currently have 8 staff which consists of five parole and probation officers, one administrative coordinator, one work crew coordinator, and a director. Our long-time serving Director Kurt Symons, retired after being in Community Corrections for nearly 30 years, serving 18 of those years in Jefferson County. Robert Rodriguez was promoted as the new director and has continued with the progress Kurt made.

Our Specialty Court programs continue to be a highlight of our partnership with community partners and rehabilitation of our high-risk AOS. In the last twelve months our graduation rates have nearly tripled compared to the previous two years. We've graduated 16 participants while having 12 participant terminations, increasing our graduation rate to 57%. Three of our recovery court participants have gone on to be hired by our local treatment provider Best Care, as recovery mentors and an employment specialist.

Jefferson County brought back our work crew program the beginning of the year, bringing back our coordinator who previously provided us with 23 years of service. Michael Beeler has already started on several community projects. We've introduced a restitution payback program, allowing adults on supervision who owe restitution to victims of their crimes to work on work crew and receive payment that gets applied directly to their restitution. Additionally, we partner with our local employment agency incentivizing employers to hire AOS by covering 100% of their costs for the first 90 days of employment.

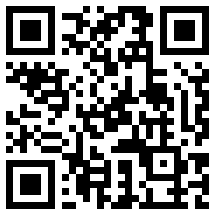
Our goals as an office for this biennium: are to increase our effectiveness and accuracy in our behavior change plans and risk assessments. Establish a rental housing program to help AOS get into rentals they may have not been able to without assistance. Find a solution to short-term housing for Short Term Transleave and Alternative Incarceration Program.

COUNTY NEWS

JOSEPHINE COUNTY



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We strive to find the balance between community safety and the reformation of those under our supervision. We have developed a comprehensive strategic plan within Community Corrections to achieve success for our community, individuals, and our agency. We have dedicated staff, and community partners working collaboratively to fulfill the mission of community corrections.

Through robust, comprehensive assessment tools, we identify the risk associated with everyone we supervise. We work to mitigate that risk through strategic case planning that addresses their unique needs. Finally, we work to enhance motivation in the individuals we supervise. Creating cognitive dissonance, we help them develop capacity for prosocial living through skill building that focuses on interpersonal skills, emotional regulation, and goal setting.

As practitioners, we are realistic, discerning, and wise to the fact that accountability is important to promote change. It takes some people longer than others, and we utilize evidence-based interventions to disrupt the offending cycle and provide prosocial alternatives that will better meet their needs over time.

To maximize operational efficiency, Community Corrections uses data to make informed policy decisions, based on the evidence of behavior change. This allows us to address new areas of risk through case plan adaptation, in real time. This ensures change-momentum is not lost as we continue building on incremental successes in the community.

Our work is challenging. We are asked to supervise the highest risk people within our communities who have demonstrated remarkable capabilities of destruction. Our efforts to thwart that destruction exposes our practitioners to significant vicarious trauma. The culture within our workforce is supportive and encouraging. We emphasize wholistic practitioner wellness that reduces the potential for compassion fatigue and ultimately makes them more effective agents of change. We encourage one another and give consistent reminders of the good work we do. We celebrate the successes, learn from the failures, and always strive for a better Josephine County.

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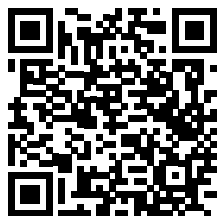
KLAMATH COUNTY



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Number of Staff: 34

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Klamath County represents Oregon's south central high desert basin. Our department uses the latest in supervision science and technology to provide supervision, services, and sanctions for adults on supervision on felony or funded misdemeanor supervision. Klamath County Community Corrections believes the most important function of our agency is to follow what works in community supervision and to use proven practices, policies and evidence to improve community outcomes and to keep Klamath Co. a wonderful place to live, play and prosper. Klamath Co. Staff are taking lessons learned to explore innovative ways to meet the AOS where they are and to lessen the impacts of substance use and criminal behavior that negatively impact their lives and the victims of this behavior. We encourage the AOS to make meaningful reformation to victims and the community resources they impacted in negative ways.



Klamath County Community Corrections (KCCC) Behavioral Education Reducing Oregon Criminality (BEDROC) is an on-site program focusing on cognitive behavioral intervention and therapy to the AOS. BEDROC implemented tele-health procedures and online evidence-based treatment groups in order to provide the same level of service to the AOS while removing barriers to successful treatment completion. In 2021 Klamath Co. Community Corrections became eligible for grant funding after being identified as a fire affected county. Community Corrections applied for and received 1.7 million dollars to buy and renovate a former motel and RV park. Quickly approaching our fourth year many renovations have taken place and the motel is currently serving the AOS and other members of the community experiencing long-term mental illness. Ten tiny homes have been placed in the former RV park to increase transitional housing opportunities. Future plans include placing more tiny homes in the park with the possibility of as many as thirty-four being placed as funding allows. KCCC operates two additional transitional housing projects, providing temporary housing to the AOS reentering society from incarceration or those experiencing a homeless event. Community Corrections works with local community partners to provide services that include transitional housing management, mentorship, domestic violence, sex offense treatment and trauma informed and responsive treatment. KCCC is a multi-disciplinary team supporting a better community for victims, families, and the citizens of Klamath County through leadership and correctional excellence.

In the spring of 2023 KCCC began the strategic planning process for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Implementation of this plan began in September of 2023. KCCC's plan seeks to engage the leadership and all members of KCCC in the following key areas.

Build a Diverse Workforce, Foster an Inclusive Culture, Ensure Equity in Policies and Practices, Enhance Cultural Competence, Measure Progress and Accountability.

KCCC in its first year of progress towards the before mentioned goals, has succeeded in implementing this plan. Throughout each month of the year staff have provided informational presentations on a variety of topics to Enhance our Cultural Competence, presentations have included, Veterans Day, Culturally Specific events each month of the year, lunches or other meals that represent many of the cultures represented by KCCC staff. KCCC looks forward to the next year and our continued progress towards a healthier work, life relationship. Leadership and staff are fully engaged and eager to enter our second year of success.

KCCC is the first Community Corrections agency in Oregon to provide staff with on-line mental health services. KCCC contacted and partnered with 1st Watch Wellness to provide each staff member and their family access to certified mental health providers within 24hrs or less of needing service. This service also provided 6 individual sessions a year for overall mental wellness at no cost to the staff member plus ongoing training throughout the year.

I am proud of our staff and very thankful I and my leadership team can provide this valuable service to help each member in their work and private life balance.

COUNTY NEWS

LAKE COUNTY



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Lake County Community Justice (LCCJ) consists of both adult and juvenile probation. LCCJ has been under the direction of Director Jayson “Jake” Greer since 2012. Additional staff include one supervisor/adult probation officer (PO), full time adult PO, one work crew foreman, two juvenile probation officers, one youth investment coordinator, and one office manager. Lake County is a large county consisting of approximately 8,275 square miles and a population of 8,130 residents.

LCCJ adult parole/probation department currently supervises 105 justice involved individuals. Supervised cases include both felonies and misdemeanors. We provide supervision, treatment and sanctions to encourage positive change. We are fortunate to work closely with our community partners Lake District Behavioral Health, Bridges to Success, sex offense treatment provider, Warner Creek Correctional Facility, and local law enforcement to promote accountability, rehabilitation, and reduce recidivism.

In Lake County, subsidy housing is very limited. Previously LCCJ worked in collaboration with the Lake County Fair Board to secure transitional housing, however due to unforeseen circumstances this is no longer available. Fortunately, LCCJ has been able to rent a two-bedroom house in the community which has assisted numerous clients with sober living housing as well as making a more positive transition from incarceration back to the community.

Our Treatment Court Program continues to be a viable resource for high-risk Justice Involved Individuals. Numerous treatment court team members were able to attend the NADCP Conference in Anaheim, CA this past May and brought back valuable information to the team.

The LCCJ Community Service Work Crew program continues to be a huge asset to our community. Over this past year they have been busy helping prepare for events at the fairgrounds, assisted in a large renovation project at the Silver Lake Fire Hall, re-built fences on Forest Service Land that have been destroyed by wildfires, snow removal for seniors during the winter months, landscaping at our local Head Start, and numerous other projects throughout the year.

With being a small rural frontier county, the whole community benefits from the work that each and every one of us performs.

COUNTY NEWS

LANE COUNTY



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Lane County fully subscribes to Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) and continually strives to use innovative approaches to maximize our ability to improve the quality of life. Key EBP components for our Officers include a balanced approach of accountability and rehabilitation. Through this lens we utilize validated assessments to identify drivers in criminal behavior, develop a professional alliance with clientele, collaborate with clients to establish individualized case plans, use motivational interviewing and engage clients with both cognitive and behavioral interventions to reduce risk, needs and barriers.

In meeting established dosage benchmarks, in pursuit of lasting community safety, we work in tandem with our treatment providers to deliver services that align with EBPs, as our treatment partners provide the bulk of dosage to our clientele. In the spirit of continuous quality improvement, we have developed expertise in the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) which evaluates the degree of EBPs utilized within Lane County treatment programs. We work in collaboration with our treatment partners to ensure that services yield the highest possible outcomes in reducing risk and ultimately recidivism.

We restore those impacted by crime. Our Post-Conviction Victim Advocate (PCVA) works along side our Officers to ensure that we are responsive to the needs and safety of victims in our community. In addition, our PCVA works in close collaboration with system partners and services providers to make victims whole.

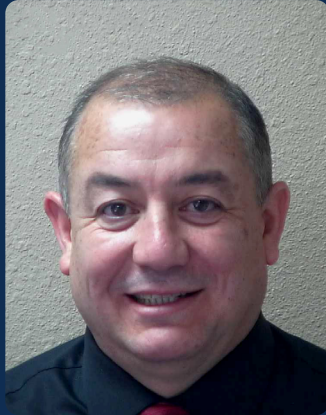
With commitment to innovation, our Lane County System closely collaborates to push the evidence-based envelope. To name only a few initiatives, this would include our supportive housing and treatment services with nationally recognized Sponsors Inc. (The Way Home Initiative), the SB416 Prison Diversion program in partnership with our District Attorney, and RLAN prison diversion in partnership with the DOC. All have yielded incredible outcomes and have been assessed as worthy of expansion and duplication.

We improve the quality of life in Lane County!!!

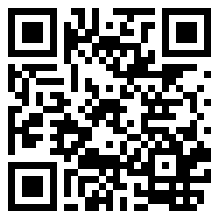


COUNTY NEWS

LINCOLN COUNTY



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The Lincoln County Community Justice Division is ensuring that we are practicing and adopting evidence-based practices in our supervision of justice involved individuals. The focus is to give adults on supervision (AOS) assistance in re-entering society to keep them from engaging in criminal behavior. We have adopted and implemented a policy of following recommendations on housing those we serve based on their risk levels in our transitional housing, as per evidence-based practices. We are focused on meeting the measurable contact standards as per the State OARS.

Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that all medium and high-risk adults on supervision are in approved housing. This is one of the most fundamental requirements, including a public safety component. High- and medium-risk clients will be the focus. This approach will result in high-risk receiving corrective action quicker and at the appropriate response level. In Lincoln County, we want to be the most effective we can be while we have the individual on supervision and in our care. We will try to get them ready and make clear what they need to do to be successful. That includes providing them with access to life skills training, counseling, and rewards.

The Lincoln County Community Justice Department provides housing and wrap around support services through its T.I.D.E.S. housing program (Transition, Independence, Dedication, Education, Sobriety). This Community-Based Treatment continues in a community setting, minimizing disruptions to employment and education. The overarching goal is to reduce recidivism and promote positive behavior change by focusing on risk factors and delivering appropriate sanctions. The transition program is for adults on supervision releasing from prison, those who are homeless, or placed in the program by a specialty court. The primary focus is helping them make a smooth transition. By integrating these practices, Lincoln County Parole and Probation can provide more effective support and supervision, ultimately helping justice involved individuals build better lives and contribute positively to their communities.



COUNTY NEWS

LINN COUNTY



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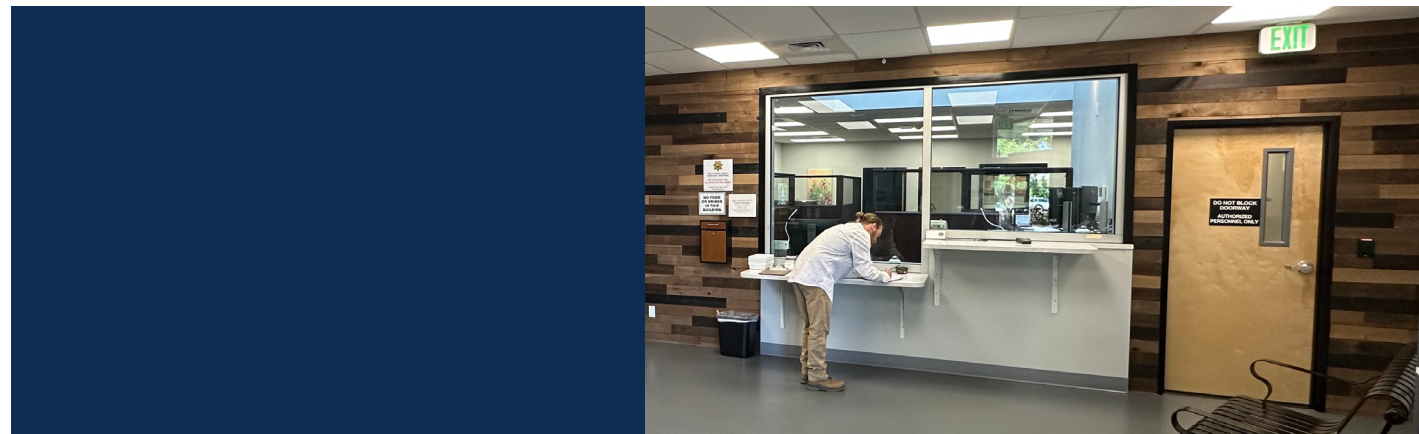
Linn County Community Corrections (LCCC) is one of two counties that operate under the Oregon Department of Corrections. LCCC employs 25 staff who perform various functions as it relates to the supervision of approximately 950 adults on supervision (AOSs).

LCCC believes an essential component to an AOS's success relies, in part, on how the AOS transitions from incarceration to the community. Funding from the Justice Reinvestment grant has enabled us to build a Re-Entry Team approach for those releasing from prison on Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL).

Our Re-Entry Team has strong participation and collaboration from community partners such as Department of Human Services (DHS), Peer Recovery Mentors, subsidized housing providers, Linn County Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug and Developmental Disabilities. This group is led by a Parole and Probation Officer (PPO) who conducts reach-ins with AOSs who are incarcerated and are eligible for STTL. During a reach-in, an individual case plan is developed with the AOS to identify and minimize barriers that may exist upon release. The PPO staffs the AOS needs with the team who develops a transition plan, including immediate access to treatment upon release, housing, and assignment of a mentor.

Justice Reinvestment funding has enabled us to provide subsidized housing, transportation, clothing vouchers, birth certificates and identification cards. In addition, we were able to add jail beds for sanctioning to keep the AOS local rather than return them to DOC custody. We were also able to increase our alcohol and drug treatment groups to allow for additional capacity and gender esponsive groups.

LCCC has been successful with our STTL population. From January 2014 through June 2024, we have accepted 687 STTL AOSs. Our success rate is 88.9%. We believe a strong re-entry program contributes to a reduction in criminal behavior, thereby making our community a safer place to live.



COUNTY NEWS

MALHEUR COUNTY



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Malheur County Community Corrections supervises felony and select class A misdemeanors for Justice Involved Individuals who have been placed on supervised probation or Post-Prison Supervision. Malheur County Community Corrections continues to utilize the drug court program (SAFE Court) along with a close relationship with treatment providers in the community. The drug court program continues to be a viable program and addresses high risk; high needs individuals battling with alcohol or drug use issues. The drug court program in Malheur County continues to have a high success rate for persons involved in the program.

Since 2015, Malheur County has utilized the Prison and Jail Diversion program where individuals have access to A/D and mental health assessments while in jail. Also, as part of the program, an A/D counselor and mental health counselor work out of community corrections to provide a continuum of care from jail into the community. The Prison and Jail Diversion program is made available due to the Justice Reinvestment grant and the community partners to provide necessary services.

In Malheur County, transitional housing is limited. Malheur County has one men's Oxford House and Lifeways, our treatment provider has a female transitional house for women transitioning from residential treatment. In lieu of using the Oxford House or the Lifeway's women's transitional house, the remaining option is utilizing hotels. The use of the Justice Reinvestment grant has allowed Malheur County to provide short term transitional housing to JII's releasing from prison and residential treatment to include select short term transitional leave releases

The parole and probation deputies in Malheur County continue to work diligently in protecting the community by holding adults on supervision accountable while providing them the resources to reduce their risk to re-offend.

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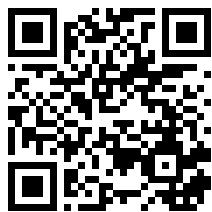
MARION COUNTY



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For nearly two decades, the Marion County Sheriff's Office has focused on evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism. Initiatives like Senate Bill 416 and the Family Sentencing Alternative Program have diverted 554 non-violent adults on supervision from incarceration to community supervision, supported by collaborative partnerships. This approach fosters behavioral change and mitigates the impact of imprisonment on families.

As of May 2024, Marion County achieved a 72.6% reduction in prison utilization due to these efforts. Beyond diversion, the Marion County Reentry Initiative and Transitional Services Unit offer support, including housing, mentoring, employment assistance, and treatment for reintegrating individuals.

To address the specific needs of women in the criminal justice system, we launched our Gender Responsive Unit using the Pathways model of supervision. In March 2023, we introduced the first cohort of women in the Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) program. This program delivers over 250 hours of cognitive behavioral interventions, enhanced supervision, mentoring, employment services, and substance use treatment. These efforts aim to reduce criminal behavior and substance use among participants while enhancing their employment skills.

The Pathfinder Network provides holistic peer mentoring through the Resilience and Recovery Project (R&R Project). Since October 2022, two additional navigators at our transition center have improved support for Adults in Custody (AICs), connecting them with vital resources for successful reintegration. The Pathfinder Network also facilitates cognitive behavioral intervention groups as part of our Transition from Jail to Community program.

The Community Corrections Division embraces the Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) and Core Correctional Practices (CCP) models. Since July 2022, comprehensive training in EPICS, LS/CMI, WRNA, and case planning has been provided to new practitioners, reinforced by six months of booster sessions. This approach allows precise identification of each client's criminogenic needs and the implementation of targeted interventions to reduce their risk of future criminal activity.

COUNTY NEWS

MORROW COUNTY



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Morrow County Community Corrections is located primarily in Irrigon, Oregon with a second office in Heppner, Oregon. The Community Correction Division is a division from within the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. Morrow County has a population of approximately 12,500 and 2,049 sq miles of area to cover. In Morrow County we supervise roughly 115 Justice-Involved Individuals (JII's) with +/- 10. Morrow County Community Corrections staff is comprised of two Parole and Probation Officers, one Support Staff, one Work Crew Supervisor and a Director.

As a small office of five, we have developed a close knit, highly collaborative team which is dedicated to providing the best service possible to our Justice-Involved Individuals and the citizens that we represent.

Community Corrections staff is dedicated to utilizing evidence-based practices to tailor supervision to the risks and needs of those we supervise by providing case management at an individual level. This individualized approach fosters a balance between supporting and nurturing the positives of each individual, while ensuring accountability and compliance with their requirements.

Morrow County Community Corrections collaborates directly with our community partners, including the 6th Judicial Treatment Court and Community Counseling Solutions to provide continuity of services for all of our Justice-Involved Individuals. These collaborations help streamline the process, making treatment more accessible and supporting clients in the goals of supervision: success, reintegrating into the community, and making the public safer by reducing recidivism.

Morrow County Community Corrections will continue to develop our program to provide better service, more opportunities, and deliver the Mission Statement provided by Sheriff John Bowles: To protect the rights of all people and to promote safety, security and livability for all Morrow County citizens and visitors.

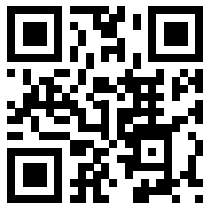


COUNTY NEWS

MULTNOMAH COUNTY



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The Adult Services Division of the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) serves a vital role in protecting public safety and strengthening communities throughout Multnomah County. DCJ provides accountability and services to adults under supervision and advocates for the dignity, safety, and legal rights of crime victims. DCJ carries out its work with an understanding of the pivotal role and impact that parole and probation can play in helping community members successfully integrate and reintegrate into society.

Addressing the underlying conditions that drive crime and recidivism, DCJ and its community partners prioritize culturally responsive, gender-specific supervision and resources. DCJ is committed to practices that are empirically proven to be effective and maximize resources, developing programs and policies informed by data and investing in reforms that address systemic racial disparities.

DCJ has focused on rebuilding capacity and strengthening programs after the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and social unrest. A wave of new hires has brought energy and fresh perspectives to the department. The African American Program continues to demonstrate the efficacy of culturally specific supervision and support, with a companion program being developed for Latino clients. And to assist and motivate clients with severe and persistent mental illness, DCJ uses trauma-informed, best practices for stabilization and readiness, rooted in core correctional practices.

The department has a renewed focus on supporting the emotional and physical wellness of community supervision professionals, including an expansion of a confidential peer support network and the establishment of a peer recognition system for both small and large contributions. And as House Bill 4002 went into effect in September 2024, DCJ was included in a multi-agency stakeholder collaboration to ensure accountability with the new deflection policy.

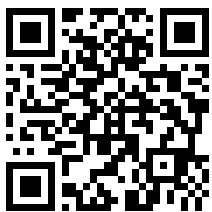


COUNTY NEWS

POLK COUNTY



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Phone: 503.623.5226



Polk County Community Corrections (PCCC) provides a team of professionals committed to public safety and improving community livability. Community Corrections provides parole and probation supervision, services and sanction programs through proven strategies aimed at preventing future criminal behavior while emphasizing community and victim reparation. We strive to make the most of available resources to protect the community while also promoting accountability among adults on supervision and positive behavioral change.

We believe everyone has value and is worth helping. We recognize people need help in different ways and have different levels of ability and motivation. In order to achieve individualized support, we utilize strength-based assessments and develop individualized case plans specific to the needs of each adult on supervision.

Over this past biennium, we have continued to see an increase in adults on supervision presenting with moderate to severe mental health symptoms. This became an immediate concern following the pandemic, which provided us with an opportunity to work closely with Polk County Behavioral Health in the development of an evidence based Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (F-ACT) Team in April of 2021.

F-ACT is a multi-disciplinary, team-based intervention that creates an alternative to incarceration for individuals living with serious mental illness. The F-ACT team consists of a dedicated probation officer and a team of Behavioral Health professionals that offer mental health, substance use disorder and psychiatric services, assistance with meeting educational goals, supported employment, peer support, and assistance with accessing supportive housing.

With the development of the F-ACT Team, we not only created a separate specialized caseload for this population, but we added an additional mental health caseload for adults on supervision who are in need of additional services but do not meet eligibility requirements for F-ACT program entry.

As the need for mental health and crisis services continue to increase with our population, we have taken a step further to embed a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA)—Case Manager, and a Peer Support Specialist within our office. These positions have proven to be invaluable in our daily work. These staff members are called upon many times throughout the day by individuals in need of services and resources. This expanded partnership between PCCC and Polk County Behavioral Health has continued to allow for individualized supervision and treatment services while promoting positive behavioral change and public safety support for our community livability.

COUNTY NEWS

SHERMAN & WASCO COUNTY



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Our offices cover both Sherman and Wasco counties, each of which have their own community needs and requires operational agility from staff when providing quality, local supervision. Because Sherman is a more rural county, there are benefits to being able to provide some direct services from The Dalles office which are unavailable elsewhere in the area. This includes peer mentors, transitional housing, cognitive programs and treatment. Office visits, field work, and work crew are provided locally in each county as much as possible to benefit each community directly.

With the support of the Justice Reinvestment Grant, housing and peer mentors have been a core aspect of supervision for hundreds of individuals over the years. We've seen this make continual, long-term changes, reducing recidivism and improving lives. These programs are closely integrated with our specialty courts which directly benefit by giving participants priority placement into available beds and each individual is assigned a peer mentor. The combination of providing close supervision with the strong support of a multidisciplinary staffing team has made these courts highly successful. Wasco County currently has a Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and a Family Dependency Court.

Mid-Columbia Center For Living has partnered closely with community corrections in recent years as well, with both a peer mentor and CADC sharing office space at our office throughout the week. This has provided more appropriate engagement for behavioral health needs when individuals are in crisis or struggle to make appointments. Interventions and plans can be made, critically, when we have them in-hand, preventing lost referrals between one location and another.

The Columbia Gorge is a beautiful area and the size of our operations are just the right size: not too big, not too small. We are able to provide individualized supervision with quality services and flexibility while maintaining quality rapport with those in our care. Our core value is that Relationships Are Primary!



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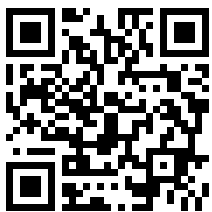
TILLAMOOK COUNTY



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This is a Tillamook County Jail program where sentenced Adults in Custody (AIC) can volunteer to participate. The AIC learns interview and job skills, gains a food handler's card, and is offered the opportunity to build a resume.

Tillamook County Community Corrections is a division of the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office. Located inside the Tillamook County Justice Facility, our division works very closely with the other Sheriff Office Divisions. Although overall numbers of Justice Involved Individuals (JIIs) that we serve started to see a decrease in the last couple biennium's, we have seen an increase in overall needs of adults on supervision.

We have received support through Criminal Justice Commission grants that help pave the way for new programs and continue to assist in our active participation with the Behavioral Health Specialty Court. This specialty court team is made up of many dedicated community partners who provide wrap around services to participants.

Justice Reinvestment (JRP) funds have been dedicated to supervision needs and programs that assist with skill building and behavior change. The Brighter Futures program started during the past biennium. This is a Tillamook County Jail program where sentenced Adults in Custody (AIC) can volunteer to participate. The AIC learns interview and job skills, gains a food handler's card, and is offered the opportunity to build a resume. In addition, JRP has also helped to continue our partnership with Tillamook Bay Community College for supervised clients to get financial assistance to earn their GED or begin college courses.

It is recognized that JII's need support throughout various stages of their supervision. Tillamook County Community Corrections strives to accept most, if not all, Short-Term Transitional Leave cases and plan for successful transition. Community Corrections Deputies identify needs and work with the resources available to provide transitional and subsidy support. This has allowed us to provide stable housing, when possible, for those on supervision. Limited housing and transportation options continue to be a conversation with community partners.

The partnerships and collaborations with our community partners are essential; we could not provide the level of support to our clients without their availability and assistance. We have experienced significant success through the peer support and crisis teams that serve our community and clients.

COUNTY NEWS

UMATILLA COUNTY



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During the 2023–2025 biennium, Umatilla County Community Corrections (UCCC) continues to offer many services. We offer treatment at our office which consists of Moral Recognition Therapy (for medium to high-risk men), STEPS (for high to very high-risk men) Moving On (trauma informed, gender specific program for women) and have recently implemented University of Cincinnati, Substance Abuse Program in conjunction with our community substance abuse providers. When justice involved individuals in custody, MRT is offered at our county jail which can be transferred into the community. These programs began as the result of community partners being understaffed. They were unable to run specific programs with fidelity to our high and very high-risk population. The result of this was a plan to work in tandem with our community partners to allow community corrections the ability to provide licensed alcohol and drug treatment with fidelity to the models being used. This allows us to provide higher dosage and more contact with those that are our most high-risk and high-need men.

We run a community service work crew for various projects county-wide and to assist non-profit agencies in our community.

Through the JRI grant we have worked to implement a project to include staff from Umatilla County CARE program to have a dedicated CARE coordinator work specifically with our population to create systemic support that continues after supervision while working to support justice involved individuals and connect them to services while on supervision.

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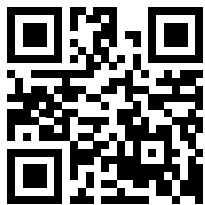
UNION COUNTY



Director: Travis Miller

Number of Staff: 8

Photo: 541.963.1005



Union County recently hired Maranda Tucker to fill a vacant parole and probation officer position. She Graduated from the academy in June and is now supervising a general caseload. She is a welcome addition to the department after trying to fill the position for two years. Union County is now hiring to fill our vacant Probation Services Specialist position. This individual will be responsible for overseeing our daily reporting and will be certified to facilitate our in house cognitive classes. We are excited to bring back women's MRT and the women's moving on group. We continue to facilitate our men's MRT group.

COUNTY NEWS

WALLOWA COUNTY



Director: Kyle Hacker

Number of Staff: 4

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Wallowa County Community Corrections has been focused on providing measurable change within our community, by using evidence-based decision-making, tools, and programs that support adults on supervision through treatment and cognitive support to enhance accountability, rehabilitation, and reduce recidivism. We supervise most misdemeanor and all felony cases in Wallowa County. It is imperative to help individuals that are placed under supervision to be productive citizens within our community. Access to services and frequent case plan reviews are essential parts of an individual's success. We have been meeting weekly with alcohol and drug, mental health, and the cognitive behavioral staff to openly discuss engagement, stages of change, and compliance within the program scopes. We deliver broad-based planning that enhances public safety and encourages positive change. Despite losing an officer, community corrections have maintained full operations. We have hired another officer who is eager to learn and jump right in. This officer will be attending the academy in October. Upon his return we will resume operations with a fully staffed office. We deliver broad-based planning that enhances public safety and encourages positive change. Wallowa County Community Corrections continues to use a therapy K9 named Juliet in the office. Her formal training for obedience, therapy, and service dog is ongoing for the next couple of years. We have noticed a positive difference the K9 has made in our interactions with individuals that come into the office. Juliet is also available to the local law enforcement officers to visit when they come into the Justice Center and she attends treatment court and child forensic interviews.

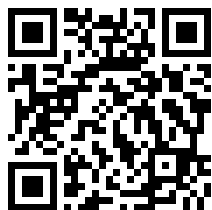


COUNTY NEWS

WASHINGTON COUNTY



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Number of Staff: 137
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Washington County Community Corrections (WCCC) is comprised of three divisions: the 215-bed minimum-security Community Corrections Center, the Counseling & Victims' Services Program, and Probation/Parole Field Supervision. Our guiding mission, "Promote behavior change to enhance community safety," describes our purpose and our values of Respect, Equity, Accountability, Collaboration, and Heart (REACH) are what we embody to achieve our objectives.

It is important to WCCC that we evaluate our efforts and we have been engaged in the development of key performance indicators and tools to measure our progress. The department has developed data dashboards to generate real-time reports that help us monitor contact standards, fieldwork, casework, use of jail beds, and other aspects of community supervision. Further, these dashboards have helped illuminate racial disparities in sanctioning practices and allow us to address this proactively. Our efforts to measure and monitor our work allows us to make informed decisions and conduct and communicate community supervision in a scientific and transparent way.

Beyond measuring supervision strategies, WCCC has an ongoing commitment to organizational wellbeing and routinely surveys staff utilizing the Gallup Q12 employee engagement survey. Results of the survey, conducted twice a year, inform our leaders, and staff on engagement efforts and help us focus our attention on employee wellbeing. In 2023, survey results indicated improvement was needed around employees knowing what is expected of them, and in Winter of 2024, the Gallup survey showed that our efforts to improve this area had resulted in statistically significant positive change. Data collection and reporting advances our abilities to be nimble, effective, and sustainable as public safety change agents.

Finally, WCCC is very engaged in statewide efforts to collectively improve our impacts on Oregon community safety and livability. WCCC is utilizing statewide strategic planning goals and strategies to help strengthen our efficacy within Washington County.



COUNTY NEWS

YAMHILL COUNTY



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This biennium, the reverberations of COVID 19, budget cuts and changes in public perception have significantly impacted YCDCJ.

Like many agencies, we've struggled with staff recruitment and retention. At the same time, legislative changes and data collection efforts have demanded additional training, increased oversight, and higher rates of staff accountability.

In short, we've been trying to do more with less.

Fortunately, even amid such challenges, positives have emerged. For example, the passage of SB 48 (which provided state funding for pretrial programs) allowed us to divert JRI funds to other valuable prison prevention or AOS transition programs. Further, through the



efforts of our talented staff, YCDCJ has developed a gender specific caseload (for women) and maintained a robust SMART Sentencing Program which provides a structured alternatives to incarceration. Grant funding has allowed us to grow participation in specialized courts for substance abuse, behavioral health and juvenile individuals. Finally, our Day Management Center provides "in house" cognitive and educational resources for many of our highest-risk offenders.

Meanwhile, our employees have developed programs to support their growth in areas such as risk assessment, case planning, defensive tactics, ethics, peer support and office mobility.

In September 2024, YCDCJ will be partnering with other local stakeholders in implementing a HB 4002 Misdemeanor Drug Deflection Model. Individuals who are not successful in Deflection will be placed on conditional discharge with YCDC and supervised according to a specialize model that includes its own sanction/incentive gridline.



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