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Powder River Correctional Facility hosts 4th Annual Family Day

Powder River Correctional Facility (PRCF) held its 4th Annual Family Day on July 30. Sixty-two adults in custody and 225 friends and family members were in attendance.

Activities included face painting, three-legged races, flower pot decorating, and more. Local community volunteers and DOC staff volunteers were on hand for a fun-filled day that has become one of PRCF's most popular and highly regarded facility events.

Family Day was created to bring families and friends together to provide a healthier understanding of the importance of their role in encouraging positive changes and the successful transition home for offenders. Events such as this are part of an overall effort to increase visiting and family engagement at all 14 Oregon Department of Corrections prisons. Research shows that those who stay connected and receive visits while incarcerated are more likely to be successful when they release.

PRCF is a minimum-security prison in Baker City that houses approximately 366 male inmates who are within four years of release. PRCF serves as a transition and re-entry facility and is focused on cognitive programming, work programs, and preparing inmates for return to the community. PRCF is home to the 128-bed New Directions (Drug and Alcohol Treatment) Alternative Incarceration Program. Individuals who successfully complete this 180-day in-prison program are released to the community for a 90-day transitional leave period. Individuals who successfully complete the transitional leave period are granted a reduction in their sentence and move to post-prison supervision. PRCF opened in November 1989.

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