Powder River News

MARCH 13, 2026

ADULTS IN CUSTODY NEWSLETTER

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Process for Transport Property

AIC Newsletter Notification

To help mitigate Adult in Custody (AIC) property from being damaged during transport and to aid in the reduction of property statewide, the Department of Corrections is making a shift in how AIC property will be transported. Starting the second week of March, transport property will be placed into large black duffle bags with both incoming and outgoing transports.

AICs property will not exceed two duffle bags. If there is property that exceeds that amount AICs will be given the option to have the property mailed out using parcels/boxes with a CD-28 or they can choose to have their property hot trashed.

The process change corresponds with OAR 291-117-0070 (Inmate Property). The AIC population is encouraged to think ahead if they have surplus property and to decrease it through proper channels.

Yoga for Everybody

Come join our Yoga community! Two classes are offered:

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

Saturday: 9:00am – 10:15am Gentle flow class

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

Laura Donahue - Yoga teacher

Starting Monday, March 30th, the facility will no longer allow AIC population to retained shoe boxes as a part of property. In the past, the facility allowed AICs to retain them to hold shoes, but they are far too often used to hold other forms of property.

SEASONAL RECRUITMENT

Adults in Custody

Fire Team

Do you need a job skill? Would you like to work in the forest? Do you want to be trained to fight wildland fires? Then you need to apply to be a part of the DOC's Adults in Custody Fire Team.

To qualify for this exciting opportunity, you:

- Must be a Classification Level 1 Unfenced.
- Your projected **release date or start date of eligibility window for treatment program** should be after **10/01/26**.
- AICs in treatment program **CANNOT** participate in the fire crew at this time.
- You must be medically approved to work in the forest. You must be reasonably fit to perform the duties of the assignment with no asthma or heart conditions.
- You must be approved by your counselor **(Do not request authorization from your counselor. Please submit application directly to Mr. Kennedy)**
- There are limited training spots.

You will be automatically disqualified if you:

- Have been convicted of a sexual offense, including attempts
- Have been designated "predatory" in any State
- Have been convicted of Arson or attempt

Working as a wild land firefighter is long, hard, strenuous work. The hours can be 10-16 hours a day in inclement weather over uneven terrain, requiring climbing, bending, stooping, digging, and lifting up to 50 pounds repetitively. Pre-qualified candidates must pass the Pack Test (walk 3 miles with 45lbs pack in 45 minutes). If you are selected, you will be trained in wild land firefighting and possibly in chainsaw training. In addition, your training may include various natural resource topics, First Aid and CPR Certification, and Food Handlers card.

The benefits are priceless – you would be working outdoors in a natural setting as part of a team assisting the Oregon Department of Forestry in maintaining healthy forests and protecting them from wild land fires. You will receive a certificate of program completion and upon release you will have a job skill in the wildland fire fighting field. Firefighters earn the following:

- PRAS of **14-17 points per day** (Camp Support 14 and Fire Suppression 17), **plus**
- Meritorious award of **$12.50 per day** on fire (camp or suppression), **plus**
- Reentry Savings account of **$12.50 per day** per fire (camp or suppression)

If you believe you meet the above criteria and would like to be considered for this work opportunity, please send a complete application form to

Mr. Kennedy, IWP Coordinator.

PRCF FAMILY QUARTERLY MEAL

FRIDAY, April 17th 2026 TIME: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
COST: $6.00 per meal for each person

MEAL:

BBQ CHEESEBURGERS WITH A VARIETY OF CONDIMENTS
BBQ BAKED BEANS
FRENCH FRIES
WATER, COFFEE, TEA, AND JUICE
WHITE CAKE OR CHOCOLATE CAKE

***Personal Condiments are not allowed for the event. ***

This event is open to General Population, Treatment Communities, and ALL INCENTIVE LEVELS.

TO ENROLL IN THIS EVENT, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Please send an **AIC COMMUNICATION FORM** to **MR. Marvin, MPB 513 by 8:00AM ON April 13th, 2026.**

2. THE **COMMUNICATION FORM** MUST INCLUDE:
   a. The number of guests
   b. The name and age of each guest
   c. The guest's relationship to you
   d. GUESTS MUST BE ON YOUR VISITING LIST—NO EXCEPTIONS

3. Include a **CD-28** for the total number of meal(s) you are purchasing **PAYABLE TO**:

   a. FAMILY FOUNDATION-ACCOUNT #2564
   Purpose: PRCF Quarterly Meal- April 2026
   b. Cost of Meal: $6.00 per meal for each person
   c. Children under age 3 are free.

4. **THE COMMUNICATION FORM AND THE CD-28 MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MR. Marvin BY 8:00AM ON April 13th, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS AND NO REFUNDS. INCOMPLETE FORMS/INFORMATION WILL BE RETURNED.**

5. Photos will be available. **Photo tickets must be purchased through ACTIVITIES prior to the event. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY-NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED.**

Do Good Club at Powder River

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the PRCF Do Good Club is to unite the AIC's at PRCF in promoting pro-social behavior. The goal of the club is to improve the quality of life for those inside and outside PRCF through charitable donations and social events. These social events will promote humanization, normalization, and pro-social behavior.

What we do:

We facilitate AIC Fundraisers here at PRCF. With the proceeds that we collect, we make donations to outside causes to do our part in making the community a better place. We also donate to the PRCF community with things such as Christmas bags, popcorn for movie night, prizes for Bingo night, etc.

We also facilitate events such as Bingo Night, Incentive movie night, Suicide Walk, Senior Night, etc.

Membership requirements:

Must be Incentive Level 3. Must have been here at PRCF for a minimum of 60 days and must have more than 60 days until release date.

If you are interested in being a part of the Do Good Club please send a Kyte to Ms. Easterday with your expressed interest in participating in the Do Good Club.

Overcomers Class

Overcomers-12 Steps Christian Recovery Schedule:

Every Friday 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Room: MPB

Starting: Friday, October 3, 2025

Instructor/Supervisor: Kevin Dyke (Volunteer)

Kyte the Chaplain to be added to the class

Measles Prevention and Information

You will see these signs around the institution regarding Measles- they are general preventative notices only. ODOC does not currently have any active cases of the Measles. The information on the signs is to help protect yourself against the spread of measles and what the symptoms of measles are. Please kyte Health Services with any questions or concerns regarding Measles or if you would be interested in the vaccine.

FIGHT MEASLES

It starts with you

Measles causes rash and fever. It is easy to spread and can cause serious illness, especially in young children. People who are not protected can get measles by going into a room where a person with measles has been, even up to 2 hours after that person has left.

Stay home if you are sick

Measles is very easy to spread. Stay home and away from other people in the house. Do not go to school, work, or travel until 5 days after the rash appears.

Wash your hands

Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and warm water.

Get Vaccinated

The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine provides the best protection against this disease.

Cover your cough orsneeze

Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Toss your used tissues in the waste basket and wash your hands.

Been in contact with someone who has Measles?

Call your doctor right away

Vaccine or a medicine called immune globulin given soon after contact may provide some protection against measles.

Symptoms of

infection

- High Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash

Disease Transmission:
AIRBORNE

To: **All DOC Adults in Custody**
From: DOC Health Services Division

Date: December 16, 2025

Subject: Brixadi

Health Services offers several forms of medications for Opioid Use Disorder with Brixadi being the most common. Brixadi and other treatments of Opioid Use Disorder reduce cravings and withdrawal of opioids.

It is important to know, **Brixadi offers no protection against overdose.** Do not take other opioids, or drugs that are not prescribed to you, when taking Brixadi. Taking opioids or drugs while on Brixadi can increase the risk of opioid overdose, may worsen side effects, or even cause death.

If you have questions about Brixadi or Opioid Use Disorder, please ask your medical provider.

Release Counselor Caseload Assignment Change

Effective immediately, PRCF Release Counselor caseload assignments have changed.

Ms. Ponce 00-25 (last two #'s of SID)

Ms. Luschen 26-99 (last two #'s of SID)

MARCH 2026

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1	2 Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm	3	4	5 PRAS Payday	6 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets A&O CLASS	7
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15	16 Turn in CD-28s for tickets by 9pm	17	18	19	20 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets A&O Class	21
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APRIL 2026

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26	27 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	28	29	30	1 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets A&O Class	2

IWP Position

NEW HOPE – POWDER PALS PROGRAM

Interested AICs are welcome to apply

New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals (New Hope – Powder Pals) partnered with the Powder River Correctional Facility, Oregon Department of Corrections, since early 2011. A key focus of this work has
been the ability to provide meaningful work for inmates in training homeless dogs. More specifically, the program assists homeless dogs lacking obedience skills and behavioral issues that limit the animal's
ability to be re-homed successfully. New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals is a Private Non-Profit whose purpose is to improve the lives of animals through kindness, understanding and respect. Their purpose is to rescue and rehabilitate animals in Eastern Oregon, increase awareness of animal well-being through education, and encourage a caring and safe environment for animals.
Work duties will include are but not limited to the following:

- Always follow the training program. Failure to follow the program will result in immediate removal from the program and may result in disciplinary action.
- Conduct or assist with scheduled training sessions.
- Conduct or assist with socialization of the animals.
- Follow the schedule of activities for the animals.
- Exercise animals daily.
- Keep a daily log of the animal's progress in the program.
- Feeding and watering following recommended daily amounts.
- Remove solid waste from kennel areas (inside and outside), and any other area as needed using approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Clean kennel area (inside and outside) using appropriate chemicals and PPE.
- Must be willing to work in a variety of weather conditions.

Qualifications for opportunity to apply:

1. In compliance with DOC Case Plan
2. No major misconduct reports within the last 6 months
3. Minimum of 6-8 months remaining on sentence
4. No history of animal neglect or abuse
5. Willingness to work as a team, open to new training ideas, willingness to make a difference to an animal.
6. Be motivated for change and have a good attitude.
7. Must be able to lift 50 lbs.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FORM TO THE IWP COORDINATOR MR. KENNEDY

Powder River Correctional Facility Contact Mentor List

PRCF Contact Mentor Program Contact Information: If you have questions regarding the Contact Mentor Program or the Oregon Way, or if you would like to participate in the program and be assigned to a mentor, please feel free to send an AIC Communication to Ms. Hoopes.

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

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) UPDATE

✅ Pilot Site Success

The new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system has gone live at the pilot site, Oregon State Penitentiary, and it is going well! This is the first step in moving away from paper charts and into a secure and efficient way of keeping health records.

🚧 Coming Soon: Wave 1 & Wave 2

Additional facilities will start using the EHR in 3 waves. The first wave starts in January 2026.

📝 What's Staying the Same

- You will still use **paper kytes** to request healthcare services.
- Kytes will continue to be answered and returned to you.
- A limited paper chart for dental care will remain in use for now, until the electronic system is fully ready.

✨ WHAT TO EXPECT ✨

As the EHR goes live at your facility, here's what you'll notice:

- ✍️ **Signature pads** will be used when signing for KOP (Keep on Person) medications.
- 📱 **No paper charts** will be used during health services appointments. Your information will be entered directly into the EHR.
- 🦷 **Dental services** will continue to use a small paper chart for special exams until their electronic system is ready.

📦 What's New for Medlines?

- Barcode scanning will now be used to check ID cards and medication cards.
- This makes the process faster and helps ensure accuracy when medications are given.

? Questions About EHR?

If you have questions about the new system, you can send a kyte addressed to ASK EHR. Staff will respond to help you understand the changes.

Financial Services

Informational Briefing

Processing AIC Financial Transactions
Group Activity Events & Request For Withdrawal of Funds (CD28s/CD28Ps)

This briefing is intended to provide Adults in Custody (AICs) & Department staff with a general overview of what to expect when withdrawal requests are submitted for processing.

Plan Ahead

CD28s/CD28Ps must be submitted for processing two weeks prior to an event per DOC Policy 30.1.6, AIC Revenue Generating Activities and Programs. This ensures appropriate levels of service and time to process the CD28s/CD28Ps and collect funds prior to an event.

Per OAR 291-145, Group Activities, AICs with insufficient funds will not be allowed to take part in a group activity that has a cost associated with participation.

Business Services does not hold CD28/CD28Ps.

CD28s/CD28Ps are processed upon receipt by the Business Office. If the workload is high, processing will typically occur within five business days of receipt.

If a CD28/CD28P needs to be processed on or after a specific date, AICs and facilitating staff should submit their requests accordingly.

Responsible Financial Management

When an AIC provides their signature and submits a CD28/CD28P for processing, the AIC is consenting to the withdrawal of funds from their trust account at the time of submission.

The AIC is responsible for tracking and confirming the availability of sufficient funds in their trust account. This includes accounting for any outstanding or pending financial transactions, including, but not limited to, communications transfers, commissary orders, and check requests.

Failure to account for sufficient available funds and/or pending transactions may result in CD28s/CD28Ps being returned due to insufficient funds.

******IMPORTANT******

AIC Trust Account information is protected information and should only be accessed by authorized Financial Services staff with access to the Department's AIC Banking System.

Questions?

AICs may submit an AIC Communication form to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and Family may submit questions to dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us.

From the Administrative Rules Program:

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 2/4/2026.

PROPOSED RULES:

291-158 Trust Accounts

- Amends rule to change the term "inmate" to "AIC"; align the rules with current practices or with statutory definitions; codify current practice; clarify; update definitions or statutory references; establish guidelines for the assessment of fees to establish a trust account in accordance with ORS 421.125(2)(f); and clarify the AIC's responsibility associated with stop payment requests.
- **Comment Period**: Comments must be received by the Rules Office before 12:00PM (noon) on 4/24/2026.

291-203 Cost of Care

- Amends rule to clarify the department's procedure for cost of care collections for all AICs, regardless of the type of sentence being served.
- **Comment Period**: Comments must be received by the Rules Office before 12:00PM (noon) on 4/24/2026

TEMPORARY RULES:

291-203 Cost of Care

- Amends rule to clarify the department's procedure for cost of care collections for all AICs, regardless of the type of sentence being served.
- **Effective:** 3/4/2026 through 6/7/2026

PERMANENT RULES:

291-131 Mail

- Statutory Minor Correction to fix rule references in OAR 291-131-0030(1)(a) to defined terms within the rules.
- **Effective:** 3/4/2026

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA Information)

The Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and for retaliation for reporting an incident. You may report in person to any staff, through an AIC communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by making a language selection, then dialing 91 from any AIC phone.

Filing an Anonymous PREA Report

If you are uneasy about filing a PREA allegation, you may file an anonymous report with an outside agency. You may write to: Governor's Constituent Services Office 900 Court Street NE, Suite 254 Salem, Oregon 97301

Please indicate in the beginning of your letter you are filing a PREA allegation, and you are requesting to remain anonymous. The Governor's Office will refer all anonymous allegations to the DOC PREA Coordinator to assure an investigation is completed based off the information that is provided.

Opposite Gender Viewing/Announcements

Opposite gender staff announcement themselves when entering a housing unit by ringing a bell. This must be done any time the status quo of the gender supervision on a housing unit changes (if there is already an opposite gender staff on the unit then there is not needed to re-announce). When you hear the doorbell, opposite gender staff will be entering the housing unit so please make sure you are covered up appropriately.

It is also important you undress in the appropriate locations. If you are in a bunk area, there are cameras throughout the facility so the designated changing/bathroom areas are the only areas you should be without undergarments. Opposite gender viewing may happen incidentally when staff are conducting routine cell checks. You can minimize this by keeping aware of the gender of supervision in your housing unit and ensuring you cover up when possible.

Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to AICs. AICs at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by making a language selection, entering your AIC PIN, then press 0*711 AIC telephone systems, or may request a private call through the PREA Compliance Manager at the facility. Advocates provide victims of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information, and emotional support. There is no charge for calls to advocates.

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and should not be used for other purposes.

Telephone calls and mail with community-based advocacy centers is considered privileged communication and will be handled like legal calls/official mail. All advocacy calls are not monitored or recorded.

Advocates provide confidential support and crisis intervention, inform you about the investigation and medical examination process, educate you about healing from sexual abuse and offer resources and referrals.

Advocates will not tell you what to do, communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release and will not provide legal advice.

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community- based advocates will not report unless you request them to do so and if you sign a release of information.

Just Detention International Headquarters is a national advocacy resource and can be reached at: 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340 Los Angeles, CA 90010

If you have any other questions regarding PREA, you may ask any staff member, write the PREA Compliance Manager at your institution, or you may write:

Ericka Sage PREA Coordinator Oregon Department of Corrections 3723 Fairview Industrial Drive, SE Salem, OR 97302

VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS

RESPONSIBILITY

LETTER BANK

The Responsibility Letter Bank is a structured letter writing process that provides adults in custody (AIC) with the opportunity to demonstrate responsibility for their crimes and express remorse for the harm they may have caused.

The program provides crime victims/survivors with the choice to receive information in a safe manner.

♦ AIC's may initiate the process by applying to participate in the program

♦ Crime victims/survivors may inquire with Victim Services to find if they have a letter available for them

♦ Victims are not contacted about the availability of a letter if they have not registered with the Bank through Victim Services

♦ Victims decide whether or not they wish to receive a responsibility letter and whether or not the AIC is informed that the victim received or read the letter

♦ Participation does not constitute permission for the AIC to make additional contact

♦ Victims may choose to respond to a responsibility letter through the program,

however, further correspondence requires the approval to participate in the FDP

♦ Letters will be reviewed by the Victim Services Program for appropriateness

♦ Accepted AIC letters will be deposited in the Responsibility Letter Bank

maintained by Victim Services

♦ Letters are voluntary and will not affect an AICs good time, release date, or post-prison conditions

To request additional information about the Responsibility Letter Bank, please contact Victim Services at:

DOC Headquarters

Victim Services- Responsibility Letter Bank

3723 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Suite 200

Salem, OR 97302-4975