



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Title:	Government-to-Government Tribal Relations	DOC Policy: 10.1.6
Effective:	11/27/19	Supersedes: 02/14/18
Applicability:	All employees, volunteers, and contract service providers	
Directives Cross Reference:	Executive Order 96-30, ORS 182.162 to 182.168	
Attachments:	None	

I. PURPOSE

The Department of Corrections (department) recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of Native Americans and is committed to maintaining government-to-government relationships with each federally recognized tribe of Oregon.

II. POLICY

A. Interdepartmental Relations

1. The department acknowledges federally recognized Oregon tribes may have an interest in department programs that affect tribal members.
2. The department will consider potential impacts and make a reasonable effort to cooperate with tribes in the development and implementation of department programs that affect tribes.
3. The department will make a reasonable effort to cooperate with tribes in resolving issues or concerns about department programs that affect tribes when this can be accomplished without jeopardizing the safety and security of the department, the public, or adults in custody.
4. The Assistant Director of the Correctional Services Division and the Administrator of the Religious Services Unit, or designee, is responsible for developing and implementing department programs that affect tribes.
5. The Administrator of the Religious Services Unit, or designee, is responsible to ensure department programs and activities that affect tribes are appropriately coded in the department's system for identification.

B. Tribal Affairs Coordinator:

1. The Religious Services Unit Administrator, or designee, serves as the department's Tribal Affairs Coordinator.
2. The Tribal Affairs Coordinator engages the department in government-to-government relations by:

- a. Being the department's primary point of contact and working to promote communication and establish positive relationships between the department and the federally recognized tribes in Oregon;
 - b. Communicating and coordinating with department divisions and institutions on programs that affect tribes;
 - c. Facilitating communication between tribal and department representatives on issues pertaining to department Native American programs;
 - d. Receiving and coordinating responses to outside communications regarding department programs that affect tribes;
 - (1) If a communication is received from the Legislative Commission on Indian Services or one of the federally recognized tribes of Oregon regarding a department program that affects tribes, the Tribal Affairs Coordinator will forward it to the appropriate division for further review;
 - (2) The division receiving the communication will work with the Tribal Affairs Coordinator to address the communication; and
 - (3) The Tribal Affairs Coordinator will follow up with the originator of the communication and the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, as appropriate.
 - e. Developing and reviewing department programs and policies that may affect Native American adults in custody; and
 - f. Working with the Volunteer Services Unit to secure and retain Native American volunteers and spiritual leaders.
3. Department managers will keep the Tribal Affairs Coordinator apprised of issues or programs that may affect tribal members or require tribal or department participation.
 4. The Tribal Affairs Coordinator will apprise department managers of issues that involve tribal interests or require tribal or department participation.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is adopted in accordance with ORS 182.164(1) and shall be made available to all department employees as the means of notifying them of the provisions of ORS 182.162 to 182.168. This policy will be adopted immediately without further modification.

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