

# OREGON CURE

Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants

A Newsletter for Incarcerated People and their Families and Friends

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## MEET THE OREGON CURE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Have you wondered who works on Oregon CURE projects? Well, we thought you might like to know, so we're going to introduce ourselves!**

Our board includes the following- President and Correspondence Manager: Karen, Vice-President and Secretary: Terry, Treasurer and Webmaster: Paul, Assistant Treasurer and Postmaster: Steve, Newsletter Editor: Kate, and the following contributors and members at large: Cheryl, Randy and Patty.

**We are attempting to give you a little background on each of us this year, so in this newsletter we are sharing from Terry and Cheryl:**

**From Terry:** I joined Oregon CURE in 1998, having learned about it through my involvement with Citizens to Repeal Measure 11. My professional background includes teaching and case management for Developmentally Disabled people, case management in Mental Health, Disability Analyst for Social Security Disability applicants, A/D counselor - a wide range of experience. My reason for becoming involved with CURE was after one of my DD clients murdered another one of my DD clients. My father had been an attorney and a judge in Washington State: I thought maybe I knew something about how the system worked, but found I actually did not. My client was represented by a court-appointed attorney, and was never given any opportunity to speak in court during his trial. I volunteered with DOC's Home for Good program in 2003-4; was Oregon CURE's Corresponding Secretary for 5+ years; edited, updated and wrote many of our publications, attended Transition Fairs, and proposed and continue to present quarterly at the Salem Orientation for Family Members and Friends of the newly incarcerated. I also helped start a CoDependents Anonymous 12-Step meeting at OSP in 2008 that continues to meet twice monthly, and attend monthly Lifers Club and 7th Step Club meetings, and participate in the Insight Hearings that were developed to help people prepare for their Parole Hearings.

**From Cheryl:** I'm a member-at-large on the Oregon CURE Board. Before retiring on May 1, 2013, I worked as a medical technologist at a medical center. Retirement for me was going to mean uninterrupted time for lots of family projects. Instead, in mid-June, my world went upside down and black. My son had been arrested. It was all so frightening and unintelligible. Thank goodness for the Oregon CURE support group that guided us through that time. That support group is my home base. But eventually, I decided I could do more to help beyond just my group. There were officers on the Board who were making important connections with DOC. We need those connections. As one board officer would say, "If we're at the table, then we're not on the table." Since I have no aptitude for making connections, I saw that I could help by taking on tasks that would then give them more time for outreach, especially to DOC. I've helped with researching topics, writing letters, consolidating our responses to DOC's rule changes, and occasionally filling in as Oregon CURE's rep at other groups' meetings. My fervent wish is to set up work groups to brainstorm actions on topics to help our loved ones. Dear to my heart are medical care and wildly fantastic visits that include making home cooked meals. OK, that last one is a little out there, but with the coming of the Oregon Way, who knows. With more of us to work together, we can make that, and so much more, happen! It's a great feeling when I hear a report that means input from CURE has made a difference.

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### Member donation form:

**Please note:** We have now added your membership renewal date on the address label of this newsletter. If your renewal date is expired, we ask that you please renew today to continue to receive this newsletter and to continue to support our organization.

Send your membership renewal or donation to: **Oregon CURE, PO Box 80193, Portland, OR 97280.** We also accept donations through mail or through our website [www.oregoncure.org](http://www.oregoncure.org)!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Optional):

Name of incarcerated loved one/ SID & facility: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer my services! My skills are: \_\_\_\_\_

# INFORMATION FROM DOC RE: ANTI-DRUG VIDEOS

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PARTNERS WITH UO TO CREATE ANTI-DRUG VIDEOS

The Oregon Department of Corrections recently partnered with the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication to develop four videos that explore the risks and harms associated with trafficking illicit substances into prison facilities through mail and visiting. Designed for loved ones and visitors of adults in custody, the videos spotlight different aspects of this complex problem, drawing from interviews with those who have seen firsthand the devastating effects that addiction, substance abuse, and the prison drug trade can have on adults in custody and their families.

“It is our responsibility to keep employees and the people we incarcerate safe while in Oregon’s prisons,” said Craig Prins, Inspector General of the Department of Corrections. “I wanted to create these videos for a couple of reasons: first, to reduce the amount of drugs coming into our institutions, and second, to decrease the risk of overdose and continued drug addiction. Partnering with the University of Oregon was a perfect solution because of their expertise and excitement for the project. I am hopeful these videos will be impactful by saving the lives of those who live and work in our prisons.” The videos feature diverse perspectives and experiences.

**Recovering in Custody:** How Drug Trafficking Harms Your Loved Ones shares personal stories from incarcerated men and women who have been negatively impacted by the drug trade. In **Pressured to Participate:** The Cycle of Coercion in the Prison Drug Trade, two formerly incarcerated men discuss the culture that leads inmates to enter the prison drug trade and pressure loved ones to cooperate, and offer advice to visitors who have been asked to participate in drug trafficking. A third video, **When Contact Visits Have a Cost:** The Tragedy of Anthony Powell, tells the story of an inmate at Oregon State Penitentiary who passed away from methamphetamine toxicity when balloons that were transferred to him in visiting ruptured in his stomach, and exposes the legal ramifications for visitors caught up in prison drug trafficking schemes. **Partners in Safety:** DOC’s Responsibility to You and Your Loved Ones provides guidance to visitors who think a loved one in custody has become a victim of the prison drug trade, or who themselves have been asked to participate in prison drug trafficking.

The videos were made by a team of University of Oregon students and staff. The team recorded the interviews at Oregon State Penitentiary, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, and at the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon, located in Portland. The Department of Corrections’ executive leadership team will be meeting in the coming months to determine the best method for sharing the videos with visitors. In the meantime, you can watch the videos by going to: [vimeopro.com/uosojc/doc](http://vimeopro.com/uosojc/doc) **This information provided by Craig Prins and Maya Lazaro**

### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITY LETTER BANK?

Do you wish to express remorse to the victim/victims of your crime? Did you know that by law, you are not allowed to contact your victims? Now, through the Responsibility Letter Bank you can (and hopefully will) write letters of apology to the victim/victims of your crime. For a detailed information and guidelines packet, please write to: VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM, 3405 DEER PARK DRIVE, SALEM, OR 97310. Remember when you write your letter, you are expressing remorse **for the crimes you have been convicted of** and **only to your victims**, not to the courts.

## 2020: THE YEAR OF PERFECT VISION OUR VISION AT OREGON CURE

We are well on our way into the new year, and we're looking forward to what's ahead, and the Board of Oregon CURE is working on our agenda for the remainder of this year. Did you know that Oregon CURE has been a state chapter of International CURE for 28 years? Did you know our chapter is unique? Oregon CURE (OC) is made up of support groups. Nationally, CURE is known for its advocacy for change in the criminal justice system. Most of the CURE state chapters do not have support groups. Their focus is advocating for policy change. In Oregon, we start with support groups, offering help and support at a time of loss and confusion when a loved one is suddenly involved in something we've never experienced before: the criminal justice system from the other side.

Support groups sustain us and give us a place to feel welcomed and share our journey. Helping newcomers navigate emotions, angst, Department of Corrections (DOC) rules, etc. Even knowledgeable old-timers can find new information; new ways to help loved ones and friends; a friendly, supportive place. From there, we reach out to advocate for changes that need to happen.

Over the years, the Oregon CURE Board has taken up topics of concern for all of us: telephone charges, video visits phone calls, participating in DOC workgroups (eg. Adult In Custody (AIC) Financial Accountability; Health Services Fiscal Impact). The Board is now looking at the year ahead and looking at where the focus will be. We look at information coming from the support groups. What concerns have been raised there? Also, what information has the Board received from outside groups/meetings that should be considered?

Part of that looking to the year ahead is considering how to find the Oregon CURE members who are looking to do more themselves. Perhaps there is an issue they find compelling and want to see addressed. Perhaps they have a desire to be more involved generally, in support and/or advocacy. Can we connect the dots here: involve more people and accomplish another objective?

We maintain a list of projects that are on our "to-do" list. That would be an easy place to start to see if anything there is of interest to you and/or in an area that you have expertise in. But there is always a place for you to bring your special interest. Because Oregon CURE is a volunteer organization, we are encouraged to choose the projects we want to work on individually or with a group. We all bring a different set of skills to this work, and it's of primary importance that we are comfortable with what we each take on! We are looking for supporters as well as initiators and we are open to new ideas and everyone's input. If you can take on a part of a project, offer some time, or just listen and give a viewpoint, you can help and you would be so valuable. Regardless if you should decide to become more involved with the Oregon CURE board of directors and our goals this year or not, please know that we value what you bring to your support group. You make a difference by attending the support group. Our support of each other changes lives. Our sharing of concerns and victories will be brought to the Board by the support group leaders. From that will come the focus for Oregon CURE for the 2020 year.

***“Prison systems throughout the world are generally ugly, barbaric, counter-productive and insane. Someday our descendants will look back on our time with shock that such otherwise sophisticated people could have treated prisoners the way we do.***

***I certainly hope all of us do as much as we can to help our society move out to the dark ages of what is so terribly inaccurately called “corrections.”***

**Bo Lozoff 1985**

# OREGON CURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Board Positions:

- 1 **Advocacy Coordinator:** Follow bills and report for Newsletter articles on State and Federal Laws and Policies
- 2 **Website Manager:** Update! Post prison newsletters, add informative articles, etc.
- 3 **Support Group Coordinator:** Recap monthly support meetings. Report to Board of support group activities and needs. Assist in arranging for and contacting guest speakers. Create quarterly topics.
- 4 **Publication Editor:** Design and maintain new board member packets with USA CURE chapter guidelines and volunteer contract. Design posters for jails and defense attorneys, etc. Design signage for Release Orientations and find best place to post. Update brochures: Advocating for the incarcerated in Oregon; Restoration, not simply retribution. The campaign for equity- restorative justice. Getting through Oregon's parole process. Thoughts on getting out with suggestions for release planning and release planning checklist.
- 5 **Media Manager:** Work on a video, or find someone who can, for Coffee Creek newly incarcerated re: Oregon CURE work
- 6 **OARS Specialist:** Evaluate and comment on changes to OARS as needed to ensure the health and safety of our loved ones.

**The above is in addition to what are recurring activities that we would always welcome more help with. They are:**

- 7 **Newsletter Opportunities for all include:** Submitting articles to be added to our newsletters and someone to Prep and recheck mailing data base.
- 8 **Annual Meeting Organizer:** Determine the topic, find the speaker(s), promote, prep: greeting, tracking donations, handouts, etc. etc.--This is a nearly two-month project.
- 9 **Other opportunities include:** Participate in DOC workgroups as requested. Work Group to work on: PRAS, AJC access to healthcare, Segregation, Aging in Prison, Violence against AICs--both other AICs and staff--, Gangs in prisons, Communications with DOC facilities, Improve visiting, Communications for families, Get Oregon CURE info out to people, Increase education inside, Bring technology into persons incarcerated. Improve Sex Offender's access to all programs. (Maybe work with Pathfinders.) Answering phones calls which involves call backs, listening and follow-up. Attending parole hearings to keep tabs on how the parole board is doing their job. Participating in Mock Parole Hearings with Lifers Club at OSP. Checking on bills in the legislature. Answering requests for information through email and snail mail. Often requiring research to be done.

### **As a Reminder: CURE is made up of volunteers.**

Although some of us do have "positions" on the board, and others are "members-at-large", as an all-volunteer organization, we are encouraged to choose the projects we want to work on individually and as a group. The board meeting agenda follows our mission and goals, but the fact of the matter is, we all bring a different set of skills to this work, and it's of primary importance that we are comfortable with what we each take on! If there is a project you would like to work on that is not listed here, please contact us and let us know. WE LOVE FEEDBACK!!!!!!

## IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE WE ARE PRINTING THIS IP 44 INFO:

NEW OREGON CAMPAIGN AIMS TO CREATE A MORE HUMANE APPROACH TO  
TREATING ADDICTION.

The Drug Addiction Treatment & Recovery Act, also known as IP 44, is an Oregon citizen initiative slated to appear on the November 2020 ballot. The Act would increase the availability of drug treatment and recovery services. Existing marijuana taxes would help pay for it. As part of the shift to a health-based approach to drugs, the initiative would reduce simple drug possession penalties, changing them from misdemeanors to infractions.

On February 29th, the campaign hosted a kick-off party at campaign headquarters in Portland. The campaign announced it had opened two offices, **launched its website** and started posting on Twitter and Facebook. The campaign published its first campaign video, featuring Janie Gullickson, executive director of the Mental Health and Addiction Association of Oregon. The campaign also announced its first 20+ endorsers, which include the ACLU, ACLU of Oregon, and Law Enforcement Action Partnership. A complete list of endorsing organizations can be found on the campaign's website at <https://yesonip44.org/supporters/>.

On March 5th, the campaign announced it had already collected over 125,000 signatures, exceeding the 112,020 signatures required by the Secretary of State to qualify for the ballot. The campaign will continue collecting signatures to ensure it is well within a safe margin for verification. The need for the initiative could not be more urgent. One in 11 Oregonians is addicted to drugs, and Oregon ranks nearly last out of all 50 states when it comes to providing basic access to drug treatment. Wait lists to get into treatment can be months long, and in some rural counties, there is practically no treatment at all.

When the Initiative goes into effect, marijuana tax revenue is expected to total about \$145 million a year. Revenue collected in excess of \$45 million a year will go to services for treatment, recovery, harm reduction and more. Currently, the state of Oregon spends \$23,000 to \$35,000 *per person per year* on punishing someone for a misdemeanor drug case. That's more money than the state of Oregon sent school districts per student during the 2018-2019 school year and more money than the \$9,000 it typically costs to provide treatment.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit [www.yesonip44.org](http://www.yesonip44.org).

### **Did you know that CURE is an all-volunteer organization?**

Your membership donations pay for the printing and mailing of our newsletters, our website fees, our phone line fees, and our Post Office box fees. Your funds go directly to pursuing our mission, we do not have paid employees, we are strictly a 501(c)3 organization.

### **Would you like to see something added to our newsletter?**

Just let us know! Please email us at [oregoncure@gmail.com](mailto:oregoncure@gmail.com) or write to us at P.O. Box 80193, Portland, OR 97280 with your suggestions.

## RELEASE ORIENTATIONS

Release Orientations are co-facilitated by Community Corrections and Oregon CURE. Find out how you can help your recently or soon to be released loved one successfully re-enter our communities. Before attending, please phone one of the county coordinators / department listed below to confirm the date, time and location.

### Washington County Dates

Contact: Marcus Ford (503) 846-3494

Held Quarterly: 1st Wednesday of February, May, August, November

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Call to Confirm (503) 977-9979 or email oregoncure@gmail.com

### Multnomah County Dates

Contact: (503) 988-3081 press “0” for TSU

This orientation is for family and friends of prisoners who will be released within 6 months to Multnomah County.

Time: 3rd Thursdays, 3:30 – 5:00PM

Location: Mead Building

First Floor Conference Room

421 SW 5th Avenue, Portland

### Marion County Dates

Contact: Kayla Thompson

(503) 540-8017 (call to confirm)

Meetings are held each January, April, July and October from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Marion County Probation and Parole

Location: Marion County Transition Center  
3950 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR 97317

## INTAKE ORIENTATIONS

Intake Orientations are co-facilitated by Oregon Department of Corrections and Oregon CURE. Find out about Oregon’s prison system, the intake process, phones, mail, and visiting requirements. You will receive a packet of informational brochures. There will be opportunities to ask questions and learn how you can get through your loved one’s incarceration. Maintaining family contact is vital to your loved one’s time in prison and upon release.

### Portland Metro Dates

Held Quarterly: 1st Wednesdays of March, June, September, and December

Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: Varies, please call Oregon CURE to confirm: (503) 977-9979 or email oregoncure@gmail.com

### Salem Dates

Held Quarterly: 3rd Thursdays of February, May, August, and November

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location:

First Christian Church

685 Marion Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

Parlor Room

(503) 378-0050 (call to confirm)

Corner of Marion and Church streets, on the north side of downtown. There is parking on the street or in the Dept. of Energy parking lot next door. The entrance is on the west side of the building, in the parking lot.

## Support Groups

Oregon CURE support groups are intended for adult family members and friends only. Some topics of discussion may not be suitable for small children or pre-teens. Attend a support group and network with family members who have “been there”.

### Beaverton Support Group

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays: 7:00-8:30pm

Please call to confirm the location.

(503)977-9979 or email oregoncure@gmail.com

### Salem Support Group

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays: 9:30-11:30am

The Keizer Senior Center

930 Plymouth Drive NE

Keizer, OR 97303

(503)409-3329 (Wayne)

### Portland East Side Support Group

Abundant Life Church

17241 S.E. Hemrich Rd.

Damascus, OR 97089

(503)757-7762 Will and Corinne

### Eugene Support Groups

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays: 7:00-9:00pm

Please call to confirm location.

(541)344-7612 Dave (541)342-6817 (Don)

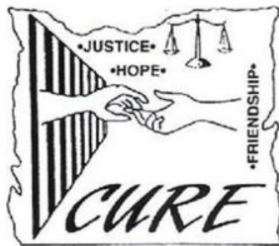
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