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Oregon CURE provides support and publications to help families/friends navigate the Oregon prison system:

- Quarterly Intake Orientations
- Monthly Support Groups
- Quarterly Release Orientations

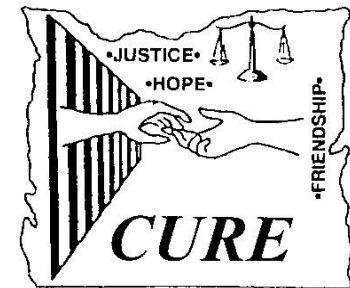
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Citizens **U**nited for the Rehabilitation of **E**rrants



CURE HISTORY

CURE was formally constituted as a non-profit organization in 1975 in San Antonio, Texas by Charles and Pauline Sullivan. The Sullivans' interest in prison reform began during their involvement in peaceful anti-war demonstrations during the 1960s when they were arrested and jailed along with other protestors. This experience brought to the Sullivan's attention the general indifference to those incarcerated. CURE now has 40 state and issue chapters and over 30 countries belong to International CURE.

The mission of OREGON CURE is to reduce crime by advocating for effective criminal justice policies, procedures and programs.

OREGON CHAPTER CURE



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TODAY'S PRISONERS ARE TOMORROW'S NEIGHBORS

CONCERNS

Harsh Sentencing Laws

Oregon's Measure 11 created "one-strike" mandatory sentences leading to population growth and alarming increases in prison youth population.

Expense

The average annual cost to incarcerate one prisoner in Oregon is over \$36,000. This does not include the cost of building the prisons and paying for existing prisons.

Overcrowding

The capacity of 14,500 beds in Oregon prisons has been reached. In October 2010, OSP Minimum was closed due to state budget deficits.

Voting Rights

Well-informed citizens make effective criminal justice policy decisions with their votes. Oregon allows previously incarcerated citizens the right to vote. In order to make your voice heard, you must register to vote.

Our primary goal is to reduce crime.

Since the majority of prisoners will someday return to society, CURE supports programs and treatment that enable prisoners to lead lives free of crime once they are released.

In this way, everyone in society benefits, as repeat offenses are dramatically reduced

OREGON CURE ADVOCATES FOR:

- **Pro-Family Policies** such as improved visiting guidelines and equitable, affordable phone charges.
- **Improved Medical and Mental Health** treatment programs; re-instating drug and alcohol and sex offender treatment in prisons and communities.
- **Broadened Education and Job Training** including reinstating college courses and adding educational resources.
- **Reformed Sentencing Laws and Parole** guidelines to be consistent and fair. Expanded use of community-based alternatives.
- **Legislation** that promotes public safety and effective, humane correction policies and practices.
- **Effective Transition Programs** from prison back into the community, such as successful pre- and post-reentry programs.

JUSTICE
SUPPORT
HOPE

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

If unchanged, our current system will bankrupt our society both morally and financially. Would you continue to invest in a stock that never shows a profit? We want to invest in programs that work!

CURE supports restorative justice which seeks repair, reconciliation, and reassurance for the crime survivor, the offender and the community. This gives the offender the opportunity to be personally accountable, not just to "do the time." Oregon prisons need to be places where people in prison learn how to make responsible decisions.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Your donation to Oregon CURE will assist with:

- a means to working towards safer communities.
- advocating for prison reform in Oregon and at the national level.
- a periodic Newsletter.