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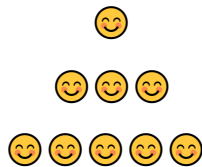
WELCOME TO CCIC.

For first timers, please know that we are working hard at making your stay with us as short and safe as possible. There are 10 counselors to help you. There are many moving parts to your intake process, and it might take a while to get if fully done but we want to make sure to get a clear picture of who you are and what your needs are to start you on the right path, thank you for your patience!

For the others, you know the process and we encourage you to be positive role models to the newbies in your community!

If you are still at CCIC 10 days after meeting with your intake counselor, please kyte C.Andretti to make sure your transport request was entered. Thanks!

- In this newsletter you will find:
- Financial info
- Ombudsman info
- General announcements
- PREA info
- Institution spotlight: CRCI
- Words of wisdom from a peer.

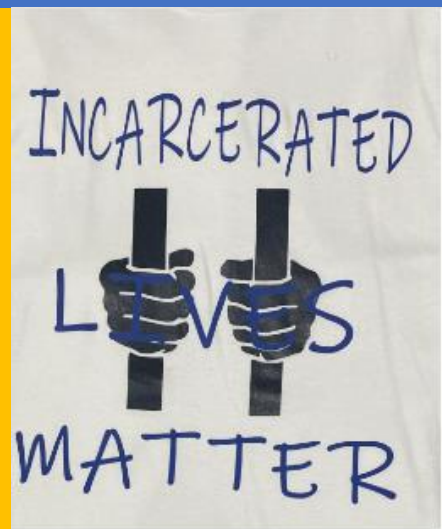


Things to know about August:
 National picnic month!
 National pirate month!
 National Catfish month!
 Peach month!
 National eye exam month!
 Family fun month!
 Romance Awareness month!

There is really something for everyone to enjoy! Take your pick!



All of you matter to the intake team and we are eager to meet with you and listen to your wants, needs and goals. We might not always give you the answers you want to hear however you will be treated with respect and dignity and we thank you for your patience! Until we meet enjoy start thinking about what purpose you would like this time in custody to serve in your lifeline. We wish you the best. YOUR INTAKE TEAM



Spotlight CRCI



Programs and Services offered at CRCI:

Major program activities for general population AICs consist of community service work projects supervised by correctional staff, institution support and maintenance work, educational and cognitive skills classes, and Turning Point drug and alcohol program.

To promote good health and wellbeing, AICs are encouraged to take part in many recreational and other outdoor activities offered to them every day. AICs are allowed access to the Recreation Yard three times per day for recreational purposes.

Organized yard activities include:

- Soccer leagues
- Basketball leagues
- Volleyball leagues
- Pickle-ball leagues (like tennis with a whiffle ball and high net)
- Native American pow-wow's
- Special holiday events

Individual recreational activities include:

- Weight lifting
- Jogging / walking trail
- Hacky-sack
- Other miscellaneous games and activities

Indoor activities include:

- Aerobics
- Yoga
- Stationary bicycles
- Bingo
- Karaoke
- Numerous board games and other indoor activities (cards, chess, etc.)
- Religious services

About the Facility:

Columbia River Correctional Institution (CRCI) is a 595-bed minimum-security prison located on 26 acres in NE Portland. The institution opened in September 1990, and houses 595 male individuals in separate dormitory-style housing units.

Approximately 50 AICs are housed in a separate living area designed specifically for use as a residential alcohol and drug treatment center where individuals voluntarily participate in a therapeutic community program designed to address serious addiction and substance abuse problems. This facility is focused on alcohol and drug treatment, work programs, and preparing AICs for return to the community.

One of the 50-bed dormitory has been designated as residential treatment centers where adults in custody are involved in an intensive alcohol and drug treatment program for six months or more. This unit is self-contained providing AICs, in treatment, with the opportunity to successfully complete the program without unnecessary distractions from the general population. The programs offered to other individuals in the facility focus on the development of work habits and skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment.

Financial Services

Informational Briefing



What is the Transitional Savings Account (TRSA)?

- Funds in the TRSA are protected from debt/ obligation and garnishment.
- Established per SB844/ORS 423.105 as a means for AICs to save funds for release.
- 5% of each eligible deposit is applied into the AICs TRSA until the account reaches \$500.
- AICs may elect to transfer funds into their TRSA by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request form (CD1832) up to \$500.
- AICs may continue a 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond \$500 if court-ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied.

What is the General Savings Account (GS)?

Funds in the GS Trust Account are not protected from debt/ obligation collection or garnishment.

Established as an optional means for AICs to save funds outside of the TRSA.

AICs may elect to transfer funds into the GS Trust Account once per calendar month by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request Form (CD1832).

Funds in this account are not available until the AIC releases from ODOC custody; an exception may be granted by the CFO or designee per OAR 291 Div. 158.

Note: Trust Account Transfer Request Forms (CD1832) are available through Business Services.

Court Ordered Financial Obligation (COFO)

- Collected from eligible deposits per ORS 423.105
- 10% collected for COFO(s) from eligible deposits until the transitional savings trust account reaches \$500.
- Then, 15% collected for COFO(s) from eligible deposits until obligation(s) are satisfied.
- The department does not have case-specific information regarding COFOs; AICs are encouraged to contact the court of record regarding their COFO details: Oregon Judicial Department, Business and Fiscal Services Division, Attn: Collections, 1163 State Street, Salem, OR 97301.
- COFOs are not the same as County and US Court filing fees. Examples of COFOs are restitution, fines, fees, & child support.

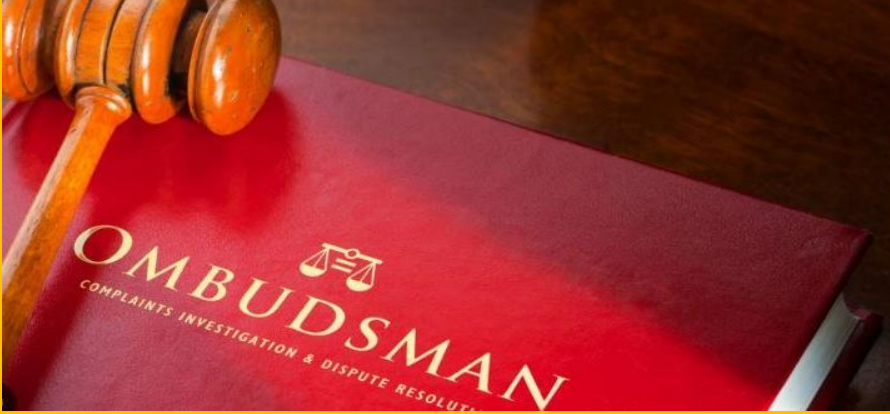
DOC Debt

- Collected from eligible deposits.
- Additionally, collections shall occur the last business day of the month per OAR 291 Div. 158 if funds are available.
- DOC debt includes but is not limited to debt incurred from various disciplinary fines, copy, and postage advances.
- DOC debt is due upon receipt; if/when funds are not available; funds are advanced and set-up as debt.
- Monthly, AICs may spend up to \$40 of the first \$80 deposited into general spending.

Please address any questions to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and family may submit questions to dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us.

Financial Services is seeking to ensure AICs are provided with information to better understand the types of savings options that are available. AICs with questions regarding their trust account(s) are encouraged to send a communication to Business Services (*electronic communications, available on the tablet, preferred*).





Oregon Ombudsman

A Letter from the Corrections Ombudsmen

In 2022 the Oregon legislature funded an independent Corrections Ombudsman position located in the Governor's Office. One of the primary purposes of this position is to strengthen procedures and practices which lessen the possibility that objectionable corrections actions will occur.

The Corrections Ombudsman has the power: to investigate, on complaint or on the Ombudsman's own motion, any action by the Department of Corrections (DOC) or any employee thereof without regard to its finality. However, pursuant to ORS 423.425, the Ombudsman may decide not to investigate complaints that are trivial, frivolous, vexatious, or not made in good faith, as well as those that are too long delayed or could reasonably be expected to be resolved through a different administrative process.

The position is located within the Governor's Office and is not accountable to and does not report to the DOC in any manner. All communications to the Ombudsman are confidential and **no** person who files a complaint to the Ombudsman pursuant to ORS 423.400 to 423.450 shall be subject to any penalties, sanctions or restrictions because of such complaint. If any person willfully obstructs or hinders the proper and lawful exercise of the Ombudsman's powers, or willfully misleads or attempts to mislead the Ombudsman in inquiries under ORS 423.400 to 423.450, a Marion County Circuit Court judge, on application of the Ombudsman, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt.

Because the modern version of this position is new, it will take some time to establish the office and build the Ombudsman team. While I am processing and replying to all complaints, please be advised that this is a very slow process. For now, please take the survey below and kyte or write a letter with your answers to the address below.

- How many people on your contact list have tried to get validated with the IC Solutions phone system?
- How many have been successful so far?
- What stopped them from getting registered (they have a prepaid phone, can't get a credit card, system is too complicated, etc.)
- How long have you been waiting for someone to get validated (ex. "I haven't talked to my partner in six weeks because they can't get validated")
- What other DOC issues are important to you?

Please send responses by kyte or letter to:

Adrian Wulff Corrections Ombuds
900 Court St. SE Suite 254; Salem 05 97301- Hotline # 833-685-0842

QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join our Friends & Family email list for the inside scoop!

Get emails about institution news and events

**TO SIGN UP:
TEXT CORRECTIONS
TO 22828 TODAY!**



Angel Tree Christmas 2023

Deadline to apply: September 25th

Delivery of Christmas present & personal message of love to your child on your behalf.

Send a communication form to religious services at your receiving institution for an application





Sexual abuse and harassment are never okay. Tell Someone.
GET HELP.

Call the Inspector General's Hotline:

- Pick up a handset
- Press *999 to leave a message All PREA

Calls are confidential. Send a letter to

Governor:

Governor's Office, State Capitol, Room 160, 900 Court St.,
Salem, OR 97301

The Oregon Department of Corrections has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and harassment. Your family can report on your behalf by contacting the Inspector General's public hotline at: (877) 678-4222.

El Abuso sexual y el acoso sexual nunca son aceptables. Avisele a alguien. CONSIGA AYUDA.

Llame al Inspector General:

- Al numero de ayuda:
- Levante el teléfono, marque *999.

Todas las llamadas a 'PREA' son gratis y confidenciales.

También puede reportar a la oficina del Gobernador por escrito.

Governor's Office, State Capitol, Room 160, 900 Court
St., Salem, OR 97301

Sus amigos o familiares pueden hacer un reporte llamando a la línea del Inspector General al 877-678-4222.

PREA Advocate:

You may write the PREA
advocate at: ODOC PREA
Advocate2575 Center Street
NE, Salem, OR 97301

HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE — IN PRISON

By [Dennis Mintun](#), Contributing Writer to the website: **Prison Writers**

Interpersonal relationships are always important. But, in a prison setting, it is a lot more so. After all, we live in a small community where we must interact with the same people all the time.

Here are some tips on how to relate to others...

- 1) Learn names. Not just what their given name is, but what the person prefers to be called. Unless they want you to, try not to call an inmate by their last name. After all, that is how the guards usually refer to us.
- 2) Be a “comfortable” person. Learn to be someone people don’t feel awkward around. Basically, this means to not be overbearing (pushy) -or- withdrawn (standoffish). Try to find the middle ground.
- 3) Be relaxed, easygoing, and patient. No matter what the other person acts like, learn patience... learn to be relaxed around people, in any situation. That takes practice, I know. After over twenty years in prison, I still forget sometimes.
- 4) Don’t be egotistical. Regardless of how smart you are, or how uneducated the other person is compared to you, it doesn’t pay to act like you are better than they are. Even if you know that what the other person is telling you is incorrect... think about what the result would be if you were to correct them. Would it help to point out the error, or cause an argument... or even a fight?
- 5) Pay attention. Cultivate the quality of being genuinely interested in people. No matter where they are in life... how young or old they are... or their education level... you just might learn something from them.
- 6) Study to get the “scratchy” elements out of your personality. That is: traits which may irritate or annoy others. The best way to do this is to have a GOOD friend (one who can be perfectly honest with you) to tell you what these traits might be.
- 7) Attempt to heal misunderstandings, when possible, but don’t push. Let them know you are willing to work things out. But, if it looks like they need some time or space, give it to them.
- 8) Practice liking people. A good way to do this is to silently “examine” each person you meet. Look for positive traits and things you like about them.
- 9) Be aware of who might be “shunned” or outcast by others. Let them know you are not like others. A person who became one of my all-time best friends was a person like that when I first met him.

10) Never miss an opportunity to congratulate or complement. All people appreciate a “pat on the back” from time to time.

11) Introduce yourself and others to those you know. By doing so, you just might help others develop a relationship.

12) Practice conversation generosity. You have two ears and one mouth. Therefore, you should speak half as much as you listen. A bad habit many people have is trying to think of a response or comeback while the other person is talking. Listen to all they have to say before coming up with a reply.

13) Keep in mind that you don't TRULY know the other person. There may be parts of their life that you wouldn't be able to relate to. Be satisfied with the things you might have in common. As the relationship develops, the deeper issues will be easier to see.

14) Watch prejudice. Again, you may not know the whole person. Just because someone is different from you does not mean they won't have something to offer. This can apply to race, color, religion, gender, preference, age, or even criminal background.

15) Be open-minded. Even if what a person has to say is completely “off the wall”, there may be something to it.

16) Allow people their own “mythology”. A lot of people... especially in prison... tend to make up pieces of their past. This could be because they don't want people to know about their past, or it could be that there are things in their past THEY would rather remember differently.

17) Above all else, be yourself. People can spot a “phony” from miles away. If you pretend to be something you are not, it will be hard to develop any kind of relationship, let alone develop a friendship.

Even though I've only had a few good friends over my years in prison, I can honestly say there are very few people who don't at least “tolerate” me, in spite of my very “checkered” past. Not because I'm anyone special, but because I constantly have to work on the items above.

PRISON WRITERS

Where Prisoners Have a Voice