

# Powder River

August 4, 2023

## AIC NEWSLETTER

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#### Coming Soon!

Family Day is August 26  
Pre-registration by **Aug 11**



#### Visiting Photo Information

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#### Position Available

Powder Pals

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
79/52	76/51	82/53	81/51	83/50	84/52	87/54
Partly Cloudy	Thunderstorm	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

## Family Day Update

### COFFEE TICKETS

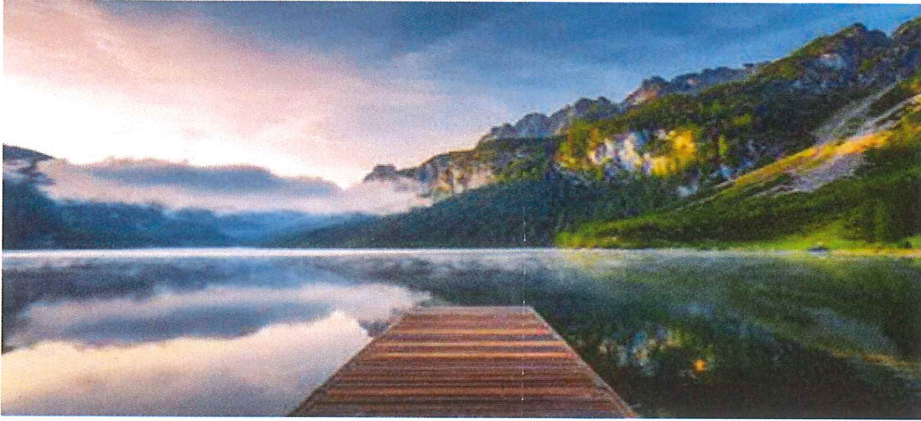
Coffee tickets for Family Day must be purchased **prior to 8/26/23**. No coffee tickets will be sold the day of the event. There will be no exceptions. **Two** tickets will be good for **one** iced coffee or **one** Italian Soda. The drinks will be available on the yard. The Coffee Cart will not be open to AICs or visitors on 8/26/23.

### FAMILY DAY ATTENDEES

All attendees must be on your approved Visitors List. Visitors must be approved through Visiting Services in Salem, Oregon. This is not done at PRCF.

### AIC DRESS ATTIRE

The day of the event, AICs may wear shorts and T-shirt.



## Al-Anon

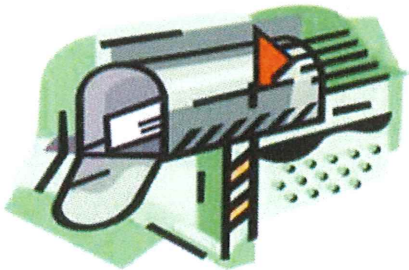
Thursday from 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Al-Anon is a program that works with alcoholics and non-alcoholics who have family members or friends who have been affected by alcohol and / or drugs. Al-Anon offers a gentle but powerful path to serenity that can be applied right now in prison and upon release.

## AA (Freedom on The Inside)

Sunday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share the experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.



## Mail Rules:

Do you want to make sure that you receive your mail simply by following the mail rules?

Rule 291-131-0035-(2) (j)

It Contains inflammatory material: **Like Flipping the bird in a picture!**

If one photo is not following a mail rule in a group of photos, it automatically rejects the *entire* package of photos. The entire contents are sent back to the sender and mail violation is given

## Were you aware?

From Admin Staff

There has been a disruption of United States Postal Service mail delivery to the **entire** Baker City community which **includes** us here at PRCF.

Mail service may be delayed until the local postal office service is resolved.

Thank you for your patience.

## Ombudsman Info:

Kyte or mail:

Adrian Wulff  
Corrections Ombudsman  
900 Court St SE Suite 254  
Salem, OR 97301  
Phone: (833) 685-0842

**2023**  
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# Family Event

At Powder River  
Correctional Facility

Saturday, **August 26**

**11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

- Snow Cones
- Face Painting
- Bounce House
- Games & More
- Free 4x6 Photo

## Menu:

**BBQ Pork  
Sandwich, BBQ  
Beans, Corn,  
Chips, Fruit, and  
Cookies**



- ❖ There will be no visiting on Saturday, only Sunday, August 27. Sign-up sheets will be available during the Family event for visiting on Sunday and will be in 1-hour increments and extended depending on the number of visitors.
- ❖ Registration does not guarantee approval, Adults in Custody will be notified one way or another.
- ❖ Media release and food release forms will be filled out by visitors at the front gate. Visitors will not be allowed to enter the facility without proper ID and filled out forms. Bring children's proper ID or birth certificate.
- ❖ Iced coffee drinks and Italian soda will be available for Purchase with regular tickets (no special tickets needed.) Please make sure to buy tickets before the event.  
**Please make sure to buy tickets before the event for You and your family.**
- ❖ Please submit complete Family Event order form with the names of your guests, their relationship to you and age, for those 17 and under, along with attached CD -28 to Ms. Geddes.
- ❖ Maximum of 5 guests per Adult in Custody. If there is an exception needed, please contact ISM Clark.
- ❖ All guests must be approved on your Approved Visitors' List.



The Department of Corrections is aware T-Mobile and Boost Mobile customers may experience difficulties receiving calls from adults in custody (AICs) due to spam filters. Calls from institutions are automatically going to voicemail. T-Mobile and Boost Mobile are aware of this issue and are currently conducting a review of their policy.

If you receive questions on this issue, please let them know their friends and family can visit the [DOC website](#) with the following workarounds:

- Call customer service and request the number associated with their prison is removed from the spam blocked list.
- Download the "Scam Shield App." From the application, they can add the number themselves to be allowed.

# ATTENTION



**Starting August 6, 2023**

**Update to the Housing Unit Rules**

**D. Dayroom**

**9. Gambling of any type is prohibited.**

**10. You are allowed to maintain a score sheet for only the current game that is being played. The names on the score sheet must be the same as the current players and use the last name of the AIC stated on the AIC identification card.**



# Financial Services

## Informational Briefing

### *Court Ordered Financial Obligations (COFOs)*

#### What are Court Ordered Financial Obligations (COFOs)?

COFOs are financial obligations owed by an Adult in Custody (AIC) assigned during a legal proceeding. COFOs may consist of restitution, fines, fees, child support, or civil judgements including money owed to a victim. *Note: COFOs are not the same as County and U.S. Court Filing Fees.*

#### Why does the Department of Corrections (DOC) collect COFOs?

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 423.105 became law in 2017, directing DOC to collect COFOs on behalf of the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). **How are COFOs collected?**

COFOs are collected from eligible deposits, or deposits that are not protected from debt and obligation collection. Examples of eligible deposits include AIC performance monetary awards (PRAS) and moneys received from an AIC’s family or friends.

10% of each eligible deposit is collected until the AIC’s transitional savings has reached \$500. After the AIC’s transitional savings has reached \$500, 15% of each eligible deposit is collected for COFOs until those obligations are satisfied.

#### Who do I contact if I have questions about COFOs?

DOC is unable to provide case-specific information. AICs with questions or concerns about their COFO details should contact OJD/DOJ or the appropriate court of record.



Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)  
Business and Fiscal Services Division  
Attn: Collections  
1163 State St  
Salem OR 97301

Department of Justice (DOJ)  
Division of Child Support  
PO Box 14680  
Salem, OR 97309 (800)-850-0228

#### 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](mailto:dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us).

To All Adults in Custody (AICs),

As you know, Pell Grants for colleges/universities are coming back soon. The most important thing to know is **you will not be able to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form** and apply for a Pell Grant on your own for college within the facilities. You will need to apply directly to the approved college/university programs.

There are Federal guidelines the colleges/universities must go through to become a Pell Grant approved program.

- 1) The colleges/universities need to apply with the department to be selected as a program. 2) The colleges/universities have to get each facility accredited as one of their participating programs.
- 3) Finally, they have to apply with the U.S. Department of Education to become a Pell Grant program.

Currently the U.S. Department of Education has not finalized these applications. We have two programs previously approved through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Pell Grant process offering classes through Chemeketa Community College at Oregon State Penitentiary and Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) at

Snake River Correctional Institution. These programs will continue. Central Oregon Community College,

Portland Community College, Blue Mountain Community College, TVCC, Chemeketa, Portland State University, and Adams State (a correspondence program) have begun the process of the DOC application and to get accredited.

We do not have any new approved sites at this time. If you have any questions, reach out to the Education and Training Unit

## **PROPERTY UPON RELEASE**

All property listed on your Property List must be in your possession and accounted for at the time of your release. Failure to provide these items or proof of approved disposal of items not in your possession may result in progressive discipline for you and anyone else in possession of your property.

## Religious Services Announcements

### *Upcoming Religious Service M17 Programs*

#### **Malachi Dads (Parenting Class)**

- Tuesdays 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
- 10 seats (class full)
- Classes being August 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Beginner Guitar Classes**

- Tuesdays 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 10 seats (class full/waitlisted)
- Classes begin July 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **AIC JC- A study of the Life and Teachings of Jesus**

- On hold

#### **Yoga & Meditation Classes**

- Time: TBD
- 10 seats available

#### **Anger Management (\*not state certified)**

- Time: TBD
- 10 seats available

#### **Art of Communication**

- Time: TBD
- 20 seats available

## Religious Services

1. Baptism Classes Available- Sundays/Tuesdays/Thursdays –  
12 pm to 12:30 pm Chapel
2. Family Day Band Practice—Saturday 2 pm to 3:45 pm Chapel  
MPB
3. Yoga/Meditation Class- Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 pm Elkhorn Rm  
MPB

# IWP Positions

## **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 TO MS. PIMENTEL**



# AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Insanity	3	4 Insanity Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	5
6 Turn in CD-28 for tickets	7 Pastry Box Picked up	8	9 Insanity	10 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets  <i>* Pastries Delivered</i>	11 Insanity	12
13 Turn in CD-28 for tickets	14 Insanity	15	16 Insanity	17	18 Insanity Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	19
20 Turn in CD-28 for tickets	21	22	23 Insanity	24	25 Insanity Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets  <i>* Pastry Box Out</i>	26 <b>Family Day</b>
27 Turn in CD-28 for tickets	28 Insanity	29	30 Insanity	31		



## Visiting Photos

\*\* Have questions about photos? From now on please kyte your questions to Ms. Krieger in administration. \*\*

- Photos are to be taken in designated areas only.
- Except for immediate family members, AIC may not have other AIC, any staff, or other AIC's visitors in their photos.
- AIC may have photos taken of their visitors without the AIC in the photo.
- AIC may not have photos taken of themselves without their visitors during visiting sessions.
- AIC may have up to five (5) photos taken when others are waiting.
- AIC on loss of privileges status may participate in photo opportunities in the visiting room with their approved visitors.
- Before coming to the photo session, the AIC must completely fill out a CD28 and have it stamped by their housing unit officer.

### >>> Dress code and Demeanor:

- Photos will reflect and reinforce the mission and goals of the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC).
- Clothing, poses, and personal demeanor will be reflective of pro-social attitudes and consistent with the expectations of the ODOC.
- No exposed genitals or pubic regions.
- Any portion of the buttocks will not be exposed.
- AIC will dress in a manner that is consistent with the dress code as outlined in the AIC handbook.

- Any portion of the underwear or briefs will not be exposed.
- The top button of the shirt will not be buttoned.

>>> **Prohibited poses include:**

- Provocative poses.
- Showing off tattoos. No STG related tattoos may be visible in the photo.
- Clenched fists are not authorized higher than the belt/waistline or in front of the body.
- Stacking of fists or hands.
- Positioning the fingers, arms, feet, or legs to indicate an STG related symbol.
- Obscene gestures.
- Any contact or pose that is suggestive of sexual or violent actions.
- Lying on the floor.
- Sitting on or leaning into another adult's lap.
- Feet must be apart. Sufficient space must exist between feet when viewing the developed photos.
- Using or sitting on a chair in any manner other than sitting properly in the chair.
- Touching will be limited to one arm around a shoulder when posing side by-side with an adult visitor.

>>> **With children, posing may also include:**

- Being held in a lap (age and size appropriate).
- A manner that is reflective of play, such as piggyback (age and size appropriate).
- Sitting on the floor while playing on the floor.

>>> **Confiscations** - Photos that do not meet the standards outlined in this procedure and ODOC Rules will be confiscated without refund to the AIC.

# **Contact Officer Corner**

## **Accountability:**

What does accountability mean to you? For some, accountability is keeping a commitment or being responsible; however, accountability goes beyond simply maintaining a job or keeping a calendar appointment. It's about recognizing the need to acknowledge your part in the decisions you make, your relationships with others, or even the way you view yourself. Accountability is accepting that for every choice YOU make, in that moment of decision, you also accept the OUTCOME—GOOD OR BAD. Its understanding that YOU are solely responsible for YOU. If you think about it, personal accountability is a very in-depth and philosophical concept. Sophocles, a Greek playwright, once said "*It is a painful thing to look at your own trouble and know that you yourself and no one else has made it.*" Accountability allows you to own your story and see yourself with a more introspective look. It gives you the freedom to dig deep, self-reflect, and find new ways to grow, internally and externally, in a positive direction.

## **Weekly Quote:**

It's only when you take responsibility for your life, that you discover how powerful you truly are! *Allanah Hunt*

## **Suggested Reading:**

The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom *by Don Miguel Ruiz*

The Alchemist *by Paulo Coelho*

## **PRCF Contact Officer Program Contact Information:**

Ms. Hoopes, Correctional Counselor, oversees the Amend Contact Officer Program at PRCF. She works with the PRCF Contact Officer team consisting of Sgt. Crawford, Officer Brinton, Lt. Brazofsky and Officer Erickson to build the Contact Officer program and improve communication between staff and AICs. If you have questions regarding the Contact Officer Program or the Oregon Way, please feel free to send an AIC Communication to Ms. Hoopes.

# **R & D Info**

## STATE CLOTHING ALLOWED

<u>1 Each Denim Coat</u>	<u>1 Chambray shirt</u> <u>2 Chambray shirts (Program)</u>	<u>2 Pair Denim Pants</u>
<u>3 Each T-Shirts</u>	<u>2 Sweatshirts</u> <u>1 Sweatshirts (Program)</u>	<u>1 Each Belt &amp; Buckle</u>
<u>3 Pair Grey Dress Socks</u>		<u>2 Each Towels</u>
<u>3 Pair of Underwear</u>	<u>2 Blankets (Wool or Cotton)</u>	<u>2 Sheets and 1 Pillowcase</u>
<u>1 Pair State Tennis Shoes</u> (if no personal shoes)	<u>1 Pair of State Shower Shoes</u> (if no personal shoes)	<u>1 Pair Red Shorts</u> (If no personal blue shorts)

## WORK CREW ONLY

<u>1 Pair Work Boots</u>	<u>2 Pair Work (boot) Socks</u>	<u>1 Pair Work Gloves</u>
	<u>1 Each Safety Vest</u>	

Work crew items must be turned back in when you are no longer assigned to a work crew. Work crew clothing is to be worn for work assignments only.

1. Clothing exchange is done on a one-for-one basis. You must bring the article of clothing you wish to exchange to R&D to get replacement. If you do not have the article of clothing, and you have tried to find it, you are required to follow the proper state property re-issuance procedure. The forms are available on your units. (The process for returning clothing **does not** included turning items into the Unit Laundry buckets)
2. **Do Not** purposefully rip, tear, alter, or destroy any clothing or laundry bags in hopes of getting new ones. R&D does not have the extra clothing or budget to continue replacing damaged items. You can and will be held accountable if clothing appears to be purposefully destroyed.
3. Clothing exchange will occur Monday and Friday from at 6:30 am to 7:30 am. Coming into R&D outside of these hours, unless you've been called down, will result in you being held accountable, If there is an immediate need please talk with your unit officer.

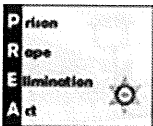
## Release Clothing

Have you thought about your clothing needs for release and how you are going to pay for them?

When you are **45 Days from release**, you will need to contact R&D to make arrangements for your dress outs by completing a package authorization form to have clothing sent in OR by completing a CD28, to ensure you have funds available to purchase clothing from PRCF

The cost for dress outs can be up to \$35 depending on your needs. If you have any questions about the cost for dress out clothing, please kite R&D.

Due to changes to the Inmate Trust accounts you should start thinking about how you will pay for your dress outs. You can pay for dress outs with money in your General Spending account or your General Savings account but Not your Transitional Savings.



### **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