



Coffee Talk



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RAMOS PROJECT



On April 20, 2020, in *Ramos v. Louisiana*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires unanimous jury verdicts for a conviction in a criminal case, striking down Oregon's non-unanimous jury law. From now on, all jury convictions require unanimity in criminal cases.

What does this mean for you?

1. If your case is currently on direct appeal (and you do not yet have a final judgment), then contact your appellate attorney.
2. If your case reached a final judgment (meaning you have completed your direct appeals), then whether you can benefit from the *Ramos* decision will depend on litigating numerous issues including its retroactivity through the post-conviction relief (PCR) process. This process will take time. People in custody impacted by the decision will not be immediately released.
3. Despite the impact of COVID-19, we have provided resources to you through your law libraries.

What is the Ramos Project and how we can help you?

The Ramos Project was developed by Professor Aliza Kaplan, Director of the Criminal Justice Reform Clinic at Lewis & Clark Law School and O'Connor Weber LLC, a private appellate and PCR law firm in Portland. The Ramos Project's initial goal is to provide information (to anyone who thinks that they may have a PCR claim because of the *Ramos* decision) and assistance in filing their pro se PCR petition.

Where can you receive assistance in filing your pro se PCR petition?

We encourage everyone to reach out to their facility's law library and get assistance in filing their pro se PCR petition if possible. You are welcome to fill out the PCR petitions

by hand if mobility is limited due to the virus. The Ramos Project is providing all DOC law libraries sample pro se petitions with instructions that will help with filing. Please note: there are fees associated with filing for PCR. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We are here to help. Please contact us at:

Criminal Justice Reform Clinic

4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #725

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ROAD TO SUCCESS

RELEASE CLASSES UPDATE

From Transition Coordinator

Road to Success wants to share that the Release classes are still operating. Classes are small and are including self-guided packet work. If you need assistance with your release and are within 4 months of paroling you can still come to open office hours in Minimum, Tuesday mornings from 8-10am in D17. If you are in Medium, please kyte "Transition Coordinator" and we will schedule a time to assist you.

State of Oregon, DOC Commissary

News, Updates and Reminders

We have been informed by our vendor that the D'Addario 5FT instrument cable we recently advertised is **unavailable** at this time due to safety measures implemented by the manufacturer.

We will issue credit to anyone who has been charged.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. As soon as we have word that they are in production we will send out notification.



CHANGE OF CORRECTIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS VENDOR

DOC is currently in the process of transitioning the correctional communication system (phones, video kiosks, and tablets) to our new vendor, CenturyLink. This project will be completed in multiple steps.

Step 1: Upgrade the phones in all facilities.

In this step there will be no change in service provider. Telmate/GTL will still provide all services.

Step 2: Change out of Video Stations, Tablets, and Network

In this step, services will be changed from Telmate/GTL to CenturyLink.

This process will be staggered across the facilities (not every facility will transition on the same date).

Each facility will be cutover as soon as the equipment installation at that location has been completed.

The planned schedule for the change to CenturyLink is;

- Week 1: DRCI, CRCI
- Week 2: SFFC, OSP, TRCI
- Week 3: EOCI, SCI, MCCF, OSCI, SCCI
- Week 4: WCCF, SRCI, PRCF, **CCCF**

Please keep in mind this schedule is subject to change.
Week 1 is set to start **Wednesday, June 3, 2020.**

Important information about the change to CenturyLink

- The funds on your Telmate/GTL account at the time your facility changes to CenturyLink will automatically transition to your new account with CenturyLink.
- The funds that your friends and family have with Telmate/GTL will not transition to CenturyLink.
- Friends and family members will need to contact Telmate/GTL directly at 1-866-516-0115 to request a refund of any remaining balance on their accounts.
- The messages, photos, and contact information from your Telmate account will not transition to CenturyLink. If you have photos you would like to be saved, contact one of your friends or family members and request they make copies through their Getting Out Telmate/GTL account.

- Friends and family members should monitor the ODOC website or social media accounts for updated information regarding the new vendor. This will include a link to the CenturyLink website: https://www.centurylinkcorrections.com/facilities/or_doc.html, where they can register an account, make deposits, find call and messaging rates, etc.
- Friends and family registration is not currently available. We anticipate the registration be available May 21, 2020, but is subject to change. If the date changes, it will be announced on CenturyLink's website and ODOC's social media pages. Friends and family can register their accounts before your facility is set to transition.
- More information regarding MP3/MP4 devices is coming soon.

We are aware this will be a significant change, but we are doing everything possible to minimize the impact this will have on your communication with your friends and family members. We believe this change will come with a lot of value, including the discounted calling rates listed below.

RATES *	
Domestic Calls	\$0.09 per minute
International Calls	\$0.20 per minute
Video Calls	\$5.88 per session (28 min session)
Tablet Usage (ODOC designated educational forms and ordering)	FREE
Tablet Usage (entertainment)	\$0.04 per minute
Tablet Usage (messaging)	\$0.25 per msg (8,000 char max)
F&F Message/Photo sent	\$0.25 per msg or photo (8,000 char max)
F&F Voicemail	\$0.50 per voicemail
<i>*Prices include taxes and fees</i>	

Further information regarding how to use the new services will be provided to you soon.

PUPPY HANDLERS NEEDED



By Ms. Kath & Ms. Clayton/ Superintendent's Office

We are excited to announce the Coffee Creek Puppy Program (CCPP) is currently in the process of accepting applications. Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)

is a non-profit organization that trains puppies to assist people with disabilities. The Department of Corrections and CCI have a partnership in which selected AICs work as handlers to train CCI puppies.

Things to consider about being a handler:

- 🐾 Am I a team player?
- 🐾 Am I ready and willing to commit at least 24-months of my time to this team?
- 🐾 Can I remain professional as a team member, even if I don't personally like another member?
- 🐾 Am I patient and kind?
- 🐾 Am I open minded to learning new ways of communicating and interacting with others?
- 🐾 Am I accepting of constructive criticism and flexible enough to go with the flow of change?
- 🐾 Do I want to live on J Unit?
- 🐾 Can I find a compatible cellmate that would want to live with me, a puppy, and the supplies in a small area?

Eligibility for Hire:

- 🐾 Incentive level 3.
- 🐾 One-year DR free.
- 🐾 Have a high school diploma, GED, or be working toward it.
- 🐾 Have a release date of 2026 or later.

If you are interested in applying, please send a paper communication addressed to the Superintendent's Office, no later than **June 21st, 2020**. In addition to the qualifications listed above the screening process will include communication with your supervisor (past/present), Security staff, Health Services, BHS, and a review of your institution records. In the past, candidates who did not perfectly fit the eligibility requirements did apply and were successful. Don't be afraid to make a case for yourself in your application if you are close and know you are right for the job.

Please note: interviews will not be scheduled until the facility is open to contractors again.

SURVIVAL COACH OPPORTUNITY

From: L. Arrington

The purpose of the Survivor Coaching program is to provide an opportunity for AIC's on intake status, general population AIC's and those coming out of long term segregation housing to meet with veteran AIC's who can provide peer support and answer questions about the incarceration experience at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

Eligibility

- Must live in the **MEDIUM** facility and not eligible for transfer to the minimum facility within the following one year period
- Must have served at least two current years in a Department of Corrections facility
- Must not have been on a major misconduct sanction in the past year
- Must be program compliant
- Weekly work/program schedule must allow for you to participate in the Intake Orientation class, meet with AIC's on housing units during scheduled times, be on call for crisis support and attend the monthly Coaching Program meeting

Additional Information

- No points will be awarded to AIC's who serve as Coaches. This is a volunteer position
- Must possess the following characteristics
- Personal integrity
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to show compassion
- Ability to interact and work with DOC staff and fellow peer Survival Coaches
- An understanding of diversity without prejudice
- Have a realistic understanding of incarceration issues
- Have a positive outlook for growth
- One year commitment to the program

AIC's interested in becoming a Survival Coach should completely fill out a job application and submit it to L. Arrington – Diversity Coordinator. Please attach an additional piece of paper to your application with a brief explanation as to why you are interested in becoming a Survival Coach.

Application deadline is **Sunday May 31, 2020**. No applications received after that date will be accepted.

HIRING ADL WORKERS: MEDIUM FACILITY

From: Health Services

Are you looking for a new job? Are you a kind, caring, compassionate person? Are you looking for a way to help others and give back? Are you respectful and responsible? CCCF is currently accepting applications for ADL Worker positions. Activities of daily living (ADL's) are day to day activities like walking or pushing a wheelchair, bathing, dressing, feeding, and toileting that some AIC's may not be able to do on their own; as they may require assistance.

In order to be considered for this position you must be housed in the **MEDIUM FACILITY**, have **6 months** clear conduct and no program failures in the last 6 months. You must also have at least one year remaining on your sentence and be physically able to lift with no medical restrictions. We are looking for individuals who communicate well with others, are patient, and respect the need for confidentiality. If you are interested in an ADL Worker position, pick up and complete an Work Application on your unit. Address your completed application to Health Services Nurse Manager and submit by placing in the Health Services kyle box on your unit. Applications received will be screened by Institution Work Programs (IWP). Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications may be scheduled and called out for an interview. Thanks for your interest.



WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

May 23: Insidious: The Last Key (PG13)

May 24: The Addams Family (PG)

May 25: High Life (R)

May 30: Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG)

May 31: Ma (R)

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Coffee Creek Mother's Day

By: Mr. Quiroz

Mother's Day success. The Life Skills Team including the orderlies, coordinators, and team lead- Ms. Roach, were glad to be a part of the many forces of good coming together to celebrate Mother's Day in a positive way here at Coffee Creek.

We heard your feedback that Mother's Day was going to be tough this year because of the restrictions due to COVID-19. Visitation, programing and other ways to connect have stopped. It is easy to see the frustration and sadness as a result and Life Skills wanted to do something special to celebrate the best we can. Personally, my mom gave me the advice that, **"It is not what you have, but what you do with it that matters."**

Ideas from management, enthusiasm from staff and ideas and comments from AIC's were all considered in several projects that were put together in Life Skills to make this a more positive and meaningful celebration.

Ms. Thompson took the lead as we asked people to take a moment and share the best advice you have received from someone that has made you feel empowered as a mother, friend, mentor, etc. We wanted everyone to feel like they were included in this activity and reached out to people to recognize that being an aunt, sibling, grandmother, great grandmother, foster mother, step-mother, birth mother, pet mother, mentor, adoptive mother or friend embody the spirit of Mother's Day. We took your comments and posted them on a large poster in the halls of Mini and Medium. Take a moment and read some great life pro tips if you haven't already from our mother figures.

We made sure every unit had flowers on their shared living quarters. Finding vases was a "think outside the box" experience. We had to find water pitchers or whatever worked to ensure every unit had pretty flowers to create the right mood.

Along the way we did have some challenges. In our focus groups with AIC's, we got feedback to get candy but not just any candy. It had to be different from what is

available in Canteen. Ms. Roach did her magic and was able to get Skittles, Red Vines, Tootsie Rolls, Hershey Kisses and mints. She made sure everyone got a book mark with a positive message and one pencil. AIC's mostly put the bags together. It was like the Henry Ford assembly line. No complaints- just the spirit of giving. It was great to see.

There was to be a special surprise too. What could it be? Insight Alliance partnered with DR. Bronner's, which is an extraordinary soap maker among other things. Life Skills received the donated soap and passed it out. There was even a photo opportunity in some living units, but Ms. Roach made sure every AIC on the (CCCM/CCCF) units got a very nice bar of Zitrus - Orange soap. They smell so good!

Some amazing things happened during the two-day distribution of the gift bags and soap. I will never forget hearing, "Wow, a Tootsie Roll, I haven't had one of those in over 15 years." It made us really appreciate the small things in life. As the orderlies and impromptu helpers from each unit helped us distribute the gift bags and soap, we kept hearing, "thank you!". We heard it again and again. One unit even broke out into applause. It will probably be the one and only time I see Ms. Roach curtsy. It was so surreal and humbling because life skills simply wanted to give but instead, we got appreciation and the best gift is simply giving back. Thank you for making Mother's Day Special for us!

VISITING APPLICATIONS

From CRU

Once you have submitted an application, whether it was hand written or on the kiosk, please **do not** keep re-submitting applications for the same visitor. The process for a visitor application can take up to 6 to 8 weeks. Once the visitor is approved or denied, you will receive notification of the application status. Submitting more than one application per visitor is not productive and will not speed up the process.

MASKS FOR AIC'S

From DOC



Every AIC was given two (2), washable, cotton-blend masks. It is your responsibility to clean them. You can either clean them in the washing machine or in the sink with warm water and soap, hang to dry. Additional masks will not be issued because you failed to wash them.

You may **not** draw on the outside of these masks and you may write your name on the inside so they can get back to you if you wash them in a combined load of laundry. If your masks are too small or they are in some state of disrepair, please kyte Captain A. Bruns or Captain M. McCorkhill.

MASKS FOR AIC'S – HEALTH SERVICES

From DOC AOC



Effective immediately, all individuals entering and occupying any DOC Health Services areas are required to wear a utility mask. These utility masks are the cloth masks provided to you by DOC. If you do not have a utility mask, please check with your unit officer. Remember to wash your hands before putting the mask on your face.

- DOC staff are required to wear masks in all Health Services, including Behavioral Health Services (BHS) appointments.
- AIC's arriving at Medical Health Services without a mask will be denied access.
- AIC's going to BHS are strongly encouraged to wear masks but will not be denied access without one.

This new directive is for your safety. Research shows that the coronavirus/COVID-19 can spread between people interacting in close proximity - for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people don't have symptoms.

COVID-19

From: DOC



As you may be aware, state health officials have announced positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Oregon. It's understandable you may have questions and concerns about this situation. We want to assure you DOC is taking appropriate precautions to protect employees, contractors, visitors, and all adults in custody.

What can YOU do?

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water **for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ✓ Stay in your cell or housing unit when you are sick.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect your personal area frequently.

So, what are the FACTS?

(from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- ✓ There is presently no vaccine for COVID-19.
- ✓ There is no specific-antiviral cure for COVID-19.
- ✓ Symptom relief, close medical monitoring, and standard precautions are the standard-of-care.
- ✓ The coronavirus is spread through the air by coughing and sneezing, touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

As with any health condition, **YOU** are the best person to take care of **YOUR** health!

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact Health Services immediately.

FLU VACCINATIONS

From: Health Services

I've got mine-have you gotten yours??? Get a FLU Shot-it's not too late...

If you did not receive a flu shot during the scheduled Flu Clinics **OR** previously chose not to get one when it was offered and have now changed your mind... please kyte Health Services and request a flu shot.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PREA INFORMATION

From: DOC

It is normal for people who experience sexual abuse to feel overwhelmed and have a lot of questions about what their options are. It is also important to remember no one deserves to be sexually abused. It is not your fault. Surviving and healing is possible.

AIC's who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by dialing "711" from the AIC telephone system. Community-based advocates provide survivors of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information and emotional support. Calls to "711" are confidential and free of charge.

Advocates role

- Provide over-the-phone confidential support and crisis intervention related to sexual abuse
- Talk with a survivor about their current and ongoing safety
- Explain reporting options available through PREA
- Support survivor at a sexual assault forensic medical examination
- Support survivor at an investigatory interview related to sexual abuse, as requested
- Educate/teach survivor coping skills for healing from sexual abuse
- Provide resources and referrals
- Provide follow-up support

An advocate's role is

- Not make decisions or tell a survivor what to do
- Not tell a survivor whether or not to report
- Not investigate a crime
- Not provide legal advice
- Not be a survivor's friend
- Not provide therapy
- Not communicate with the institution unless the survivor requests them to do so and only with a signed limited release of information

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report the sexual abuse unless you request them to do so and only if you sign a release of information. Advocacy crisis lines are not a reporting hotline. If you wish to file a report, you may contact the Inspector General Hotline by dialing 9 on the AIC telephone system, writing an AIC communication (kyte), filing a grievance, or writing the Governor's Office at State Capitol, Room 160, 900 Court Street, Salem, OR 97301.

DOC is committed to providing AIC's with avenues to seek assistance. Below are additional resources:

Just Detention International
Headquarters

3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010

PREA Advocate Coordinator

Oregon Department of Corrections
2575 Center Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and is not to be used for other purposes. Contacting an advocate for anything other than services related directly to coping with sexual abuse takes away valuable resources for sexual assault survivors who need an advocate's help. Telephone calls and mail to community-based advocacy centers are considered privileged/confidential communication and will be handled similar to legal calls/official mail.

You may reach your community-based advocate by dialing "711" from the AIC telephone, dialing their direct crisis line number, or sending written correspondence.

COFFEE CREEK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION:

Center for Hope and Safety (CHS)
605 Center St. NE, Salem, OR 97301
1 (866) 399-7722

CHS advocates are confidential. Dial 711 to speak with an advocate or write to us at: Center for Hope & Safety
605 Center St NE, Salem OR 97301

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