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Get to know TRCI's Superintendent Erin Reyes

The Paradigm Shift Club is now meeting monthly with Ms. Reyes and her admin team. The PSC interviewed TRCI's superintendent and talked about her vision moving forward, goals for the institution, and ideas on how to combat the spread of misinformation. This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Who is Ms. Reyes? What are some things you would like the AIC population to know about yourself?



Like many Oregonians, Ms. Reyes is a California transplant who was born and raised in LA County, then moved to Oregon. She's had a strong interest in the criminal justice field since childhood and recalled a moment when she was "harshly reprimanded" as a young woman in the 70's for desiring a career aspiration in this field. Ms. Reyes has worked within the criminal justice system since the age of 18, which includes child safety, criminal justice academia, parole & probation, and now corrections. The majority of her career has been spent with the Oregon State Police. She credits the Oregon State Police as giving her "the foundation to be able to achieve what I have."

Ms. Reyes moved to Umatilla County in 2021 solely for the superintendent position at TRCI. She frequently visited TRCI while in her previous D.O.C. role and has fond memories from her past interactions with staff. "I never thought I would grow up and be a superintendent at TRCI, I'm loving it and so grateful for the opportunity." She's rooted herself in the local community, building bonds and committed to fostering a more normalized and humanized institution.

A self-proclaimed "animal person" Ms. Reyes is an avid equestrian and even competed in her teenage years. Today, she enjoys trail and arena horseback. A fun fact, Ms. Reyes was presented with Student of the Year in LA County for having the highest involvement in animal care by the Pasadena Humane Society and still has the award today. Her hobbies include taking care of her animals, hanging with close friends, motorcycles, reading, and recently picked up kayaking.

You've now been at TRCI for roughly 16 months. We've seen a transformation since your arrival and are all grateful. That being said, we still have a lot of work to do. What is your vision for 1, 5, or even 10 years from now?

Ms. Reyes would like to continue working toward an environment where staff and AIC wellness is on the forefront. The last 2 years have been extremely difficult for everyone living and working at TRCI. She would love to see an improved work life balance to alleviate the hours required by her staff. Ms. Reyes feels strongly about creating a desirable workplace and says "I want there to be a line of D.O.C. employees who want to transfer here." There's a balance that Ms. Reyes must find to meet the needs of both staff and AIC's as both are her priority.

"With the AIC population, I would like to develop more programs and activities." Ms. Reyes has been overwhelmingly receptive to ideas that include cultivating a more "normal environment" as well as reentry. She served as a parole officer and has seen countless AIC's release who lack the necessary skills to survive in today's world. "I want to see programming, career certification and educational opportunities that have never been the cultural norm for the AIC population." She went on to say "I have some out-there ideas for the AIC culture that I want to implement, which has not ever been done before." The Paradigm Shift Club has recently begun their AIC peer 2 peer facilitated educational classes and when Ms. Reyes was asked about computer training classes, she was understanding and empathetic to our technologically handicapped AIC population. Ms. Reyes sentiment echoes the AIC population of desperately needing a cultural change. She's aiming high for her long term TRCI agenda and has aspirations of this becoming the most progressive institution in the state.

The communication channel at TRCI is broken. Staff and AIC's receive mixed messages daily. We feel a consistent and transparent communication channel would alleviate the distrust and spread of misinformation. How can we improve this serious problem?

It's no mystery that the rumor mill and spread of misinformation is rampant at TRCI. To answer the latest rumor of Ms. Reyes leaving the institution, "I bought a home here and I'm here to stay." AIC's receive mixed messages daily that lack consistency from all levels of staff. The population desperately yearns for a connection to their leaders. This conversation led us in multiple directions. First, Ms. Reyes suggested the admin team speak to the population regularly via newsletter, podcast, or video message. This would give the AIC population a connection to TRCI's leadership that's been absent for too long and allow insight into current happenings, future plans, and institutional objectives. Additionally, Ms. Reyes feels that staff should be better equipped in their directive and vision of where the executive team wants to lead TRCI. Ms. Reyes also suggested the PSC field questions from the AIC population to be addressed at the regular monthly meetings.

Where are specific areas within rehabilitation that could be changed to reinforce your sentiment, which includes cultivating a peaceful environment?

"This goes back to my 5-year plan. Rehabilitation programming and to develop recreational activities. To be the most progressive." At last months meeting, the PSC suggested a couple ideas that included themed decorations for our visiting room to create a more warm, inviting, and pro-social atmosphere for our guests. The second was karaoke events on incentive units. Ms. Reyes immediately approved both along with many others over the past several months. Her desire and recognition of the necessity to change is extremely apparent. The PSC also proposed housing guideline changes that would foster a more normal, compassionate environment. Not only with each other, but staff as well. She believes AIC's and staff can co-exist and must learn to work cohesively together. She's open to all new ideas and willing to truly listen. This is imperative if TRCI desires a true cultural shift. To achieve change, Ms. Reyes understands that AIC's must hold each other accountable as well as staff each other. We're all on the same team, pursuing a brighter future that levels the playing field, humanizing our environment with a pro-social, compassionate, and rehabilitative culture for all.

FROM THE RECREATION PHOTO DEPARTMENT

As most of you are now aware, the TRCI Photo Program will be switching to a photo ticket system. These photo tickets will also be valid in Visiting.

The process for using these tickets in the visiting room is as follows:

1. *When you use your tickets in visiting, the photographer will print them out on site, then they will be put in an envelope with your name and SID#.*
2. *You will be allowed to take them back to your unit at the end of your visit. Your visitors may not take these photos with them.*
3. *One ticket is valid for one photo and you will receive two copies.*
4. *Your visitors may still purchase photo tickets and use those tickets to take photos; those photos will be given to the visitors at the end of the visiting session.*
5. *You may also still use a "Visiting Photo Order Form" in the visiting room, these forms are available on your unit.*
6. *These forms and photos will be processed through the Recreation Department.*

If you wish to have photos taken on your unit; please read the information below:

- ***Obtain a Photo Ticket Order Form from your unit control point, it must be filled out completely, with ink pen, including your Unit Officer's Stamp and Signature***
- ***You are allowed to purchase 10 photo tickets per month***
- ***You are allowed to take up to 5 photos each time you take your photos***
- ***One photo per Ticket, each photo will cost $2.00, you will receive two (2) each 4X6 prints***
- ***We will not be offering reprints or photo borders***
- ***Photo Ticket Order Form, CD-28, will be processed monthly, after payday, so you must have money on your account at that time or you will not receive your photo vouchers.***
- ***AICs Please read the photo guidelines available in the housing unit***

Attention: CD-28 Processing Time

- **When sending CD-28's for processing, please keep in mind that the time varies based on the business office availability and volume for that pay period.**



3 on 3 Incentive Unit Basketball Competition

- Referees will officiate each game - standard NBA rules apply
- Each game scored to 16
- Single game elimination format
- 3 AIC's per team - 1 alternate if desired
- NCI prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams @ final event only
- Final event with all incentive unit winning teams will be held on Unit 1 @ 1 pm

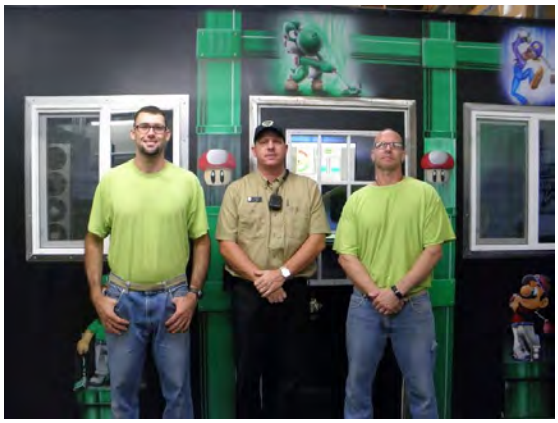
Send your team roster to the Paradigm Shift Club to register now!

Please include AIC's name, SID # and cell/bunk - due by Mon, 9/12

Unit schedule: Wed, Sept 14 @ 6pm | Thu, Sept 15 @ 6pm
Location: units 1, 2, 5, and 26 | units 10, 11, 12 and 13

Final event held on Unit 1 on Wed, Sept 28 @ 1 pm

AIC/Staff Spotlight
TRCI's Plumbing Team



(Picture: Physical Plant Plumbing Office)

We would like to introduce one of TRCI's hardest working teams. Meet Matthew Jaggi (left), Coordinator Lerten (center), Abraham Elsworth (right), and Coordinator Vandever (not pictured). You've probably seen these guy's walking the corridors at all hours of the day or possibly had your toilet unplugged in the middle of the night? These individuals operate, maintain, and sustain the institution's plumbing system. The role requires Abe and Matt to be on call 24 hour/day, which includes several 3AM calls each week. Beyond unplugging all AIC and staff toilets, these AIC's frequently encounter pipe leaks along with monitoring the institution's proper balance of vacuum pressure. Matt Jaggi's work background revolves around manual labor and the trades. He enjoys a hard day's work and truly wants to see the intuition incorporate more job skills training such as barber and cooking licenses.

Mr. Elsworth is the longest tenured AIC in the shop and will be the inaugural AIC at TRCI and 14th statewide to begin the plumbing journeymen's license. This license will follow him to the streets and hopefully pave the way for many more in the future. The program requires 7,700 total hours or ~4 years, which includes training and education on all aspects of plumbing. This license program took years to get approved and something Coordinator Lerten has been strongly advocating for. Mr. Lerten's new found philosophy wants to help AIC's successfully release by becoming productive members of society while they're incarcerated. He emphasized that "we will all be neighbors someday" and truly cares about holding his team accountable through trust. The plumbing shop offers a brief escape from prison as Mr. Lerten and Mr. Vandever have cultivated a "real world" environment where all individuals value and listen to each other. The shop is set up to mirror a plumbing shop on the outside as daily tasks are similar to the real world. Matt and Abe have a message to the AIC population: "Please don't use your toilet as a trashcan and why are you flushing your underwear?" These guys have dedicated their lives to this trade and take their work serious. We thank the plumbing team for all the work they do. Say hi to Matt and Abe next time you see them in the hall and remember them when you're thinking about flushing your chicken bones. 😊

TRCI's Financial Corner

Finance literacy and understanding of money is imperative for all AIC's to successfully release and reintegrate into society. Unfortunately, AIC's access to financial information and education is severely limited within the prison system as they've become a lost and underserved community. Due to significantly lengthy sentences, AIC's become unaware of the cost of living and the basic financial instruments available in society today. Many AIC's have never possessed a bank account, paid rent/bills, or created a financial budget. Preparing for your financial future can start while your incarcerated and we're here to address your financial questions!

Please send any questions relating to the topics below and we'll do our best to answer them each month in the newsletter;

- Savings
- Budget Tracking
- Cost of Living
- Spending
- Credit/Debt
- Bank Accounts
- Mortgages
- Loans

New Common Grounds Coffee Info

Exciting changes Starting September 4th:

Delivery of coffee to incentive units will be Monday – Friday and pick either AM or PM, you will now get to choose a day of the week and either AM or PM delivery.

You can order your drink from Common Grounds for $3 if you live on an incentive unit

1. Submit a CD 28 for drink tickets to T. Ridley, you can order up to 10 tickets.
2. Once processed the drink tickets will be sent to you with your information on it
3. Submit your **ONE drink order per DAY** to IWP, send in at least 3 days prior to your delivery date wish
4. Your coffee will be delivered to your unit about **9:15-9:30** for AM delivery and about **2:15** for PM delivery

Minimum delivery!!

1. Submit a CD 28 for drink tickets to T. Ridley, you can order up to 10 tickets.
2. Once processed the drink tickets will be sent to you with your information on it
3. Submit your one drink per day to IWP, send in at least 3 days prior to your delivery date wish
4. You will get a coffee delivered to minimum starting September 3rd about 9:15-9:30AM

Types of drinks: Latte, Americano, Mochas Chai tea, Italian soda, Creamosa, or Energy drinks. With your choice of hot or cold, and a large choice of flavors to choose from.

Musicians List at T.R.C.I

It's been a long two years since the Bands were shut down, but now we have been given the green light to start back up. We have three existing bands that have been reunited and a couple may be looking for new talent. The Recreation Dept. wants to develop a list of musicians who would like to be considered for future possible inclusion in the band program. To qualify, you must be a Level – 3 and have more than a "Beginners" skill set for your musical talent. If you would like to be added to our list, please send us a request and tell us what you play (or sing), what genres are your forte and we will place you on the list for bands to review when looking for talent. Thanks!

Mr. J. Cambell, T.R.C.I. Recreation Dept.

T.R.C.I. PRESENTS

2022 OUTDOOR MUSIC FEST

An Event on the Unit 22 Yard September 22nd & 23rd

WITH:



Off Frequency (Classic Rock)

AND

The Heartland Country Band

On the 22nd:
9am to 10am: The Heartland Country Band
1:30 to 2:30pm: Off Frequency

On the 23rd:
9am to 10am: Off Frequency
1:30 to 2:30pm: The Heartland Country Band

This is a **Level – 3 ONLY**, first come, first serve event, limited to 125 People per show. If you wish to attend an event (only one), you may request a 1st choice or a 2nd choice should the 1st choice be full. Send your requests to the Recreation Department by September 16th

NOTE: This is not a Special Event allowing for a work/program absence, so you must schedule around your work/program obligations.

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SEPTEMBER MOVIE SCHEDULE

Week 1	Run Time	September 2nd – September 8th	Rating	⇊	Movie Playing Times		⇊
Ch.51	Loop	Game of Thrones Season 8 Disc 1 / The Wire Season 1, Disc 4 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM
Ch 52	2:06	DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS	PG-13	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Ch. 54	Loop	Power Season 4 Disc 2, 2:52 (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY) *	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Week 2		**September 9th – September 15th**					
Ch. 51	Loop	Game of Thrones Season 8 Disc 2 / The Wire Season 1, Disc 5 (2 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM
Ch. 52	2:20	EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE	R	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM
Ch 54	Loop	The Last Kingdom Season 3 Disc 3, 2:37 (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY) *	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Week 3		**September 16th - September 22nd**		⇵	1:30 & 10:30 Times Repeat		⇵
Ch. 51	Loop	Game of Thrones Season 8 Disc 3/ The Wire Season 2, Disc 1 (2 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM
Ch. 52	1:44	Infinite Storm	R	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Ch 54	Loop	True Blood Season 2 Disc 5 (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY) *	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Week 4		**September 23rd - September 29th**					
Ch.51	Loop	Game of Thrones Season 8 Disc 4 / The Wire Season 2, Disc 2 (2 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM
Ch.52	1:34	Last Seen Alive	R	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Ch 54	Loop	Star Trek Discovery Season 2 Disc 4, 1:52 (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Week 5		**September 30th - October 6th**					
Ch.51	Loop	Eastbound and Down Season 1, Disc 1, (3 Eps.) / The Wire Season 2, Disc 3 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM
Ch.52	1:51	The Lost City	PG-13	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Ch 54	1:47	Infinite	PG-13	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM
Week 1		**Labor Day (September 5th - 6th)**					
Ch. 52	2:02	Sonic The Hedgehog 2	PG	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:30 PM

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 inmate communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by dialing 9 from any inmate 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.

Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to inmates.

Inmates at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by dialing 711 inmate 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.

Role of an Advocate:
- Provide confidential support and crisis intervention
- Inform you about the investigation and medical examination process
- Educate you about healing from sexual abuse
- Offer resources and referrals

Advocates will:
- Not tell you what to do
- Not communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release
- 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.

DOC is committed to providing inmates with avenues to seek assistance. Below are additional resources:

Just Detention International Headquarters
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010

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 similar to legal calls/official mail.

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:
E. Sage, PREA Coordinator
Oregon Department of Corrections
2575 Center St.NE
Salem, Oregon 97301