

WRITE A LETTER



Letters for Adults in Custody

Incarceration is an isolated experience by design. Many adults in custody do not receive regular communication from those outside of the corrections facilities. Provide hope and support by writing a letter of encouragement to adults in custody.

Letters for the Department of Corrections Staff

Write thank you notes to staff at one of our adopted Oregon's prisons—Columbia River (located in Portland) or Santiam (located in Salem) Correctional Institutions. Extending empathy and love to the Department of Corrections staff strengthens interactions between them and adults in custody.

The health of these relationships in turn can strengthen healthy reunification between children and their parents.

Here's how to put together a letter

1. Download a PDF template [here](#) or use a card you have at home.
2. Handwrite a note. Here are some examples:

"Just wanted you to know that I am thinking about you because I care. This letter/note was written with love because you deserve it. I hope that these words of encouragement lets you know that someone cares about you."

"Your life has a purpose and I just wanted to tell you that. Your community is behind you and wants to see you do great things. We are here to support you and help you be great!"

"I hope this note makes you smile and realize that there are people who care. Keep your head up and don't give up because you can do anything you put your mind to."

Your message should not include religious language, negative comments, nor pictures.

3. Send the letter to:

Santiam Correctional Institution
4005 Aumsville Hwy SE
Salem OR 97317
Attn: Superintendent Kimberly Hendricks

Columbia River Correctional Facility
9111 NE Sunderland Ave.
Portland, OR 97211
Attn: Amanda Vega



Know Me Now

The logo for 'Know Me Now' features the text 'Know Me Now' in a bold, sans-serif font. The word 'Me' is larger and more prominent, with a small circle above the letter 'e'. The text is set against a dark background within a yellow circle. There are also smaller yellow circles of varying sizes scattered around the main logo.