Richard : I want to convey my experience being involved in an OCE program. To be honest I have been in and out of The Dept of corrections my whole adult life, I have a total of 20 years behind these walls and while paying my debt to society it is very easy to fall victim to the anti-social mentality of this sub-culture, being incarcerated for any amount of time will change you in a positive or negative way. its like a herd mentality that will either mold you into a super criminal or scare you straight, but like anything it ultimitly comes down to choices, and this time while incarcerated I chose to get involved [redacted] with Oregon Corrections Enterprises, at first I just wanted to have the income that they provided, but it actualy turned out to be much more than that. When you first start the program you start at an entry-level position with opportunity to advance. The OCE staff monitors your work ethics and your over all attitude.

They provide you with curriculum from whatever program you are involved in such as laundry, call centers, metal shop, furniture factory, ect, ect. When I first started I had no idea of my learned behaviours from being incarcerated until it was brought to the surface from this program. With the assistance from the staff and my choices to listen to them. I have advanced in this program position that gives me a purpose while serving my time. I started at an entry level position at laundry sort, now I work for three shops and iam an essencial worker for OCE administration. I leave one shop at 11pm to start at another, the OCE warehouse and Print shop which delivers almost all the printed materials to the whole State of Oregon. So to conclude my experience and the importance that I think it has to the AIC population is [redacted] what I can honestly say has been life altering. Iam by no means a perfect AIC, but with this opportunity I have realized that I can use the resources that

OCE has provided me to improve my current situation. Now here is a thought. What difference is there if any is this society with in society from society in general? The answer is CHOICES

Thank you OCE
for teaching me the realities of my learned behaviours and providing me an opportunity to escape from my past choices to present ones, and realize the consequences of both

Richard