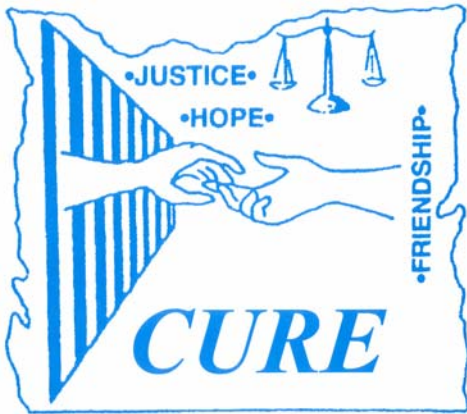


CURE

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The mission of **Oregon CURE** is to reduce crime by advocating for effective criminal justice policies, procedures and programs.

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CONCERNS

Harsh sentencing laws...

Measure 11 created "1-strike" mandatory sentences leading to 43% of the prisoner population growth and alarming increases in prison youth population.

Expense...

The average annual cost to incarcerate one prisoner in Oregon is over \$23,000 (not including cost of construction).

Overcrowding...

Currently the capacity of 13,190 beds in Oregon prisons has been reached, with commitments still increasing, and new prisons being planned.

Need for well-informed citizens...

To make effective criminal justice policy decisions with their votes.

*Statistics from Oregon Department of Corrections and the State of Oregon, 2004.

Our primary goal is to reduce crime...

Since the majority of prisoners will someday return to society, CURE supports programs and treatment that enable prisoners to lead lives free of crime once they are released. In this way, everyone in society benefits, as repeat offenses are dramatically reduced.



FOCUS

Encourage Pro-Family Policy throughout the corrections system in prison assignments, transfers, improved visiting guidelines, and pre-release programs.

Improve Medical and Mental Health treatment programs; expand drug and alcohol and sex offender treatment in prisons and communities.

Broaden Education and Job Training including reinstating college courses and adding educational resources.

Reform Sentencing Laws and Parole Guidelines to be consistent and fair. Expand use of community-based alternatives.

Advocate for Legislation that promotes effective corrections policies.

Support Effective Transition Programs from prison back into the community, such as successful post-release programs.

**Today's
PRISONERS
are Tomorrow's
NEIGHBORS**



"WHY SHOULD I CARE?"

Because if unchanged, our current system will bankrupt our society, morally and financially. Would you continue to invest in a stock that **never** shows a profit? We want to invest in programs that work! **CURE** supports **restorative justice** which seeks repair, reconciliation, and reassurance for the victim, the offender and the community. This gives the offender opportunity to be personally accountable, not just to "do the time." We'd like prison to be where inmates learn how to be better people, not better criminals.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Oregon CURE will provide you, as a concerned citizen, with:

- ✓ A means to work toward safer communities.
- ✓ A voice in the advocacy of prison reform in Oregon and the nation.
- ✓ A periodic newsletter and attendance at the annual community meeting.
- ✓ Opportunity to belong to National CURE, including bi-annual convention and workshops.

CURE HISTORY

CURE has its roots in San Antonio, Texas where in 1975 it was formally constituted as a not-for-profit organization by Charles and Pauline Sullivan. The Sullivans' interest in prison reform began during their involvement in peaceful anti-war demonstrations during the 1960's when they were arrested and jailed along with other protestors. This experience brought to the Sullivans' attention the general indifference to those incarcerated. **CURE** now has over 30 state chapters and affiliates.



OREGON CURE

Since 1991, **Oregon CURE** has welcomed members from all walks of life. As an advocacy organization, our accomplishments include:

- ✓ Annual community meetings, featuring some of the most influential decision makers in the criminal justice field.
- ✓ Monthly support groups and orientations to corrections and release.
- ✓ Improved administrative rules and visiting guidelines.
- ✓ Publication of self-help pamphlets for inmates and their loved ones:
 - Keeping Love Alive
 - Health Care While in Prison
 - Oregon's Parole Process
 - Advocating for an OR Prisoner
 - Explaining Jail and Prison to Children
 - Guide to Release and Supervision
- ✓ Active part of national and state networks, advocating with Congress and our State Legislature on issues affecting prisons and prisoners.

Pamphlets may be ordered at no cost from Oregon CURE.

Oregon Chapter

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Membership Application

YES, I want to join **Oregon CURE**, and work to reduce crime.

Fill out and mail to:

Oregon CURE

1631 NE Broadway #460
Portland, OR 97232

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: home _____

work _____

email _____

Prisoner's name: _____

SID# _____

Address: _____

Please check type of membership
Annual Dues:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prisoner | \$3.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sustaining | \$50.00 - \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sponsor | \$100.00 - \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor | \$250.00 and more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organization | \$50.00 and more |

If you do not wish to join, but would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to **Oregon CURE**. Membership and contributions are tax deductible.