Library Services to People Experiencing the Carceral System and Those Reentering Presentation Sources

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From Inmate to Adult in Custody

Oregon Department of Corrections. "Adults in Custody." The Oregon Way, 2023, https://www.oregon.gov/doc/about/Pages/oregon-way.aspx.

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PCC CLEAR Clinic: https://www.pcc.edu/clear-clinic/





Shout out to Chemeketa!

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