

Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility

Location: Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility, 4400 Lochner Rd. SE; Albany, OR 97322

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Date: June 16, 2017

Staff present: Alethia Miller (Committee Analyst) and Matt Perreault (Committee Assistant)

Participants: Taylor Sarman (Rep. Margaret Doherty's Office); Nikolas Ruis Anderson (Rep. Wilson's Office); Drew Cummins (Rep. Janeen Sollman's Office); Linda Williams (Rep. Paul Evans' Office)

Tour Summary:

The attendees toured the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility ('facility') to better understand the quality of education and amenities offered to students in such facilities. The facility serves only girls using gender specific programming. The girls work during the day, learn to cook for their peers, and receive an online education. Using both technology and hands-on learning, the girls are given a structured learning. There is also a training tool for girls interested in learning how to drive. The attendees witnessed these various types of education and facility structures.

Attendees toured the facility and met the staff and students. Several girls led the tour with staff and provided insight on life at the correctional facility. The facility ensures that all females are given a safe emotional and physical space to learn and grow, while focusing on gender specific programming.