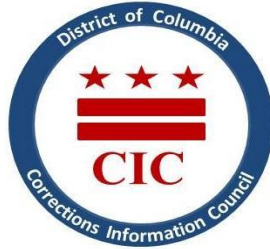


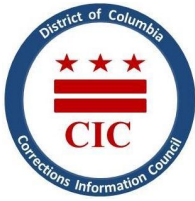
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The District of Columbia Corrections Information Council (CIC) is an independent oversight body mandated by the United States Congress and the Council of the District of Columbia to inspect, monitor, and report on the conditions of confinement in correctional facilities where residents from the District of Columbia are incarcerated. This includes facilities operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), the District of Columbia Department of Corrections (DOC), and private contractors.

The CIC reports its observations and recommendations to the District of Columbia Representative in the United States Congress, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Council of the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, the Director of the BOP, the Director of the DOC, and the community.

Although the CIC does not handle individual complaints or provide legal representation or advice, individuals are still encouraged to contact the CIC. Reports, concerns, and general information from incarcerated DC residents and the public are very important to the CIC, and they greatly inform our inspection schedule, recommendations, and reports. However, unless expressly permitted by the individuals or required by law, names and identifying information of residents, corrections staff not in leadership, and members of the general public will be kept anonymous and confidential.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Correctional Treatment Facility Profile

<p>Dates of Inspection: December 6, 2023; May 7-8, 2024 (women); July 31, 2024; September 12, 2024 Location: SE, Washington, DC Security Level: Minimum, Medium</p>	<p>Rated Capacity: 1,400 Population on 12/6/2023: 474 Population on 5/7-8/ 2024 (women): 124 Population on 7/31/2024: 611 Population on 9/12/2024: 584</p>
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Central Detention Facility Profile

<p>Dates of Inspection: December 6, 2023; March 27, 2024 (Food Service Inspection); June 28, 2024; September 12, 2024 Location: SE, Washington, DC Security Level: Minimum, Medium, Maximum</p>	<p>Rated Capacity: 2,164 Population on 12/6/2023: 1205 Population on 6/28/2024: 1205 Population on 9/12/2024: 1337</p>
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Central Cell Block

<p>Date of Inspection: December 8, 2023; September 13, 2024 Location: 300 Indiana Ave, NW Average Stay: 24 hours</p>	<p>Rated Capacity: 110 Population on 12/8/2023: 39 (8 women) Population on 9/13/2024: 29 (11 women)</p>
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KEY FINDINGS

The CIC highlights the following programs and facility practices:

Correctional Treatment Facility

- The CIC visited housing unit D1A at the CTF. The housing unit was on quarantine because a resident tested positive for COVID-19, and had to be removed from the unit so the CIC did not enter.
- There are new programs at the CTF that allow for internships and certifications.
- There were program managers at all the housing units CIC visited whereas previously most of those positions were vacant.

Correctional Treatment Facility (Women)

- The showers in all the female units smell of mold and mildew, and there was evidence of peeling paint in several showers.
- Residents receive a cold meal for breakfast and lunch and a hot meal for dinner. Thirty survey respondents reported that meals were not served at the appropriate temperature. Thirty-one were reportedly served spoiled or rotten food.
- Nineteen of the 51 survey respondents stated they are participating in educational or vocational programming. Available programs include, but are not limited to, GED, CTECH, Debate League (co-ed), UDC Paralegals, Harvard Hip Hop and God, and College Bridge (unit E4B).
- Some residents reported not knowing how to use the APDS tablets, so they are not maximizing additional program offerings.
- Thirty of the 51 respondents reported that they are diagnosed with mental illness and do receive prescribed medications.
- One hundred-one of the 127 women in custody for May 6th and 7th were diagnosed with serious mental illnesses.
- Women without mental illness diagnoses had an average of 3 bookings, and those who had been diagnosed with mental illness had an average of 6 bookings.
- CIC staff observed a shortage of staff on the days of the site visit, which was reinforced during staff conversations. These shortages were reportedly a contributing source to a lack of movement and program participation.
- PREA signage about reporting sexual misconduct was observed on two of the five units. On one unit it was hard to read due to its high placement on the wall.

Central Detention Facility

- The DOC has developed a Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) who works in conjunction with operational intelligence to deal with some of the violence that occurs in the DOC.
- There are new metal detectors (Cell Sense Technology) in the hallways of the DOC to help deal with the reduction of residents carrying weapons and promote safety throughout the facility.

- Residents who participate in religious services are now escorted to those services by a DOC staff escort, whereas previously residents were provided with a pass and allowed to proceed to the chapel area on their own.
- Maximum custody residents are now allowed housing and participation within the GED unit.
- All housing units visited by the CIC had grievance forms, request slips, and sick call slips in English and Spanish.
- The DOC has made outside recreation more accessible to the population: when a housing unit misses outside recreation, if staff are available, outside recreation is provided during the evening shift.
- The CIC also learned the protocols if a resident dies while in DOC custody. Whenever there is death of a resident in DOC custody, medical is called, lifesaving efforts are performed, and-if unsuccessful- the resident is sent to an outside hospital and/or the coroner's office. The officer on duty at the time of the incident writes an incident report and then submits the report to DOC executive staff, and the executive staff then investigates the death.

Central Cell Block

- Central Cell Block no longer houses arrestees who are in a wheelchair, due to the wheelchair lifts being inoperable. An outside contractor is needed to fix the wheelchair lifts. According to DOC staff, due to the upcoming relocation of CCB there was not an immediate need to make the investment.
- There is a brand-new sump pump in CCB.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY24

Below is a list of recommendations that the CIC made to the DOC during inspections and reporting for FY24. Throughout the year, these recommendations are updated based on how they are addressed by the DOC.

Facility	Topic Area	Recommendation	Status
CDF	Programming	Continue to provide programming for those residents housed in maximum custody units in addition to those in general population units	Resolved
CDF	Grievances	Respond to grievances within the time frames outlined by DOC policy	Resolved
CTF	Law Library	Provide physical access to the law library	Not Resolved
CTF	Recreation	Provide more access to the inside gymnasium for recreation	Resolved
CCB	Mental Health	Employ a mental health specialist on site at the CCB.	Resolved
CDF	Housing	Provide more fans in the housing units and ensure that the ones that are currently in the unit are cleaned	Not Resolved
CDF	Maintenance	Add a water fountain to housing unit SW 1	Pending

CDF	Housing	Make sure that residents in the housing units are provided ice on each shift	Partially Resolved
CDF	Food Service	Continue the pursuit to serve a variety of fruits in addition to apples	Not Resolved
CDF	Food Service	DOC should log the temperature of food arriving at the housing units before being served to assure food is at the appropriate temperature before being served	Not Resolved

INTRODUCTION

The DC Department of Corrections (hereinafter, DOC) operates two jail facilities: the Correctional Treatment Facility (hereinafter, CTF), and the Central Detention Facility also known as the DC Jail (hereinafter, CDF). The facilities are adjacent to one another and are located at 1901 E Street, SE (CTF) and 1901 D Street, SE (CDF) in Washington, DC, 20003. The DOC also operates the Central Cell Block (hereinafter, CCB), which is located at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

The CTF is a specialized medium security facility that houses male and female residents; the male residents are medium to low custody. CTF also houses residents who have medical issues. The CDF houses male residents, a majority of whom are held pending adjudication of a criminal case or are sentenced to a period of incarceration following conviction for a misdemeanor offense. Other CDF residents include those held on United States Parole Commission (USPC) warrants, those awaiting transfer to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), and those held due to a writ or hold, typically awaiting transfer to another jurisdiction. The CCB houses male and female residents who have been arrested and are waiting to see a judge for an initial appearance to determine whether they will be released from the CCB or sent to the CDF to await further proceedings with their criminal case.

The CIC conducted nine on-site inspections of DOC facilities. On December 6, 2023, the CIC conducted an inspection of CTF and CDF; on December 8, 2023, the CIC conducted an inspection of CCB; and on March 27, 2024, the CIC conducted an inspection of CDF (Food Service). On June 28, 2024, the CIC conducted an inspection of CDF, and on July 31, 2024, the CIC conducted an inspection of CTF. On September 12, 2024, the CIC conducted an inspection of CDF and CTF, and on September 13, 2024, the CIC conducted an inspection of CCB.

Throughout FY 24 there were eight resident deaths while in DOC custody. According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), five deaths were overdoses, one was a suicide, another was a pre-existing medical condition, and one is pending.

The CIC also met with the DOC quarterly throughout fiscal year 2024. The CIC published three reports, and the DOC responded to each report, which are all available on the CIC website¹.

DOC HOUSING

The DOC has a variety of different housing units where residents are designated based upon classification, custody level, education, mental health, disciplinary reasons, medical, and safety:

¹<https://cic.dc.gov/page/inspection>

CDF:

- Special Housing Units (SHU) - these units are for residents who have been found guilty of a disciplinary infraction, issues with a resident's safety, investigation by the DOC, or other administrative reasons designated by the proper DOC staff.
- Educational Housing - this housing unit is for residents who do not have a GED or high school diploma and wish to enroll in educational programming, there are also post-secondary educational opportunities in this housing unit.
- Mental Health Unit - this unit is for residents who have been diagnosed with mental health issues and cannot cope with the general population.
- Safe Cells - these cell designations are specifically for residents who have attempted suicide or are a threat for attempting to commit suicide.
- General Population - these units are for residents who have no issues or problems being around other residents in the facility. Some general population units are classified as max units, and this is because most of the residents designated to these units have been classified as maximum custody.
- Intake Unit - this is the first unit where all residents are housed before being classified and sent to the appropriate housing unit.
- Northeast 2/ Men's Wellness Unit – this unit is for residents who suffer from substance abuse and are medically prescribed suboxone to help with their addiction.

CTF:

- Medical Unit – there are two medical areas for residents to be housed in if they have illnesses that requires constant monitoring, physical handicaps or injuries that require daily treatment and observation.
- 50 and Over Unit – this housing unit is for residents age 50 or older that are minimum to medium custody.
- Young Men Emerging Unit (YME) – this unit is specifically for residents ages 18-24. It is specifically designed to provide rehabilitative programming for young adults.
- General Population – these units are for residents of minimum to medium custody.
- Lead Up Unit – this unit is for residents age 18-24 that do not have a high school diploma or GED, and have a individual educational plan (IEP)
- Residents Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) – this unit is for residents who suffer from substance abuse.
- Women Units – all women housed in the DOC will be housed at the CTF. There are also program units for women if they would like to enroll in those programs.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 6, 2023, CTF INSPECTION

D1A/50 and Over Unit

This unit is specifically for residents who are age 50 or over and are classified as minimum to medium custody level.

Residents reported a lack of access to programming, excluding tablets. It was also mentioned by residents the lack of access to a physical law library, as opposed to the tablet. Prior to COVID residents had physical access to the law library now they are restricted exclusively to the tablets.

CTF has an indoor gym for recreation, but residents mentioned not having access to the indoor gym, or outside recreation.

Residents are paying three to five cents a minute per movie on the tablets, which equals to about five to six dollars per movie, but the residents complained that this is too much money for them to be paying for very old movies, and the movies need to be updated.

C4B/Lead Up Unit

This is an educational housing unit; you cannot get into this program without an Individual Educational Plan (IEP).

Every resident in this unit goes to school. Before residents are admitted to this program, staff must locate their education transcripts to assess the start level for a resident's class, as well as completed last grade.

When residents complete the program, they receive high school diplomas. Upon release, residents stay connected to case management to receive further education or assistance within the workforce.

SMU-B

Residents are sent to this unit for disciplinary reasons. Currently all residents are housed in single cells, but cells can be doubled based on population numbers.

Residents are allowed two hours of recreation in the housing unit Mon-Fri. All residents in the housing unit have access to both tablets while housed here. However, if a resident has lost his privileges, he will only have access to the educational tablet.

There are three tables in the unit that have an attachment underneath to which an individual can be shackled while programming. Three residents at a time are allowed out of their cells to program.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 6, 2023, CDF INSPECTION

South 1/Special Housing Unit (SHU)

All residents in the SHU are on Protective Custody (PC) or Administrative Segregation (AS) status. There is a total of two hours for recreation. 1 hour 45 minutes for recreation time, and 15 minutes for a shower. Recreation happens Mon-Sun.

Residents are allowed to purchase commissary items unless they have lost their privileges.

There were maintenance issues in the shower area, and puddles of water on the bottom right tier.

Southeast 1/GED Unit

The purpose of this unit is to help prepare residents for their GED test. Once this test is passed, residents will receive their High School Diploma. Ideally, the goal is to have residents complete their test after one month of enrollment, but completion varies.

There is additional programming in this unit beyond the GED program. There are post-secondary courses from Georgetown and Howard universities. Post-Secondary courses are funded through Second Chance Pell Grants.

A resident cannot have any separations or current disciplinary infractions to participate in this program or receive housing on this unit.

There is a continuation of programming and employment assistance for residents that are released back into the community. The assistance comes from case management at the jail who connects the individual to resources on the outside.

Northwest 1/ Max Unit

Previously, in this housing unit – residents were not able to leave the unit for programming due to their custody level or separations. Now, residents are allowed to go to unit Southeast 2, which was an empty unit, to program. The program is called Crime and Justice Behind Bars. It is a 14-week program administered by Howard University.

Residents mentioned that participating in the program gives them something to which they can look forward, and it also helps to keep them out of trouble. Residents who participated in the program graduated the day prior to the CIC's visit.

There were maintenance issues with several cells during the CIC inspection and some residents had to be moved to other cells.

Southeast 3/General Population

This housing unit was noticeably warmer than the other units. One resident suggested that DOC should sale personal fans at the commissary because it gets so hot in some of the units. There were fans on the ceilings, but you could not feel the air on the bottom tiers.

Residents reported not having access to a barber for haircuts in over a month.

Chapel

During the time of CIC's inspection of the chapel area residents were coming to participate in religious services. According to the posted schedule, services were thirty minutes behind schedule. However, chapel staff communicated that the service would be extended to permit a thirty-minute addition to the back end of the time slot, which is the case whenever a delay occurs.

The CIC inquired about the delay of residents getting to religious services on time and was informed by DOC staff that previously residents would receive passes from their housing units and were allowed to go to religious services on their own. Now, Doc staff must go to the housing unit to pick up residents for religious services and escort them to the chapel, which takes more time – but necessary for safety purposes.

Safety and Security

The DOC has developed a Gang Intel Unit (GIU) who works in conjunction with Operational Intelligence to deal with the violence that occurs with individuals while in DOC custody. Oftentimes, issues of violence occur from circumstances and conflicts that existed within the community prior to incarceration, and the GIU explores those conflicts and determines what communities were involved. This helps with designating individuals for certain housing units.

However, sometimes residents can end up in housing units with individuals they may have had conflict within the community prior to incarceration, because they did not notify the DOC which community they were from, and if there is no identifying information on this person then there is always the possibility of someone being placed in a unit where their safety is at risk.

The DOC has also invested in Cell Sense Technology. Which operate similarly to metal detectors, and they are placed in the hallways of the facility. Residents are also escorted by staff from their housing units when they are moving throughout the facility, whereas previously they were given hall passes to go to their destinations outside of the housing units.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 8, 2023, CCB INSPECTION

There are three shifts at CCB: morning, evening, and midnight shifts. The captain mentioned that ideally, they need about 15 staff per shift. Currently, there are nine staff members on the day shift, and eleven on the evening and midnight shifts.

The CCB is where arrestees are taken once they leave the precinct. Arrestees will remain at CCB until they go to court, which is usually no more than a 24-hour period, unless an individual is arrested on a Saturday, in which case an individual will have to stay until Monday. Once an arrestee goes to court from CCB they will either be released back into the community or remain in custody and sent to the DC Department of Corrections.

Residents in CCB are double bunked unless there is a need for them to be housed alone.

Maintenance

The Department of General Services (DGS) power washes the CCB at the end of each month in addition to daily afternoon cell cleanings. DGS is responsible for all maintenance issues at the CCB.

There were five toilets that were inoperable: three clogged toilets and two toilets with water leaking around the base. All the lights in every cell have been fixed and are now working.

Medical

There are four nurses that staff the CCB; each one works a twelve-hour shift. They can administer medication, and some mental health medications, if within an arrestee's record, the hospital report, or the CRISP (a database used to determine if someone is prescribed medication).

There are no mental health professionals at CCB. If someone displays serious mental health conditions, they are sent to the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP).

In the event of a medical emergency an ambulance is called immediately, and there is always a nurse present in the facility to perform measures to assist the resident until an ambulance arrives.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 27, 2024, CDF INSPECTION (Food Service)

The CIC reviewed the DC Department of Corrections policies and procedures to ensure that the DOC is following its stated practices. The CIC also conducted independent observations of food preparation, storage, and distribution, in addition to how the Food Service area is sanitized.

The DOC has contracted with Aramark to run its food service department. There is a total of 40 Aramark staff members with 15 staff members on each shift. There are three shifts, and six DOC residents work on each shift conducting sanitization duties. Aramark prepares all the food. DOC residents who are employees in the food service department are not allowed to participate in the preparation of food.

Preparation and Distribution of Food

Residents in the DOC are allowed three meals a day. The breakfast and dinner meals are hot, and the lunch meal is a cold meal².

Currently, the CDF Kitchen is responsible for preparing and distributing meals at both the CDF and CTF facilities. The kitchen has a Kosher prep table that has saran wrap on the surface and is changed daily. Kosher food items are delivered already packaged, and all kosher food items and prep areas are separate from the regular food items and prep areas.

The kitchen has six ovens that were purchased in 2023. There are also 13 hot boxes, and one is assigned to each housing unit, this is how the food is transported to the housing unit. The food service department rotates the order for which CDF or CTF is served

It takes between one hour forty-five minutes to two hours to distribute the food from the kitchen to all housing units at CDF and CTF. All meals are prepped three hours in advance.

Food Temperatures and Prices

According to DOC policy, the standard temperature for serving hot food is 135 degrees or hotter, and it is permitted to stay at room temperature for up to four hours. Cold food must be seventy degrees or colder, and it is permitted to stay at room temperature for up to six hours. The temperature of food leaving the kitchen area complied with policy standards, which was verified by logs and thermometers on the sides of the hot boxes.

The Contract Administrator provided the CIC with copies of the diet sheet, which consisted of the Halal menu, Kosher Menu, and the standard menu. The cost for standard meals is \$2.35 per person; Halal meals are \$4.35 per person; and Kosher meals are \$6 per person. These meals are provided to DOC residents at no cost.

Surveys and Specialty Meals

Twice a year a food survey is sent to the residents. During the most recent survey, there were approximately 400 surveys distributed to residents in both CDF and CTF, and approximately 60 residents responded. There is also the Inmate Grievance Procedure (IGP) committee who has the power to make suggestions regarding food items.

The kitchen staff reportedly prepares special menu items to commemorate national observances, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

² See Doc food service menus in the appendix.

SUMMARY OF MAY 7-8, 2024, CTF WOMEN INSPECTION

The number of women housed on the day of the site visit over the past three years has increased from 49 in 2022 to the current population of 124. Of the 124 women housed in CTF on May 7, 2024, 108 were awaiting trial.

Recommendations for key findings included the following:

- Replace or renovate showers, which smell of mold and mildew.
- Provide APDS tablet orientation and re-orientation on a frequent schedule and/or upon request to ensure that residents understand how to utilize their tablets.
- Offer additional support for woman who may struggle with tablet-based learning, such as facilitated group sessions or one-on-one tutoring.
- Identify women at CTF who would benefit from coordinated services from the Department of Behavioral Health and community-based organizations, and collaborate with these agencies on the provision of services while these women are incarcerated.
- Introduce specialized support roles for officers within the women's units to manage acute behavioral and social issues, reducing the need for mental health clinicians to divert from planned individual sessions.
- Find alternative ways to address the source of lockdowns for entire units so that in-person programming remains operational, and residents' movements are not unnecessarily restricted.
- Post PREA signage in English and Spanish within all common areas, and assure that placement is visible.
- Ensure that signage about grievance procedures is visibly located in all units.
- Adjust the grievance reporting feature on tablets to allow residents to retain a copy of their reports.

SUMMARY OF JUNE 28, 2024, CDF INSPECTION

South 1/Special Housing Unit

All residents in this housing unit are on protective custody (PC), Administrative Segregation (AS), Total Separation (TS), Special Handling (SH), or Disciplinary Segregation (DS). Educational Programming is held in one room on the housing unit for those residents who are enrolled in those programs.

Residents can have access to tablets while they are housed in restrictive housing. There is also two hours of indoor recreation every day. Grievance forms were also readily available in both English and Spanish.

Southeast 1/GED Unit

The purpose of this unit is to help residents prepare for their GED test. Once this test is passed, residents will receive their high school diploma. Ideally, residents test after one month of enrollment, but it varies.

During the CIC's visit, most of the housing unit was outside for recreation.

All visiting screens and phones were operable in the housing unit.

Southwest 1/Max Unit

This unit is primarily for residents who have been classified as maximum security. Residents in this unit was initially housed in housing unit NW 1 but were moved while maintenance issues are being addressed.

The CIC observed that some showers were inoperable and there was flooding in the shower areas, according to residents these maintenance issues with the showers were going on for approximately three to four months.

The Major indicated that staff conducts weekly inspections and notes are submitted to maintenance based upon priority level.

Residents communicated that there are not enough fans in the housing units, and that staff are not providing ice on each shift as required during elevated heat temperatures.

There was no water fountain in this unit, but there was a water cooler. Maintenance did communicate that water fountain would be placed in the housing unit.

Southwest 3/General Population

There were only two fans in the housing unit on the top tiers, and residents were complaining about the heat and requested more fans. One of the chaise closets was flooded in the unit. The sink inside of cell 13 was clogged up for about a week. The CIC was able to get the resident assigned to this cell moved to another cell, and maintenance communicated that they would address the clogged sink.

The CIC discovered that there has been a lack of communication between correctional officers working different shifts about maintenance issues within the housing unit.

North 3/Mental Health Step Down Unit

North 3 is a mental health step down unit. When residents leave the mental health unit, they are placed in this unit in preparation for housing within the general population.

There is currently one case manager in this unit. Residents communicated that they have not seen their case manager in three weeks, so they have not been able to get haircuts or speak with case management about various issues.

Unit staff communicated that there is a clinician on the unit who doubles as the case manager, but residents communicated that the clinician cannot do the same things as a case manager.

South 2/ Intake

This is the first unit where residents are housed after their initial processing inside of the jail. Residents spend an average of three days in the unit before they are classified and sent into the general population.

There are five case managers assigned to this housing unit. Classification is based upon age, case, work history, education, and drug use history. These factors determine whether a resident is minimum, medium, or maximum custody level.

Outside Recreation

The DOC recreation department is reportedly in the process of getting new exercise equipment for the recreation yard. There are basketball and soccer tournaments Mon-Fri. There is a kickball tournament starting in July. In August there will be a flag football tournament, and there will be a soccer tournament in October to recognize Hispanic heritage month.

In November, the DOC plans to introduce a spoken word program that will take place on the recreation yard.

DOC Death Protocols

Correctional officers make rounds in the housing units every thirty minutes to check on the well-being of residents. If correctional officers notice that someone is unresponsive, they follow the protocol for an emergency; medical is called, lifesaving efforts are performed, and-if unsuccessful-the resident is sent to an outside hospital and/or the coroner's office.

The officer on duty at the time of the incident writes an incident report and then submits the report to DOC executive staff, and the executive staff then investigates the death. Line staff in the DOC are not privy to those results.

Each situation or investigation is handled differently depending on the circumstances.

SUMMARY OF JULY 31, 2024, CTF INSPECTION

D1A/50 and Over Unit

This unit is specifically for residents who are age fifty or over. When the CIC first entered this unit, staff immediately notified the CIC, that this unit was on quarantine because one of the residents tested positive for COVID-19. The resident was moved from the housing unit, and as of the day of the inspection-no one else in the unit had tested positive for COVID-19.

All residents within the unit wore masks. The CIC was notified that we could still inspect the unit if we were to put on masks, but for safety reasons the CIC declined.

E3B/Women's Unit

This is the women's programming unit. When the CIC arrived in the unit the women were engaged in programming that was facilitated by Unity/DOC staff member, Ms. Betty Felder. The program is called TAMAR (Trauma, Addiction, Mental Health, and Recovery). This program has been operating since March 4, 2024.

The program lasts for 45 days per phase, and there are three phases to the program. Groups for the program meet Mon-Fri, and there three to four groups per day. The women in the program were enthusiastic about the group activities.

D2A/YME (Young Men Emerging)

Residents in this unit are between the ages 18 and 25. There are 14 mentees and 2 mentors. All residents are housed in single cells.

This unit is designed to help develop young men rehabilitate and create a sense of community within a carceral setting.

C4A/General Population

This is a general population unit, all residents in this unit were housed on the bottom tier. On the top tier – cells 25 through 32 are listed as offline due to flooding and plumbing issues, which were being addressed during the CIC visit.

Education Department

The DOC has a host of partnerships that provide education and programs:

- Ashland University
- Georgetown University
- Georgetown Law Center

- Howard University
- University of the District of Columbia
- Harvard University
- Maya Angelou Academy
- See Forever Foundation
- Frederick Douglas Project
- Free Minds Book Club
- Petey Green Program
- Petey Greene College Bridge
- National Prison Debate League
- CTECH
- Orijin

During the CIC's inspection of the education department there were Petey Green classes and C-Tec classes in progress. The CIC also learned that Harvard University offers virtual classes called "Trauma Talks".

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, CDF INSPECTION

Upon entering the jail, the scanning machine was inoperable. DOC staff mentioned that they were waiting for maintenance to fix it, or the possibility of getting a new machine.

Outside Recreation

Outside recreation was closed because there were 15 residents at the outside hospital which required two guards for each resident, and consequently the DOC was short of staff and could not run outside recreation.

Inmate Reception Center (IRC)

When residents first enter the facility and are going through the intake process, their personal possessions will be held for 21 days, ID's and jewelry will be held for one year. This is also the time where residents initially see nurses, doctors, and mental health specialists for screening. There are also two case managers present during the screening process.

Safe Cells

There are a total of 31 safe cells between the CDF and CTF. Safe cells are utilized for residents who pose suicide risk. Medical has the sole authority of determining what residents are assigned a safe cell, and how long they will stay there. These residents are checked on every 15 minutes and there is a log next to the cells to be signed when staff have interactions with the residents.

There are three safe cells at CTF, and 28 at CDF.

Family Day

Once a month the DOC has family day visitation, where residents can have contact visits with their loved ones. The schedule for family day rotates so that all residents who are eligible to participate have the opportunity to have these contact visits with their family.

Food Service

The only fruit that residents receive is apples, according to residents' pineapples were served once a month ago.

Those who are on vegetarian diets communicated that they have been receiving rice and beans every dinner meal, and peanut butter every lunch meal.

South 1/ Restrictive Housing

Upon entering this housing unit all CO's must have their body worn cameras on. This area is considered a live zone, if CO's do not have on, they cannot enter this unit.

There was possible mold in cell sixty, the resident who was previously housed there was relocated to another cell one week ago.

When residents need cosmetic items, they can receive them from staff when they come out for their recreation period.

The shower on the bottom right tier was inoperable, and on the top left tier there was a leak in the back of the tier, that according to staff, came from the third floor.

Residents are allowed to purchase a limited (\$25) amount from the commissary.

Southeast 1/Lead Up Unit

Everyone has both tablets in this unit. There is one case manager, one program manager assigned to the unit. There are six residents enrolled in the GED program and 22 people enrolled in post-secondary electives

There are two kiosks in the unit but one was inoperable. There are also a leaks in the unit on the bottom left and right tiers, and the top left tier, that according to staff is coming from the third floor.

There are several programs taking place in this unit: Thinking for a Change, Georgetown Journalism, Conflict Resolution, MIT zoom online, Meditation Program, and Free Minds Book Club.

Northwest 1/Max Block

Most of the residents in this housing unit have been classified as maximum custody. This unit has several maintenance issues. The top left tier shower was not working, top right shower was flooded,

bottom left tier chaise closet was leaking, one of the kiosks was not working, and cell 15 sink was not working, and cell 16 toilet was stopped up, but the last two issues was fixed while CIC were present.

The fans in the unit were not clean, officers mentioned that fans are cleaned once a week, and thorough cleaning is done once a month at which time residents must be housed in their cells.

There are two programs specifically for this population, the Peace Ambassadors program, and the Atonement program. These programs take place on Wed & Fri.

North 1/Disciplinary Segregation (DS)

This unit is for those who are specifically on disciplinary segregation. Cell 63 was leaking and there was a flood by the bottom right tier shower, and the top right tier chaise closet was leaking.

Residents in this unit have access to both educational and GTL tablets.

South 3/Mental Health

This unit is assigned to residents who have been diagnosed with mental health issues. There is a Psychiatric Dr, Mental Health Clinician, two nurses, and one case manager assigned to the unit.

There are five safe cells in the unit, three of those cells were occupied.

The fans on the bottom left tier were dirty.

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, CTF INSPECTION

Medical 82

This is a medical wing in the CTF. This area is for residents that are ill and need constant monitoring. There were three safe cells in this part of the medical area.

Medical 96

This is a medical wing in the CTF. Residents with physical limitations will be housed in this area.

D1A/50 and Over Unit

This unit is for those residents who are at least 50 years old. There is one case manager in the unit, residents communicated not having access to reentry programs in the unit. A lot of the residents are seniors and mentioned needing mental health services, housing, and food stamps upon release.

Residents communicated that tablets are not being fixed when broken, and they are paying three and five cents a minute for old movies, and even when the tablets are buffering, and movies are not showing yet they are still being charged. There is one Spanish and English TV for the population.

D1B/RSAT

To be assigned to this unit residents must be at a minimum or medium custody level and have had used substances within the last twelve months. Residents cannot have had a disciplinary infraction within 90 days upon entering this program.

The program lasts four months and there are eight workbooks. RSAT partnerships with PDS (Public Defender Services), US Parole, and CSOSA. Residents are also offered incentives for completing the program.

There is a Unity Discharge Planner and Medical Release Planner, and mental health appointments are scheduled in advance of a resident being released.

D2A/YME (Young Men Emerging)

There are two mentors, 15 mentees, and one Program Manager in this unit. This unit is for young adults between the ages of 18-25, and the program is designed to tailor programs of rehabilitation and community within a carceral setting.

Residents spoke of preferring programs that give them transferable skills that they can utilize upon release.

D4B

Residents mentioned that there is possible mold in the showers and that staff is supposed to bring bleach every morning so that the showers can be cleaned, but staff are not consistent with doing so.

CENTRAL CELL BLOCK (CCB)

Central Cell Block is where arrestees go upon leaving the police precinct as they wait to go to court. There are eight correctional officers on each shift and one supervisor, staff mentioned that it would be ideal to have 11 or 12 correctional officers on each shift. There are also 2 nurses that work 12-hour shifts.

Officers must have body cameras on when walking on the tiers. There are no handicapped lifts working, both are broke and will not be fixed due to CCB being relocated soon. Residents who are in wheelchairs cannot be housed in CCB and must remain at the precinct.

DOC UPDATES

Since D.C. Act 25-175, the Prioritizing Public Safety Emergency Amendment Act of 2023³, there has been an approximately 800 resident increase at the DOC. The new trend at the DOC is averaging 45 additional residents a month. The increase in population affects the ability to provide proper resources and provide adequate programming.

The DOC budget for FY24 is for a population of 1,350, but during FY24 the population averaged around 1,700. The FY25 budget is for a population of 1,750, but - as of quarter four of FY24, the population was 2000, which is still not enough to cover the increase of population for FY25

The DOC is operating at a 25% vacancy rate.

New amendments are in the process of being added to the existing policy⁴ for transgender residents. The Transgender Housing Committee (THC) is comprised of selected DOC staff, a PREA coordinator, health services, case management, and community stakeholders. THC is responsible for housing when it comes to proper placement for the transgender residents. There are 33 residents who have been seen by the THC, to date. New staff is being trained for proper interaction with the transgender population.

DOC staff are proactive with contraband strategies, which include K-9 scans at entry points and five K-9 dogs. They also recently received new puppies for K-9 services. Additionally, all incoming legal mail is processed through new scanning equipment.

The DOC also tracks the confiscation of contraband throughout the year⁵.

The RSAT unit for women will be opening, but the DOC is still waiting on new showers and toilets. NA and AA meetings were inactive during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the DOC is looking to resume those meetings as soon as possible.

The READY Center will provide haircuts and braids for children of incarcerated parents on December 11, 2024.

³ <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/acts/25-175>. This legislation expired after 90 days of its implementation and was incorporated into: [https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/25-175#:~:text=AN%20ACT,\(6\)%20is%20repealed](https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/25-175#:~:text=AN%20ACT,(6)%20is%20repealed)

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<https://doc.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doc/publication/attachments/PP%204020.3F%20Gender%20Classification%20and%20Housing%2001-18-2018.pdf>

⁵ See DOC tracking of contraband in the appendix.

APPENDIX A: DOC MENUS

Washington DC CDF/CTF
Adult Menu
 Weekly Average 2800 Calories Per Day

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Proposed: 5/22
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Week1 Monday	Week2 Tuesday	Week3 Wednesday	Week4 Thursday	Week5 Friday	Week6 Saturday	Week7 Sunday
Breakfast						
100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz) 1
Corn Cobs 1	Corn Flakes Cereal 1	Whole Grain Cereal 1	White Grain Cereal 1	Corn Cobs 1	Toasted Oats Cereal 1	Whole Grain Cereal 1
Breakfast Sausage (1.5oz each) 1	Creamy Country Omelet (1.5oz) 1	Hard Cooked Egg 1	Breakfast Sausage (1.5oz each) 1	Scrambled Eggs 1	Creamy Country Omelet (1.5oz) 1	Breakfast Sausage (1.5oz each) 1
Buttermilk Biscuit 1	Buttermilk Biscuit 1	Cash Potatoes 1	Baked Potatoes (140 ZB) 1	Hash Brown Potatoes 1	Buttermilk Biscuit 1	Cash Potatoes 1
1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	Buttermilk Biscuit 1	Syrup 1	Buttermilk Biscuit 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	Buttermilk Biscuit 1
Whipped Margarine 1/2	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Whipped Margarine 1/2
1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1
Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1
Lunch						
1 Deluge 1	Peas and Butter & Jelly PC's 2	1 Ham 2	Hard Cooked Egg 2	Turkey 2	1 Ham Salad (2 oz 1 Ham) 4	Y. Bologna 2
Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 2	Enriched Bread 4	Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 4	Mayo Dressing 2	Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 2	Enriched Bread 4	Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 2
Mustard, pc 1	Fruit (1 1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent) 1	Mustard, pc 1	Enriched Bread 4	Mustard, pc 1	Fruit (1 1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent) 1	Mustard, pc 1
Enriched Bread 4	Enriched Bread 4	Enriched Bread 4	Fruit (1 1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent) 1	Enriched Bread 4	Sugar Cookie Bar 1	Enriched Bread 4
Pasta Salad 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Pasta Salad 1	Enriched Bread 4	Mediterranean White Bean Salad 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Pasta Salad 1
Fudge Brownie 1	Sugar Cookie Bar 1	Fudge Brownie 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fudge Brownie 1	Enriched Bread 4	Enriched Bread 4
Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1
Dinner						
Chili con Carne w/ Beans (2.5oz) 12	Smoked T. Sausage (3 oz each) 1	Cajun Jambalaya (2.5oz LB) 12	1 Ham Dogs (1.6 oz each) 2	Roast & Potatoes Sauce (2oz) 12	Hearty Spanish Rice (2.5oz) 12	Crispy Chicken Patty (3 oz each) 12
Pasta & Cheese 1	Artichoke Potatoes 1	Pasta Beans 1	Mashed, pc 1	Garlic 1	Pasta Beans 1	Gravy 1
Sweet Cornbread 1/2	Fruit Cabbage 1/2	Sweet Cornbread 1/2	Enriched Bread 1/2	Sweet Cornbread 1/2	Enriched Bread 1/2	Cottage Fries 1/2
Whipped Margarine 1/2	Enriched Bread 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Enriched Bread 1/2	White Casserole 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Onion Beans 1/2
Flavored Sugar Dusted Lemon Squares 1/2	White Casserole 1/2	Duplex Sandwich Cookies 1/2	Enriched & Carrots 1/2	Sweetened Iced Tea 1/2	Cheese Sandwich Cookies 1/2	Sweet Cornbread 1/2
Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Spiced Apple Squares 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Whipped Margarine 1/2
			Sweetened Iced Tea 1			White Casserole 1/2
						Sweetened Iced Tea 1

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Breakfast						
100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz) 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1
Corn Flakes Cereal 1	Corn Cobs 1	Whole Grain Cereal 1	Toasted Oats Cereal 1	Whole Grain Cereal 1	Corn Cobs 1	Whole Grain Cereal 1
Creamy Country Omelet (1.5oz) 1	Breakfast Sausage (1.5oz each) 1	Hard Cooked Egg 1	Breakfast Sausage (1.5oz each) 1	Creamy Country Omelet (1.5oz) 1	Scrambled Eggs 1	Creamy T. Ham 1
Buttermilk Biscuit 1	Cottage Fries 1	Cash Potatoes 1	Baked Potatoes (140 ZB) 1	Buttermilk Biscuit 1	Cash Potatoes 1	Hash Brown Potatoes 1
1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	Blueberry Muffin 1	Bean Muffin 1	Syrup 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1
Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2
1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1	1% Milk (Half Pint) 1
Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1
Lunch						
Turkey 1	Peas and Butter & Jelly PC's 2	1 Ham 2	Hard Cooked Egg 2	1 Deluge 1	1 Ham Salad (2 oz 1 Ham) 4	1 Ham 2
Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 2	Enriched Bread 4	Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 4	Mayo Dressing 2	Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 2	Enriched Bread 4	Cheese (0.8 oz/slices) 2
Mustard, pc 1	Pasta Salad 1	Mustard, pc 1	Enriched Bread 4	Mustard, pc 1	Fudge Brownie 1	Mustard, pc 1
Enriched Bread 4	Sugar Cookie Bar 1	Enriched Bread 4	Mediterranean White Bean Salad 1	Enriched Bread 4	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Enriched Bread 4
Fruit (1 1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent) 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit (1 1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent) 1	Sugar Cookie Bar 1	Enriched Bread 4	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Pasta Salad 1
Enriched Bread 4	Fudge Brownie 1	Enriched Bread 4	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Enriched Bread 4	Fudge Brownie 1	Sugar Cookie Bar 1
Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1
Dinner						
Chili con Carne w/ Beans (2.5oz) 12	Southwest Burrito Filling (2.5oz) 12	Cheesy Broccoli Heads Casserole (2.5oz) 12	Chili con Carne w/ Beans (2.5oz) 12	American Godwin (2.5oz) 12	Crispy Chicken Patty (3 oz each) 12	Hearty Spanish Rice (2.5oz) 12
Mozzarella & Cheese 1	Rice 1	1/2 Kettle Brand Mixed Vegetables 1/2	Carrots 1/2	Green Beans 1/2	Gravy 1	Shred Beans 1
Green Beans 1/2	Corn 1/2	Sweet Cornbread 1/2	Flour Cabbage 1/2	Corn 1/2	Cash Potatoes 1/2	Sweet Cornbread 1/2
Enriched Bread 1/2	Flour Tortilla (8") 2	Whipped Margarine 1/2	Flour Tortilla (8") 2	Enriched Bread 1/2	Pasta 1/2	Whipped Margarine 1/2
Whipped Margarine 1/2	Creamy Sugar Topped White Cake 1/2	White Casserole 1/2	Duplex Sandwich Cookies 1/2	Duplex Sandwich Cookies 1/2	Buttermilk Biscuit 1/2	White Casserole 1/2
White Casserole 1/2	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Sweetened Iced Tea 1	Flavored Sugar Dusted Lemon Squares 1/2	Sweetened Iced Tea 1
Sweetened Iced Tea 1					Sweetened Iced Tea 1	

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Week 3 Monday		Week 3 Tuesday		Week 3 Wednesday		Week 3 Thursday		Week 3 Friday		Week 3 Saturday		Week 3 Sunday			
Breakfast															
100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch		
Corn Flakes Cereal	1 cup	Grits	1 cup	Whole Grain Oatmeal	1 cup	Toasted Oats Cereal	1 cup	Whole Grain Oatmeal	1 cup	Whole Grain Oatmeal	1 cup	Grits	1 cup		
Cream Gravy	4 oz	Scrambled Eggs w/ Onions & Peppers	21/2 oz	Peanut Butter	2 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz	Cream Gravy	4 oz	Scrambled Eggs	4 oz	Scrambled Eggs	21/2 oz	Liposane Potatoes	1 oz
Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1 oz	Cajun Potatoes	1 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1 oz	Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1/50 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1 oz	Streamed Coffeecake (150 ZG)	1/50 oz
1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	Bran Muffin	1/50 oz	Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	Blueberry Muffin	1/50 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	Bran Muffin	1/50 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz
Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz
		1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz			1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz
		Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz			Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz		
Lunch															
Chicken Salad (2 oz diced chicken)	4 oz	Veget Bean Patty	7 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz	Finned Tuna	2 oz	Veget Bean Patty	7 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz	Chicken Salad (2 oz diced chicken)	4 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz
Enriched Bread	4 oz	Mustard, pc	2 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Mayo Dressing	2 oz	Mustard, pc	2 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Mayo Dressing	2 oz
Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz
Sugar Cookie Bar	1/50 oz	Protein Salad	4 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Marinated White Bean Salad	1 oz	Max. Salad Vinaigrette	1 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz
Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Onion Cooked Bar	1/50 oz	Fudge Brownie	1/50 oz	Sugar Cookie Bar	1/50 oz	Onion Cooked Bar	1/50 oz	Onion Cooked Bar	1/50 oz	Fudge Brownie	1/50 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz
		Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz		
Dinner															
Half Sticky Joe (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	3 oz	Half Hearty Mac & Cheese (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	10 oz	Oven Fried Breaded Fish Patty (3 oz)	1 patty	Half Chicken Hot Dogs (1.2 oz each)	2 each	Half Rotini (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	10 oz	Half Oni (1oz Half Ground Beef)	8 oz	Half Chicken Patty (3 oz each)	1 patty	Half Sticky Joe (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	3 oz
Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each	Cream Beans	1/2 cup	Cream Gravy	1/2 cup	Sweet Beans	1 cup	Carrots	1/2 cup	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each
Pinto Beans	1 cup	Sweet Cornbread	1/54 oz	Rice	1/2 cup	Fried Cabbage	1/2 cup	Garlic Herb Bread w/ Mashed Margarine	1/50 oz	Corn	1/2 cup	Enriched Bread	2 oz	Pinto Beans	1 cup
Spanish Rice	1/2 cup	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Hash Brown Vegetables	1/2 cup	Enriched Bread	2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Sweet Cornbread	1/54 oz	Enriched Bread	2 oz	Spanish Rice	1/2 cup
Shredded Lettuce	1/2 cup	White Cake	1/50 oz	Enriched Bread	1/2 oz	Mustard, pc	2 oz	Powdered Sugar Dusted Lemon Squares	1/50 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Fried Cabbage	1/2 cup	Shredded Lettuce	1/2 cup
Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	White Cake	1/50 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Duplex Sandwich Cookies	3 each	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz
Lemon Cake	1/50 oz			Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz			Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Lemon Cake	1/50 oz		
Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz			Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz					Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz		

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Week 4 Monday		Week 4 Tuesday		Week 4 Wednesday		Week 4 Thursday		Week 4 Friday		Week 4 Saturday		Week 4 Sunday			
Breakfast															
100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch	100% Juice (4 fl oz)	1 pouch		
Corn Flakes Cereal	1 cup	Grits	1 cup	Whole Grain Oatmeal	1 cup	Toasted Oats Cereal	1 cup	Whole Grain Oatmeal	1 cup	Whole Grain Oatmeal	1 cup	Grits	1 cup		
Cream Gravy	4 oz	Scrambled Eggs w/ Onions & Peppers	21/2 oz	Peanut Butter	2 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz	Cream Gravy	4 oz	Scrambled Eggs	4 oz	Scrambled Eggs	21/2 oz	Liposane Potatoes	1 oz
Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1 oz	Cajun Potatoes	1 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1 oz	Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1/50 oz	Hash Brown Potatoes	1 oz	Streamed Coffeecake (150 ZG)	1/50 oz
1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	Bran Muffin	1/50 oz	Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	Blueberry Muffin	1/50 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	Bran Muffin	1/50 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz
Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz
		1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz			1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	1% Milk (Half Pint)	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz
		Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz			Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz	Coffee w. 1 PC Sugar	1 oz		
Lunch															
Veget Bean Patty	7 oz	Finned Tuna	2 oz	Chicken Salad (2 oz diced chicken)	4 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz	Veget Bean Patty	7 oz	Chicken Salad (2 oz diced chicken)	4 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz	Hard Cooked Egg	2 oz
Mustard, pc	2 oz	Mayo Dressing	2 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Mustard, pc	2 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Mayo Dressing	2 oz
Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz
Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Protein Salad	4 oz	Fudge Brownie	1/50 oz	Vinaigrette Macaroni Salad	1 oz	Fruit (1/2 or 1/2 cup equivalent)	1 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz	Enriched Bread	4 oz
Onion Cooked Bar	1/50 oz	Sugar Cookie Bar	1/50 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Sugar Cookie Bar	1/50 oz	Onion Cooked Bar	1/50 oz	Onion Cooked Bar	1/50 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Sugar Cookie Bar	1/50 oz
Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz	Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C	1 oz
Dinner															
Oven Fried Breaded Fish Patty (3 oz)	1 patty	Half Sticky Joe (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	3 oz	Half Hearty Mac & Cheese (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	10 oz	Half Oni (1oz Half Ground Beef)	8 oz	BEEF GO (HIMAL) MACARON & TOMATOES BKT	8 oz	Half Chicken Patty (3 oz each)	1 patty	Half Sticky Joe (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	3 oz	Half Sticky Joe (2 oz Half Ground Beef)	3 oz
Macaroni & Cheese	1 cup	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each	Hash Brown Mixed Vegetables	1/2 cup	Carrots	1/2 cup	Cream Beans	1/2 cup	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each	Flour Tortilla (5")	2 each
Green Beans	1/2 cup	Pinto Beans	1 cup	Sweet Cornbread	1/54 oz	Fried Cabbage	1/2 cup	Corn	1/2 cup	Cajun Potatoes	1 oz	Pinto Beans	1 cup	Sweet Cornbread	1/54 oz
Enriched Bread	2 oz	Spanish Rice	1/2 cup	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Sweet Cornbread	1/54 oz	Enriched Bread	2 oz	Pine	1/2 cup	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz
Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Corn	1/2 cup	White Cake	1/50 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Buttermilk Biscuit	1/50 oz	White Cake	1/50 oz	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz
White Cake	1/50 oz	Common Sugar Topped White Cake	1/50 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Duplex Sandwich Cookies	3 each	Duplex Sandwich Cookies	3 each	Whipped Margarine	1/2 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz
Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Powdered Sugar Dusted Lemon Squares	1/50 oz	Sweetened Iced Tea	1 oz	Powdered Sugar Dusted Lemon Squares	1/50 oz

Proposed: 9/21
Implemented: 9/21
Revised: 12/23

Washington DC DOC
Kosher Prepackaged Meals Menu
Weekly Average 2800 Calories Per Day



Table with 7 columns (Week1 Monday to Week1 Sunday) and multiple rows of meal items and quantities. Includes sections for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

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Washington DC DOC
Kosher Prepackaged Meals Menu
Weekly Average 2800 Calories Per Day



Table with 7 columns (Week2 Monday to Week2 Sunday) and multiple rows of meal items and quantities. Includes sections for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

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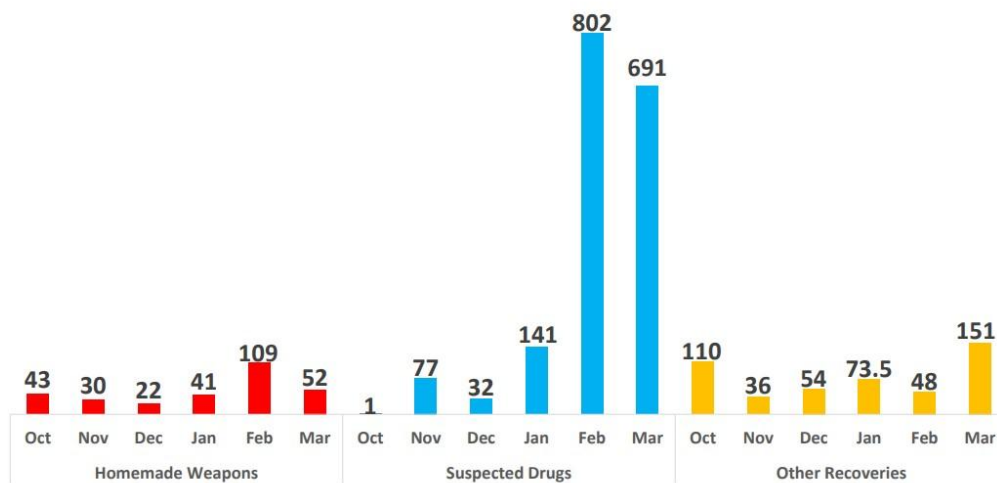
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APPENDIX B: DOC CONTRABAND DATA

DOC Contraband Recoveries

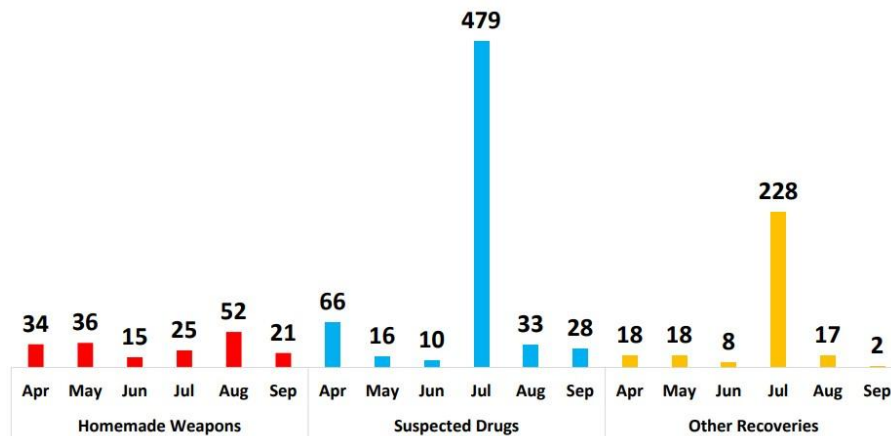
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CDF Contraband Recoveries by Month and Type



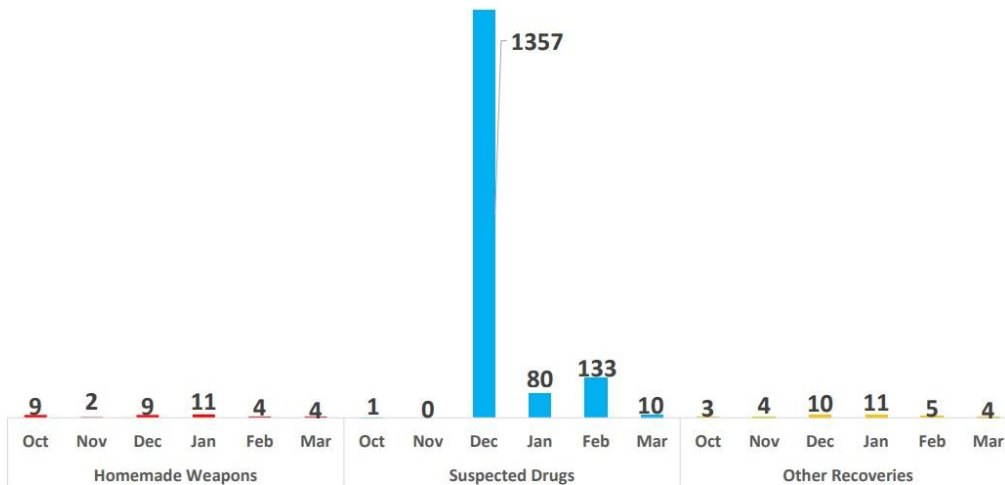
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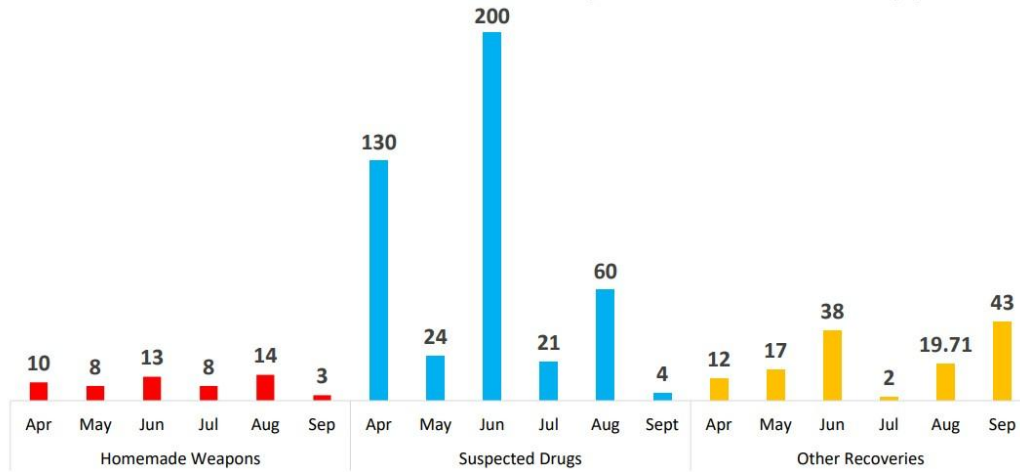
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CTF Contraband Recoveries by Month and Type

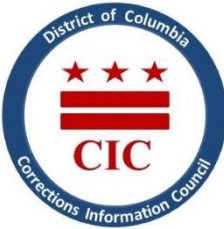


In this chart, suspected drugs are a combination of the following recoveries by unit : Pills, Suboxone, Green, White, Brown, Blue and Soaked Paper. Blue pills made up 94.3% of suspected drug recoveries at CTF. About 60% of the blue pill recoveries at DOC are from CTF. Each pill or suboxone strip is counted separately. In the "Other" category, each cigarette is counted separately.

CTF Contraband Recoveries by Month and Type



In this chart, suspected drugs are a combination of the following recoveries by unit : Suboxone, Green, White, Brown, Blue and Soaked Paper. Blue pills and suboxone strips made up 38% and 33% of suspected drug recoveries at CTF respectively. **Each pill or suboxone strip is counted separately. In the "Other" category, each cigarette is counted separately.**



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Central Detention Facility Profile

Dates of Inspection: December 31, 2025

Location: SE, Washington, DC

Security Level: Minimum, Medium,
Maximum

Rated Capacity: 2,164

12/31/2025 Population: 1,375

Correctional Treatment Facility Profile

Date of Inspection: February 25, 2025

Location: SE, Washington, DC

Security Level: Minimum, Medium

Rated Capacity: 1,400

12/6/2023 Population: 521

Introduction

The CIC visited the Central Detention Facility (CDF) on December 31, 2024, and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) on February 25, 2025, as part of the CIC's mandate to inspect DOC facilities quarterly.

During the visits at CDF, the CIC learned that South One is now classified as a Special Management Unit (SMU) and is no longer considered restrictive housing. North One is the only restrictive housing unit in CDF. During the inspection at the CTF, there were capital improvements in progress; specifically, the housing units are undergoing renovations for new toilets, sinks, showers, and mattresses.

Key Findings

The CIC highlights the following facility practices:

- South One is now classified as a SMU.
- North One is the only restrictive housing unit at CDF.
- The DOC now has video visitation accessible on the tablets.
- Renovations are being made in the housing units at CTF. There are new toilets, sinks, and showers installed. There are also new mattresses in those units.

Central Detention Facility

South 1/ Special Management Unit (SMU)

Population: 35

Capacity: 80

- All residents in this unit are on Protective Custody (PC), Administrative Segregation (AS), or other - excluding Disciplinary Segregation (DS).
- Residents mentioned that they often miss recreation because staff arrives on the tiers at 5 AM while residents are still sleep to announce recreation; if residents are not ready, they will miss out on recreation for that day.
- There are four phones in the unit, but only three were operable; however, residents can also access the phone through their tablets.
- Residents housed in South One are allowed to go to school. During the inspection, CIC learned that three students are enrolled in school; the cap is four. School operates from 8 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Grievance, request, and sick call forms were all present in English and Spanish.
- Residents housed here are still allowed to purchase commissary items, unless they have lost their commissary privileges.
- There is a total of two hours for recreation: 1 hour 45 minutes for recreation time, and 15 minutes for a shower. Recreation occurs daily

Southeast 1/GED Unit

Population: 40

Capacity: 160

- The purpose of this unit is to help prepare residents for their GED test. Once this test is passed, residents will receive their GED
- There are five teachers and two resident tutors. When teachers are absent, the tutors teach and facilitate the classes.
- Residents cannot have any separations or current disciplinary infractions to be housed in this unit and participate in this program.

- Upon CIC entering the unit, GED classes were operating, and about twenty students were participating in class.
- Residents have the option to get their lessons on tablets or books. Tablet courses are not offered through the DOC education department.
- Upon completion of some programs on the tablets, residents reported experiencing a difficult time accessing their earned certificates. The DOC is aware and plans to address this issue.
- Residents mentioned not having physical access to the law library, in addition to the length of time they must wait to access laptops to use thumb drives in preparation for their legal defense. Residents said they wait months before being able to use the laptops.
- Residents recently completed the following classes: Georgetown Journalism Course, Howard University Social Justice Course, Ashland University courses, and Industrial Bank Financial Literacy Course.

North 1/Disciplinary Segregation

Population: 46

Capacity: 160

- This unit is for residents on disciplinary segregation. It is designated as the only restrictive housing unit in the CDF.
- Each resident receives one and a half hour of out of cell time, and an additional fifteen minutes for a shower.
- Grievance, request, and sick call slips were visible in the unit.
- The top tier chaise closet was flooded.
- There was a flood on the bottom right tier.
- The shower water was cold.
- Cell 47 toilet was leaking in the cell, and the walls were wet.
- Cell 23 had no cold water.
- Each resident is eligible to receive a three-to-five-day reduction in disciplinary segregation if they maintain good conduct. The Deputy Warden has the discretion to allocate this reduction.
- Currently, there are group therapy sessions that take place in the unit, which serves groups of three people.

Northwest 2/ General Population

Population: 153

Capacity: 160

- This is a general population unit, and cells were double bunked and almost at max capacity.
- A resident spoke about missing Jumma (a religious service) recently, because his side of the housing unit was not out for recreation. Residents reported this situation as a common occurrence.
- There are eleven phones on the unit, but only four are currently operable. Many residents explained that they use their tablets to make phone calls and text.
- The detail staff who works in the unit reported a need for new tools to clean the showers.

- Some residents mentioned not receiving responses to their grievances.
- Some residents stated that they did not have the opportunity to vote during elections.
- Residents indicated that currently they do not have any programming available to them on the unit.
- On the bottom right tier, staff must cut the water off at night or the tier will flood.
- Residents reported connection difficulties with tablet screens during visitation time.
- Residents alleged that when they file grievances against correctional officers who work in the housing unit, those correctional officers will reduce the time that residents are allowed out for recreation.

Substance Abuse Programs

- The DOC has rebooted the Alcohol Anonymous/Narcotic Anonymous groups. These groups operated prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, but eventually became obsolete. Outside facilitators are returning to the DOC to conduct these groups.

Close Out Meeting

- At the close out meeting, the CIC met the new Warden at the CDF, Joe Page, and the new Deputy Warden, Robert Dean.
- The CIC also addressed concerns about voting impediments for housing unit NW1. The DOC staff said that they were unaware of the voting issue, but would follow-up.
- Deputy Directors Williams and Johnson also attended the closeout meeting and assured the CIC that they would address any outstanding issues.

CDF Recommendations

- Make programs more accessible for housing units with maximum custody residents.
- Address connectivity interruptions on tablets during visitation.

Corrections Treatment Facility (CTF)

D4A/ 50 and Over Unit

Population: 33

Capacity:49

- This housing unit is specifically for residents who are over the age of fifty.
- When the CIC visited this housing unit, fourteen residents were absent from the housing unit, either programming or participating in recreation or other activities.
- Some residents communicated that there were no issues to report at this time, and that the unit is “pretty much laid back”.

D4B/General Population**Population: 44****Capacity: 49**

- All appropriate signage like PREA was displayed throughout the housing units.
- Grievance, sick call, and request forms were present in both English and Spanish.
- Residents communicated that interactions between staff and residents is good.

Unit C4B/Education Unit**Population: 16****Capacity: 59**

- All residents are between the ages of 18 and 24 years of age. Everyone is required to have an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Maya Angelou Charter school is responsible for facilitating special education in this unit.
- Classes start at 8 AM and end at 2:30 PM, and there is a lunch break at noon.
- The curriculum includes English 1-4, Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World History 1 and 2, DC Government, and Spanish 1 and 2.
- If there are other individuals throughout the facility with an IEP who are not in this unit, the teachers from this unit will visit their housing unit to teach them individually or in groups.
- Upon graduation, residents receive a high school diploma.

D1A/Young Men Emerging (YME)**Population: 17****Capacity: 49**

- YME unit is designed for young men who are ages 18 through 24. The young men are mentees, and the older men are mentors.
- This unit is designed to create a rehabilitative community within a carceral setting, and there is specific programming tailored to the young adult population. Residents had just moved into this housing unit from their original housing unit due to renovations within their original unit. Programming and normal activities have not stopped.

E2A/Women Unit**Population: 7****Capacity: 33**

- When the CIC entered the unit, the women were engaged in a trauma class led by a trauma clinician, which started at 10 AM. Since all of the women were participating, the CIC did not have an opportunity to speak with them.
- All appropriate PREA signage was displayed, and grievance, sick call, and request forms were available.

E3B/Women Unit**Population: 9****Capacity: 33**

- This women unit is also known as the TAMAR unit (Trauma, Addiction, Mental Health, and Reentry).
- Women from the Unity Women's Wellness unit (E1B) merged with the TAMAR unit today, which was combined due to CTF renovations.
- The women who were moved reportedly preferred their previous unit and also indicated that tablets only work in the common area; they said there is no connectivity in the cells.
- Residents stated that no cleaning supplies are available, but staff stated that cleaning materials are supplied upon request; there was also signage indicating that cleaning supplies are provided upon request.
- Residents have access to a group/program room, which also doubles as a space for leisure activities.
- There are four showers (one on each tier) and two toilets on each tier.

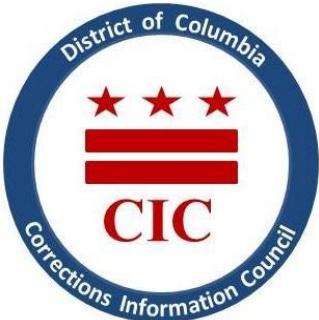
Twinning Project

- The Twinning Project and DC United are partnering with the DOC to bring a sports leadership and soccer coaching program to the DOC.
- The partnership is committed to facilitating a cohort for CTF women. This cohort will run for twelve weeks.
- Participants will spend 40% (135 hours) of the program participating in classroom time focused on leadership, sports management, conflict resolution, and team building.
- Soccer practices are led by DC United Foundation coaches.
- To be eligible for the program, residents may not have had a disciplinary infraction within the past 90 days.

Family Reunification Day

- Family Reunification Day visits are for resident parents and their minor children who are under the age of eighteen.
- Visits are held once a month, and the units rotate at both CDF and CTF.
- Residents cannot have a separation against another resident who is participating in Family Day on that Day. If there is a separation, both visits are canceled.
- Residents must be eligible to have contact visits.
- Residents must have legal rights to the children.
- Residents cannot have class I or II disciplinary actions within the last 90 days.
- Residents cannot have kidnapping, neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse of a child.
- A resident cannot be a registered sex offender.
- There cannot be any domestic violence charges between the resident and the person bringing the child for visit.
- Residents must have either enrolled, successfully completed, or been referred to a DOC Parenting program.

- Residents can only participate in one family reunification event per year.
- All residents who spoke about this event described it as one of the best events at the DOC.



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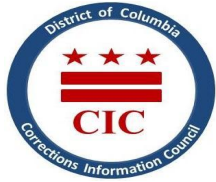


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Central Detention Facility Profile

Date of Inspection: March 26, 2025
Location: SE, Washington, DC
Security Level: Minimum, Medium, Maximum

Rated Capacity: 2,164
3/26/2025 Population: 1,319

Correctional Treatment Facility Profile

Date of Inspection: March 26, 2025
Location: SE, Washington, DC
Security Level: Minimum, Medium

Rated Capacity: 1,400
3/26/2025 Population: 532

Central Cell Block Profile

Date of Inspection: March 27, 2025
Location: NW, Washington, DC

Rated Capacity: 107
3/27/2025 Population: 59

Introduction

The CIC visited both the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) on March 26, 2025, and on March 27, 2025, the CIC visited Central Cell Block (CCB) as part of the CIC's mandate to inspect DOC facilities quarterly.

During the visits at CDF and CTF, CIC spoke with Deputy Director Williams, who oversees programming in the DOC. The CIC learned that there are over 600 offerings on the educational tablets, and they are available in addition to the in-person programs provided by DOC.

The CIC also discovered that there were residents housed in cells with mold.

Key Findings

The CIC highlights the following facility practices CDF:

- The Atonement program has been reimplemented and made available to residents.
- Organizations or individuals who want to provide programming without coming into the facility can have their program and curriculum placed on the educational tablet.
- The DOC is checking the tablets every 30 days to see who is participating in programs.
- Residents were having a hard time getting their certificates from courses they completed on the tablets. Those certificates can now be printed and picked up by a resident's lawyer or a family member.
- There were cells in Special Housing (North.1) and the general population that contained mold and required residents to be relocated to other cells.

The CIC highlights the following facility practices CTF:

- The DOC does not decide who is housed in the medical units or how long a resident may be housed there. The medical department makes those decisions.

The CIC highlights the following facility practice CCB:

- Arrestees whose cases are “no papered” do not have to go to court. CCB receives a list in the morning before court starts, and those individuals whose cases will not be charged are released directly from CCB.

Central Detention Facility

Programming

- The Atonement program is back at CDF. This is a program for max custody residents, and it is designed to change criminal mentality and put the men on a trajectory towards more pro social behavior. The program lasts for six to eight months. Forty-five residents graduated from this program in October 2024 and participated in Family Reunification Day. Fifteen residents will move on to cycle two and become leadership ambassadors, mentoring new program participants.
- There is a new Painting & Plumbing Apprenticeship. The program is administered by Alabama Avenue Community Development Corporation. There are 20 residents that participate in each trade for a total of 40. Forty residents have already completed the apprenticeships.
- The Painting & Plumbing Apprenticeship course last for twelve weeks and the apprenticeships rotate between CDF and CTF. Requirements for the program are no infractions and no separations.

- Residents get pre-apprenticeship certificates when they complete the Painting & Plumbing Apprenticeship program, and they can continue after their release.
- Howard University has an In & Out Program, where it brings students into the facility and mixes them with the resident population for classes that facilitate learning and debates on various topics from different viewpoints, which helps all students with better communication and perspectives. Maximum custody residents are allowed to participate in the program.
- Entities who would like to provide programming at the CDF without having to come into the facility may have their programs placed on the tablets.
- Hope Foundation Inc. conducts two four-hour workshops on parenting. It also provides a full eight-week course.
- Residents are eligible for Family Reunification Day once they complete the Hope foundations' full eight-week course.
- There are more than 600 courses offered on the education tablets.

Chapel

- Chaplain Howard oversees the chapel.
- Islamic religious groups include the Nation of Islam, Sunni, and The Moorish Science Temple of America.
- Three Imams come into the facility from the outside to administer services to the Sunni community.
- Seven Day Adventists come into the facility on Mondays to administer services to the Christian community.
- Pastors visit the restrictive housing units to administer one on one services with residents.
- Religious groups from the outside must go through an application process that requires credentials, a TB test, and a background check. Religious groups/organizations must also complete a ten-hour virtual course for admission into the facility.
- Entry into the facility must be renewed yearly.
- Days and times of worship for each religious group are posted in each housing unit, as well as in the chapel.

CDF Medical:

- No resident is housed in the CDF Medical unit for long-term care. Residents are only housed there temporarily for recovery - or observation for those who display mental health issues or any concerns that require short-term monitoring for 24 hours.
- There are four exam rooms, three safe cells, and one observation cell.
- The CDF infirmary is accredited by the ACA and the National Commission on Correctional Health (NCCH).
- Annual checkups and physicals are provided to all residents, and residents can refuse if they choose.
- Services provided by the medical unit include an eye clinic, x-rays, dental services, podiatry, chronic care, and infectious diseases.

- Residents can also submit requests to sick call, which are answered in 24 hours. Medical staff go to the housing unit where the request is submitted. Each housing unit has a medical room in the sallyport where residents are seen for sick call.
- In areas that are outside of the scope of care that is provided at the CDF, residents will be sent to an outside hospital.
- CDF health care services are audited by Unity Health Care.

North 1/Disciplinary Unit**Population: 41****Capacity: 141**

- This housing unit is specifically for residents who have been placed on disciplinary segregation (DS).
- During the inspection of this unit, the CIC was made aware that several cells had mold in them.
- One resident had been moved out of cell ten previously due to mold.
- When the CIC inspected other cells on the top right tier and discovered that there was mold in those cells, everyone who was housed on that side was moved to other cells.
- The CIC was told that a mold abatement and remediation team would be assembled and take appropriate action to remedy the situation.

Northwest 2/ General Population**Population: 149****Capacity: 160**

- This unit houses residents who are mostly classified as maximum custody.
- Residents communicated that there were complications with the visits on the tablets. Specifically, during the visits there are often problems with them being able to see their visitor and vice versa.
- Residents communicated that they need better cleaning supplies for the showers.
- There were puddles of water coming from the bottom right tier chaise closet.
- Residents in this unit reported a desire for more in-person programming.

Southwest 2/General Population**Population: 129****Capacity: 160**

- Residents communicated their issues with the linen exchange (sheets and towels). Residents communicated that their linen had not been exchanged in over a month.
- Some residents communicated that when they exchange their linen that they may not receive it back until days later. Staff stated that they would check for residents who did not receive their linen and provide it.
- On the top right tier, one shower was not working.
- On the bottom right tier, one shower was not working.

- One resident communicated that, since January 29, 2025, his tablet has not accepted his voice when he attempts to use the phone on it. In most circumstances, a resident utilizes the same tablet throughout the duration of their time in DOC custody.

CDF Recommendations

- The CIC recommends that all the cells with mold be treated and remediated.
- The CIC recommends that when residents exchange their linen, that the exchange is returned the same day.
- The CIC recommends that the connectivity issues with visitation on the tablets be addressed.
- Continue offering innovative training programs, such as CTECH's in-person certifications and Orijin's tablet-based trade apprenticeship training programs.

Corrections Treatment Facility (CTF)

Medical 96

Population: 13

Capacity: 24

- Residents can only be assigned to this unit by medical.
- The majority of the residents in this unit are mobility challenged.
- There is a dialysis room on this unit for residents who need treatment.
- There is a physical therapy room that provides one treadmill, two cardio bikes, and dumbbells. There are also five tables that residents can lay on for treatment.
- CDF and CTF share the same physical therapy room.
- One resident in the unit mentioned having issues with receiving his prosthetic leg. The CIC addressed the issue with the medical team, and the resident was able to get his prosthetic leg.
- Several residents who are on dialysis stated that they have not been receiving the proper diet as prescribed by the doctor. Staff took those residents' names and informed the CIC that they would investigate the issue.
- Residents mentioned and the CIC observed that most of the medical beds had been removed from the unit. Staff informed the CIC that residents are assigned a medical bed based upon medical decisions; without a medical requirement, residents will have regular mattresses on a bunk.

Medical 82

Population: 14

Capacity: 28

- Residents with chronic illnesses are housed on this unit.
- Residents can be housed in this unit temporarily or permanently.

- Men and women can be housed in this unit, although women cells are covered with a partition for privacy reasons.
- There is a suicide watch administered on this unit for one-on-one observation.
- There is one day room on this unit.
- All services in the unit are provided according to doctor's orders.
- This unit has two showers, but one shower is missing a shower head.

CTF Recommendation

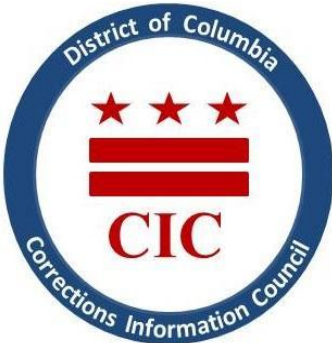
- Fix the missing shower head in Medical 82.

Central Cell Block (CCB)

Population: 59 (45 males and 14 females)

Capacity: 107

- Approximately 82 arrestees are housed daily in CCB. Approximately 90 arrestees are housed on Saturdays after 2:45 PM.
- A minimum of eight officers and one supervisor operate CCB per shift.
- There are four handicapped cells.
- CCB does not currently accept ADA and wheelchair bound arrestees. Those arrestees remain at the precinct and are transported directly to court.
- CCB is now responsible for placing their own work orders to DGS, whereas previously DGS placed work orders after CCB communicated requests.
- Individuals in custody at CCB whose cases are not charged by the courts are released directly from CCB.
- It is anticipated that CCB will be relocated by May of 2026.



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Central Detention Facility, Correctional Treatment Facility,
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Central Detention Facility Profile

Date of Inspection: July 23, 2025

Location: 1901 D St. SE, Washington, DC

Security Level: Minimum, Medium,
Maximum

Rated Capacity: 2,164

7/23/2025 Population: 1,334

Correctional Treatment Facility Profile

Date of Inspection: July 23, 2025

Location: 1901 E St. SE, Washington, DC

Security Level: Minimum, Medium

Rated Capacity: 1,400

7/23/2025 Population: 590

Central Cell Block Profile

Date of Inspection: July 24, 2025

Location: 300 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington,
DC

Rated Capacity: 107

7/24/2025 Population: 50

Introduction

The CIC visited both the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) on July 23, 2025, and on July 24, 2025, the CIC visited Central Cell Block (CCB) as part of the CIC's mandate to inspect DOC facilities quarterly.

This report consolidates multi-source unit walkthroughs, resident interviews, conversations with staff, and direct observations across CDF, CTF, and CCB.

Key Findings

The CIC highlights the following facility practices CDF:

- Recurring mold in cells.
- Ventilation and temperature issues in SW2 and NW2. On one side of the unit, the ventilation and air were working; on the other side, there was no air circulating.
- In every housing unit the CIC visited, there were leaks or floods in various areas, such as the chaise closets and showers.
- Several residents reported dissatisfaction with modified operations being regularly implemented during out-of-cell time due to staff shortages.
- Residents complained about limited library access on the tablets. Residents mentioned that they can only access the law library on the tablets for two hours; afterwards, they must wait 24 hours before they can use it again.

The CIC highlights the following facility practices CTF:

- There are no more contact visits at the CTF.

The CIC highlights the following facility practice CCB:

- There was a cell that would not open, and a resident was trapped inside. The Fire Department had to be called to remove the individual from the cell. This happened prior to the CIC's visit, but the cell was viewed during the inspection and you could see where the Fire Department had to bend the bars of the cell door so that the resident could get out.

Central Detention Facility

North 1 – Disciplinary Segregation/Restrictive Housing

Population: 47

- Residents in this unit have been found guilty of some facility infraction and are placed on disciplinary segregation.
- There were mold and plumbing issues in the unit. Cell 49 was offline due to flooding.
- There was a flood in the shower area of the bottom right tier.
- There were reports of rodents in cell 36.
- Some residents reported that there are times when they go three and four days without showers due to a lack of staffing.

Southwest 2 – Maximum Custody (General Population)

Population: 120

- Residents mentioned that lockdowns in the unit are frequent.

- Multiple residents reported not receiving outside recreation for three months.
- There were fans present in the common area, but little to no air flow in the cells. The cells were hot and stuffy.
- Residents mentioned that access to linen, the barber, and cold water is either inconsistent or unavailable. Water from the water fountain was warm.
- Residents reported that it is difficult to get a care package for a resident that is indigent.
- There is a law library cap on the tablets of two hours; afterwards, residents must wait 24 hours before the law library can be accessed again on the tablet.
- Residents reported delays in reaching their case manager.
- Residents complained about call failures on the tablets; there are four working phones on the unit.

Northwest 2 – Maximum Custody (General Population)

Population: 109

- Recreation time is frequently modified, which restricts out of the cell time, due to staff shortages.
- Cells were hot. One side of the unit had air conditioning, and the other side did not.
- Residents complained about not receiving programming apart from the tablets.
- There appeared to be potential mold in cells 47 and 66.¹
- Residents reported a waitlist for tablets. The DOC confirmed that there is a waitlist due to damaged or broken tablets awaiting repairs.

North 2 – Pre-Hearing Housing

Population: 60

- Residents are held in this unit to see the adjustment board. Residents who receive a disciplinary report must see the adjustment board to determine if they are guilty of alleged infractions. Guilty individuals are sent to disciplinary segregation; otherwise, they return to the general population.

North 3 – Mental Health and Administrative Housing Step Down Unit

Population: 10 (8 mental health step down) (2 administrative step down)

- There are two sides to this unit: one side is for mental health, and the other side is for programming for those who come from administrative housing.
- The mental health unit is South 3, but residents are sent here to help them transition and adjust to the possibility of going into general population.
- Residents in the Mental Health Step Down unit program Monday through Friday. Some of the programming includes art therapy and yoga with outside facilitators. There is a doctor that comes in to help the residents cope with anger issues. The program also incorporates group therapy sessions.

¹ Per DOC Policy 2925.1 Attachment H (Aug. 21, 2025), the presence of mold must be tested and verified by the sanitarian.

- The Administrative Housing Step-Down unit is a pilot program that lasts for 12 weeks. The next cohort will consist of eight residents with a goal of reaching 30. Programs include rehabilitation, life and wellness skills, Thinking for a Change, the Art of Living Foundation (yoga), Free Minds Book Club, and the Hope Foundation.
- Two residents said that the Administrative Housing Step-Down program is good, but needs fresh ideas.

Correctional Treatment Facility

Medical 82

Population: 18 (13 men; 5 women)

- There are mixed genders housed on this unit. Residents are placed here by medical authorization for clinical reasons and once those issues are resolved, those residents will be placed in general population.
- There are three safe cells in this area of the facility. One of the safe cells was occupied during inspection.
- During the CIC's previous inspection of this area, one of the shower heads was not working. During this inspection, the issue was resolved.

SMU-B

Population: 10

- This unit houses participants of the Maya Angelou Charter school program who have disciplinary infractions, residents in protective custody, and intakes awaiting the housing board.
- There are several areas designated specifically for programming within this unit.

D3B-LEAD Up

Population: 33

- This is a programming unit. Residents have access to Free Minds Book Club, Culinary Arts, Thinking for a Change, CPR, and web design.
- On Mondays and Tuesdays, there are group therapy sessions; on Thursdays, there are meetings with the Hope Foundation; and on Fridays, there are meditation sessions.
- When residents complete their programs, they receive certificates of completion.
- Residents mentioned that outside recreation is rare, and they would like it offered more regularly.
- There is also a LEAD-Out component to this program, which is an outside extension of the internal LEAD-Up program. LEAD-Out assists with housing, employment readiness, substance abuse treatment, and financial literacy for residents once they are released, but they must have a history of substance abuse.

D2A-Young Men Emerging (YME)**Population: 18 (16 mentees; 2 mentors)**

- This is a programming unit for young adults; all mentees are under the age of 25. It is designed to foster community and rehabilitation.
- Residents in this unit must be enrolled in the GED program if they do not have a GED or high school diploma.
- There is a schedule of activities posted on the wall daily. Residents are either in school or participating in some other form of programming.
- The atmosphere in this unit is very positive. There are pictures and plants that create positive energy.
- The mentors are two men who have served extended periods of federal incarceration.

Visitation

- In-person contact visitation has been suspended at the CTF.

Outside Recreation

- If the temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity is at a level of 80-90 percent, then outside recreation is not offered.
- DOC staff indicated that this summer has been a record for humidity in DC; therefore, there has been less outside recreation than usual.
- There were three recreation yards: one area is actively available for outside recreation, one area is under construction, and one area is no longer used for recreation.

Central Cell Block

Count: 50 (33 males; 17 females)

- There is a minimum of at least eight staff per shift.
- The population averages around 82 people per day, except for Saturdays after 2:45 PM; afterwards, that population averages between 90-100.
- The language access line is used 4-5 times a month (mostly for Spanish speaking people).
- There are three handicapped cells, which are all operable. There are eight inoperable cells; one of the cells had been pried open by the fire department prior to the inspection because there was a person inside and staff could not open the door.
- Wheelchair access is currently available at CCB.
- There are four medical staff members, and each works a 12-hour shift. The staff is able to administer mental health medications, but not injections; in those situations, individuals are taken to the Comprehensive Psychiatry Emergency Program (CPEP).
- An exterminator comes twice a month for bugs.

- The external cleaners come in daily and spend at least two hours cleaning. Once the facility is cleared of individuals on Mondays, the cleaning team cleans the sleeping mattresses.
- Every two months DGS does a general check to ensure that plumbing is working correctly.
- Temporary relocation is anticipated May 2026.

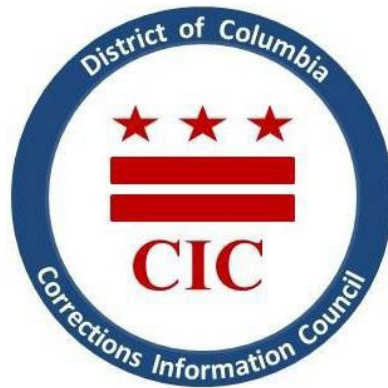
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CDF

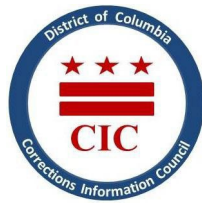
- Do not house residents in cells where mold is present.
- Add additional law library access.

CTF

- Provide more access to fresh air through outdoor recreation.



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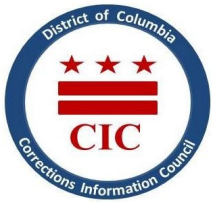
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Facility Overview

Correctional Treatment Facility Profile

Dates of Inspection: June 25 - 26, 2025
Location: 1901 E St. SE, Washington, DC
Security Level: Minimum, Medium

Population of Women on 06/25/25: 126
Population of Women surveyed: 72¹

Introduction

The DC Department of Corrections' (DOC) Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) houses women and specialized populations of men. The facility was activated in May 1992. The eight-story structure stands on 10.2 acres next to the Central Detention Facility (CDF aka DC Jail) at 1901 E. St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. CTF consists of five separate, multi-story buildings that are situated immediately adjacent to each other, presenting the appearance of one large structure. Each building contains separate areas for administration, programs, housing, and services. Building A includes administration, maintenance, personnel, and medical services. Building B includes master control, visitation, the gymnasium, and a large chapel. C and D buildings house male residents. All women are housed in Building E. Each cell in Building E has a window, and each unit has at least one television room and a multi-purpose room.

The DOC contracts with Aramark for food service; Keefe for inmate commissary; and Unity Health Care, Inc. for medical, mental health, and dental services.

Demographics

The DOC provided demographic data about the 129 women housed at CTF on June 24, 2025, the day before the site visit. On that date, the women ranged in age from 19-73. The length of stay for the 129 women ranged from a few hours to 1,018 days. According to the data provided by DOC, 107 of the 129 women were black; 19 were white; one was Asian; and data was not available for two women. Four women were sent from District Court, 123 were sent from Superior Court, and one was sent from Greenbelt.

Seventy-two of the 126 women housed at CTF on June 25 and 26, 2025, participated in the CIC's survey. Thirty-seven survey respondents indicated that they have a total of 87 children under the age of eighteen: forty-seven are ages 4 to 12; twenty-one children are age 3 or younger; and nineteen are teenagers.

¹ Seventy-two women filled out a survey. Not every woman answered every question. The number of respondents to each question is noted.

Housing Units

Currently, there are six units designated for the female population. Women in need of continuous medical observation are placed in Medical 82, which also houses men.

Unit and Purpose	Number of Women on the Unit	Number of Women who Completed the Survey
E1B--Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	9	9
E2A—Better & Beyond Gen Low	6	3
E2B—General Population Low-Mod	33	18
E3A—Mental Health Treatment	20	10
E4A—Intake and Special Management	24	14
E4B—General Population Maximum	33	18
Medical 82	1	0
TOTAL	126	72

E1B Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Unit (RSAT)

Currently, there are nine women on the unit which has 33 cells. In addition to standard cells, there is one larger handicapped cell and bathroom. Admission to the women's RSAT unit occurs on a rolling basis. The RSAT program is conducted by DOC staff. As part of their Intensive Treatment Plan for the initial 30 days, participants engage in programming for five to six hours per day, which includes yoga, trauma-informed curriculum, art therapy, and individual counseling. The residents utilize workbooks, which they are permitted to keep. Women are given a completion certificate after the first 30 days. During the second phase of the program, the Treatment Phase, participants engage in four hours of daily core group activities and three hours of elective programming. During the final phase, the Maintenance Phase, participants engage in a minimum of three meetings with program staff each week. At the end of the 90 days, there is a graduation and certificates are presented. To graduate from RSAT, a resident must actively participate in the program for 120 days or four months. Afterwards, they can either stay as a mentor if there is space or move to a general population unit.

The Trauma, Addictions, Mental Health and Recovery Project (TAMAR) is provided weekly by Unity Health Care. Residents spoke highly of TAMAR. This program, which began in July of 2000, focuses on providing treatment to women who have experienced abuse or trauma. Other programming on the unit includes individualized and group counseling sessions to discuss core issues, as well as meditation and health education classes on Fridays.

The classrooms on the upstairs level are not being used. Staff reported that the classrooms will be used in approximately two months after the completion of the shower maintenance project.²

E2A (Reentry Unit – Better and Beyond/ Low Custody)

This unit houses those who are short term (between three and six months) and demonstrate good behavior. Currently, there are six residents on this unit, which has a capacity of 32. Residents can participate in classes and receive an educational tablet.

Educational tablets provide up to 12 movies during the weekend. Residents can access GTL communication tablets at the cost of .05 cents per minute. A case manager visits one to two times every day from Monday to Friday. Three to five programs are offered on the unit each day. Programs have

² CIC cited the lack of use of available classrooms on the second level of the women's units in its 2024 report.

included yoga, meditation, sexual abuse information, counseling, and guidance for finding jobs or apartments upon discharge. For every month of good behavior, residents get three days removed from their sentence.

Residents' Comments:

- It is difficult to get a replacement uniform when mine no longer fits.
- The case manager is not always available or helpful because they handle multiple units.
- The reentry program overall is incredibly helpful, it makes us feel connected to the outside again, and helps us learn how to think through actions.

E2B (General Population/ Low Custody)

There are currently 30 residents in this unit. The capacity is 50; however, the DOC tries to cap the population at 40. Every resident gets five hours of out of cell time per day. Half of the residents (one side of the unit) are out of their cells in the morning, and the other half are out of their cells in the afternoon. Each day, the schedule switches between morning and afternoon. DOC staff noted that the split schedule was instituted for safety and security reasons.

Residents' Comments:

- We are stuck in our cells for more than 24 hours at a time because of the [split] schedule.
- Covid restrictions are over, but we are still in these cells too long.

E3A (Mental Health Unit)

The total population was 24, two of whom were in court. The number of cells in total is 32. In-unit staff consists of two corporals, one case manager, one clinician, one doctor, and one nurse. Case managers are available three days per week. The correctional officers on the unit are trained in de-escalation techniques and verbal calming tactics.

Residents have five hours of recreation outside of their cells per day. Residents in the upper cells have out of cell time in the morning, and residents in the lower cells have out of cell time in the afternoon. Residents can participate in educational programming outside of the unit or through tablets. There is no specialized programming on the unit.

Residents' Comments:

- Educational tablets are very beneficial to gain certificates and skills.
- Inside of the cells, there are some connection issues for the tablets, which makes education difficult since we are in cells for most of the day.
- The communication tablet fees are a financial burden.
- Bring back in-person programming for the unit, such as arts and crafts.

E4A (Intake and Restrictive Housing Unit – Disciplinary, Administrative, Protective Custody)³

The current population is 24 women. The maximum population on the unit is 50 women. There are 32 cells, and 18 contain double bunks. Women of the various statuses mingle while on the unit. There are several classrooms upstairs that have not been used in the past few months.

³ “Disciplinary segregation” is a punitive sanction that is authorized after a hearing for inmates who violate facility rules. “Protective custody” refers to the placement of an inmate in a special housing unit to protect them from harm; inmates are either placed in protective custody at their own request or due to facility-initiated concerns. “Administrative segregation” refers to the placement of an inmate in a housing unit where they are locked down due to an array of situations other than “disciplinary” or “protective” reasons.

Upon arrival at CTF, after initial processing all women are placed on the Intake unit where they are observed and evaluated for a minimum of 72 hours. Individuals may be classified as intake for an average of 7 to 30 days.

During the intake process, individuals undergo a medical evaluation and mental health assessment conducted by UNITY staff. The DOC case manager comes daily. Live orientations, where different departments explain their services and procedures are presented every Thursday. During the intake period, women are out of their cells two hours per day, seven days a week.

Restrictive housing is for those who are different statuses, such as protective custody, disciplinary segregation, pre-housing hearing, special handling, pre-housing detention, and administrative segregation. Women in restrictive housing are allowed out of their cells for two hours a day, five days a week. Women in restrictive housing are required to be placed in four-point restraints, which includes handcuffs, a belly chain, black box, a lock, and leg chains anytime they leave the unit.

E4B (General Population/ Maximum Custody)

A total of 32 residents are allowed out of cell on a split schedule: one side out from 9am to 2:30pm; the other side from 4:30pm to 9:30pm, and vice versa the next day. There was a water jug in the day room, but no cups. The counseling room upstairs was covered in trash. Many “do not disturb” signs were posted on the case manager’s office door.

Residents’ Comments:

- There is too much time between meals.
- The toilets overflow on the right side of the unit and one sink is not working.
- There are flies coming out of the sink in my cell.
- We are running out of sanitary napkins and tampons.
- Each cell receives one roll of toilet paper.
- Sheets are not provided on a weekly basis as they should be.
- The TV in the TV room is not working.
- We would like music programs.
- Our case manager [for E4B] is hard to reach, unavailable when in the office, and dismissive of requests.

Key Findings Daily Living

- Due to the split schedule⁴, residents sometimes spend 26 hours in a row in their cells.
- The temperature of the living area fluctuates between hot and cold.
- Sheets and towels are cleaned irregularly, rather than every week.
- The women consistently noted the presence of gnats and flies, especially in showers.

⁴ Split schedule: Half of the women are allowed out on the unit for approximately five hours. This means that ½ of the women are out of their cells while the remaining half are restricted to their cells. The following day, the schedule is reversed, resulting in some women remaining in their cells up to at least 26 hours in a row.

The DOC is currently installing stainless steel sinks and shower inserts in all the women's units. The following observations were noted in both original and renovated bathrooms:

- Damaged tiles on the floor.
- Showers tend to flood regularly; one shower head continually drips.
- Utility pipe drips.
- Several old showers are covered in mildew and ceilings of new showers show mildew.
- On one unit water was temporarily cut off due to flooding between cells the day before the inspection. Standing water and water damage were evident during the inspection.
- Several showers are flooded, and sewage backs up in two of the renovated showers; several women commented on the smell of sewage in the showers.

Meals

Food at CTF is managed by Aramark, prepared at CDF, and transported across the bridgeway. Meals are served in a plastic container or sealed pouch. Containers are opened by correctional officers, which are tilted towards their body cameras before distribution to residents. The CIC was informed that the policy was instituted approximately five months ago in response to complaints about rat feces and other detritus in the food. Residents receive a cold meal for breakfast and lunch and a hot meal for dinner. On the day of the site inspection, residents' breakfast consisted of dry cereal, milk, two pieces of bread, and potatoes. There was no fruit. Special meals with larger portions are reportedly provided on holidays.

Survey Responses:

- Forty-two out of 67 women reported that their hot food was not served hot.
- Twenty-one of the 57 survey respondents indicated that they do not receive fruit.
- Nine of the 57 respondents indicated that they do not receive vegetables.

Residents' Comments:

- We get the same food every day and the portion size is too small.
- Commissary only has unhealthy options.
- We would like more salads as part of lunch or dinner.
- We would appreciate watermelon, apple slices, and oranges.

Recreation

There is an indoor gym and three yards for outdoor recreation. All residents are escorted by staff when traveling throughout CTF. During the inspection, CIC staff observed recreation being offered to the women.

Survey Responses:

- Twenty-nine of 52 survey respondents reported receiving outdoor recreation one or two days a week, while nine reported it was more frequent.
- One woman stated, "I've been here 16 days and haven't been offered outside recreation."

Health Services

Medical Care

Residents have access to routine primary care, urgent, and emergency medical care twenty-four hours a day. For non-emergencies, inmates may access a sick call system to request an appointment with an onsite medical provider. Medical care is provided via contract with Unity Health Care. The medical department follows internal healthcare protocols and holds dual accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). Policy dictates that a resident's medical conditions are never disclosed to officers, and medical staff stated that medical records are not shared with the DOC without the consent of the residents.

During the intake process, prior to their housing assignment, inmates receive a complete health assessment, which includes medical history, a physical examination, a mental health evaluation, an oral screening, infectious disease screening, and, if necessary - laboratory and radiology services. Psychologists, case management representatives, a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) coordinator, and Office of Investigative Services personnel also participate in the assessment. Tests for tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, and communicable diseases are automatically done, and a pap smear is scheduled within the first 30 days of residence. If a resident's test results are normal, they are informed via letter. If the results are abnormal, an in-person discussion occurs. There is an in-house pharmacy that can fill prescriptions, and all medications are generic.

All women also take a pregnancy test at intake. At the time of the visit, there were five pregnant women. Pregnant women have medical check-ups, but they reside within their assigned unit; at about 35 weeks pregnant, women are moved to the medical unit until after birth. If a new mother wants to continue breastfeeding, arrangements can be made to deliver pumped milk to the baby's caretaker/s.

For standard medical care requests from residents, providers conduct sick call visits on the unit inside of a privacy room - and if the situation warrants, they can place them on the medical unit. At CTF, there are two medical units; only Medical 82 houses women. There is no co-pay for services. Medical personnel must recommend admission to and discharge from the unit, which offers a range of services. Dialysis, high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, x-rays, OB/GYN, pap smears, and HIV tests are all done within the medical unit, and CT scans are done outside of the facility. Those who require more specialized, long-term care (such as chemotherapy) can be referred to an outside specialist and transported to that location.

Residents are transported to Washington Hospital Center, GW Hospital, and Howard Hospital for care beyond the capability of on-site services, including birthing. If a resident requires care at an external facility, they are transported by contacting 911 for emergency services – or requesting a special DOC conveyance for non-emergencies. The resident is provided with a sealed document containing personal medical information for the hospital, and two officers must accompany the resident to the facility.

Survey Responses:

- Eighteen of fifty-three survey respondents said they did not receive medications on time.
- Thirty of 51 survey respondents reported receiving OB/GYN services.
- Thirty-seven out of 46 respondents said they have concerns about the medical, dental, or mental health care received. Fourteen of the comments were about the lack of medical care including difficulty in getting an appointment and delays in receiving medications; eleven of the comments were about the lack of dental care; three comments focused on the need for more

mental health services; and three women focused their comments on specific needs for eye care. Seven women did not provide details about their concerns.

Dental

There is a dentist and a hygienist on staff every day. A dental exam is provided during the intake process. Routine cleanings can be scheduled. Tooth extractions are done in-house.

Survey Responses:

- Residents stated that there is either a very long wait or they are not seen at all.
- Twenty-nine of 52 survey respondents said they had not seen a dentist:
- One resident said, “I’ve been here three months and haven’t seen a dentist and I have a dental problem.”
- Another resident reported that “[she] requested teeth cleaning in March and has not been seen.”

Mental Health

Mental health checks are done during the intake process by psychiatric staff.

Survey Responses:

- Forty-six of 64 survey respondents said that they do know how to get mental health care.
- Twelve out of 45 survey respondents said they did not receive mental health medications on time.

Safe Cells

The Department of Corrections defines a “safe cell” as a housing cell that provides visibility of inmates and is designed to be suicide resistant by being free of physical structures that could be used in a suicide attempt (e.g. electrical switches or outlets, bunks with open bottoms, towel racks on desks and sinks, radiator vents, or any other fixtures which could be used as anchoring devices for hanging or areas used to jump off of). There are three “safe cells” on Medical 82, which each contain a bed, toilet, sink, and weighted blanket.

Residents placed in safe cells are strip-searched by correctional staff prior to being placed in a safety smock or safety clothing - and placed in the designated safe cell. The resident is checked every 15 minutes by staff. There is an intercom that connects the safe cell directly to the nurse’s station; the resident can push the button, wait for someone at the desk to respond, then communicate. Those within safe cells are allowed 30 minutes out of cell time daily. Staff stated that finger food is provided because utensils are considered a safety risk.⁵ The window on the door of the cell is covered in reflective material so that the resident cannot see through it.⁶

⁵ DC DOC Policy and Procedure, Suicide Prevention and Intervention, 6080.2H Sec. 23 (b)(6), p.22 (March 12, 2024) (there are individualized determinations about restrictions for an inmate on suicide watch as determined by a mental health clinician and documented on the cell door, which could allow access to safe eating utensils if consistent with their safety.)

⁶ Id. at 23 (individualized determinations about restrictions could also allow for an unrestricted view from the cell door, unless there is a history of sexual exposure; in sexual exposure situations, detachable curtains could be used.)

Substance Abuse Treatment

Multiple medications that can be prescribed for substance abuse treatment. Residents consult with a doctor about choices.

Survey Responses:

- Twenty-eight of 63 survey respondents expressed interest in participating in a drug treatment program.
- Twenty-two women responded that they would be interested in a medication-assisted treatment program.

Programming

General Programming

Programs for women at CTF include sociology, trauma talks, personal finance, painting, plumbing, cosmetology and barbering, and web design. Painting and plumbing are 12-week programs that result in a certificate. Cosmetology and barbering require 1,500 completed hours to take the board exam and become certified. If they are released before finishing, the hours stay with them, and they can finish elsewhere. In addition to programming provided by DOC staff, several community-based organizations, including Free Minds and Petey Greene, provide programming in CTF. The DOC library is part of the DC library circuit and can participate in interlibrary loans.

Programming is also available on the Orijin Explore tablets. The DOC has partnered with Orijin and renews the contract yearly, estimated to be 1 million dollars. The tablets contain the following: Law Library; Education; Notices; Grievances; Requests; Facility Messages; Career One Stop; Merriam-Webster Dictionary; Help; Facility Information; Calculator; Account Info; resume building; Ted Talks; library; religious content; voter information; and programs such as entrepreneurship, HVAC, explore construction, plumbing, electrician. The educational tablets do not use the internet, but have software to access information. To acquire an educational tablet, the resident is required to express interest by word of mouth, signing up at intake, or by writing a request to a case manager. There are 1,200 tablets; 900 are currently in circulation. Some of the remaining 300 need repair, and some are in reserve to mitigate having a waitlist or denying residents.

Survey Responses:

- Twenty-six of 67 survey respondents said they are currently participating in educational programs.
- Forty-five of 63 survey respondents said they have access to an educational tablet.
- Forty-two of 63 survey respondents said they have access to the book cart.
- Thirteen of 66 survey respondents said they are currently participating in vocational programming.
- Several residents participating in educational or vocational programs said that the staff does not always arrive to escort them to the education department.
- Several residents stated that they needed more out of cell time to be able to attend to hygiene needs, programming, and medical appointments.

GED and College

The DOC offers GED classes and testing to people who have not finished their high school education. To be eligible to take the GED, the resident is required to complete the TABE assessment, the

READY pre-test on history and math, and score 120 or higher. An Adult Basic Education (ABE) for those not yet ready for high school level courses started in May.

According to data provided by the DOC, 58 women have a high school diploma; 18 have a GED; and 12 have a college degree. The data also indicated that 17 women, who ranged in age from 19 to 64, did not have a high school diploma or GED.

In a typical GED class, there are 8 to 14 residents to ensure that everyone gets the necessary attention. GED testing takes place in the library. The passing rate overall is about 78%. If a resident fails a section of the GED test, they have to wait at least 30 days before they can retake that section. One woman stated, “it’s hard for anybody to obtain a GED because classes are always canceled”.

CTF retains partnerships with colleges and universities including Georgetown University, Ashland University, Harvard University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). All college classes are co-ed.

Special Education

Pursuant to the Charles H. class action settlement⁷, the DOC must provide special education services to anyone aged 23 and under who has not achieved a high school diploma and who needs an Individual Education Plan. Educational services are provided by Maya Angelou Academy, which has satisfied three years of a four-year contract. The men receive special educational services in the same location as the Maya Angelou Academy. The two women currently needing special education services receive services within their housing units.

Religious Services

Survey Responses:

- Twenty-eight of 44 survey respondents said they were able to access religious services weekly.
- Nineteen of 59 survey respondents noted barriers to practicing their religious beliefs, such as a lack of prayer mats for Muslims, or not knowing how to join the list to attend church.

Legal Access

The law library can be accessed through tablets.

Survey Responses:

- Twenty-seven of 59 survey respondents indicated that they do have access to legal materials.
- Forty out of 55 survey respondents indicated that they do have access to visits with their attorney.

⁷ Charles H., et al v. District of Columbia, et al. Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00997-CJN Document 191-1, Filed 08/25/23, available at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a2af8a0f14aa1cbbcf14079/t/6531971ae212ea3607301277/1697748766916/191-001_Settlement+Agreement+and+Release%282147484903.1%29.pdf; *see also*, Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00997-CJN Document 212, Filed 01/15/24, available at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a2af8a0f14aa1cbbcf14079/t/65aabe98e93f300f651f589/1705688850202/212-000_Order.pdf.

Institutional Safety and Security

Grievance Process

Signage about the Internal Grievance Process (IGP) is visible on each unit. The officer on each unit has a grievance notebook that contains blank forms for use by residents. The grievance process is explained in orientation, and a video is presented during intake. The IGP coordinators are responsible for picking up the grievance sheets, making a record, and delivering them to the respective departments. The paper grievance form consists of tri-color, carbonated copies, which must be legible and dated: the white copy is retained by the IGP coordinator for the record, the pink copy is retained by the resident as a receipt of submission, and the yellow copy is eventually returned to the residents with a response.

When an IGP submission is sent via tablet, it goes directly to the IGP coordinator - who makes a physical copy for documentation. Residents are unable to retain a copy; however, once a tracking number is assigned, paper acknowledgement is reportedly sent to the resident.

It typically takes 15 days to respond to a grievance; however, residents are supposed to receive notice of any extensions resulting from lengthier investigations. Reportedly, 98-99% receive responses within 15 days. There was one full-time and one part-time staff members tracking grievances. Three additional staff members are anticipated for onboarding.

As of June 26, 2025, there were 434 grievances submitted in the month of June. The most common grievances were improper actions from the staff, concerns about Unity medical services, and complaints about food. Residents cannot grieve about their housing status, classification, or write on behalf of a group or someone else.

Survey Responses:

- Forty-two of 62 survey respondents indicated they have access to grievance forms.

PREA

When a PREA complaint is lodged, a supervising correctional officer is responsible for protecting all physical evidence and ensuring the safety and welfare of the victim. The supervisor notifies the PREA Coordinator and Office of Investigative Services to ensure that the alleged victim receives timely access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner from an outside medical provider, as opposed to a Unity medical staff member, is responsible for interviewing and physically examining the person.

Survey Responses:

- Twenty-three of 61 survey respondents indicated they are not familiar with PREA and the reporting process.

Recommendations

Daily Living

- During renovation of bathrooms, ensure that mold and mildew are treated effectively before installation of stainless-steel showers and sinks.
- Provide effective cleaning materials to residents.
- Enhance extermination efforts.

Meals

- Provide larger portions of daily meals, including two servings of cooked and raw dark green vegetables; two servings of additional cooked and raw colored vegetables; two servings of raw fruit; and protein-rich foods, including meat, poultry, eggs, fish, nuts, seeds, or tofu.

Recreation

- Explore ways to expand out of cell time that does not include attending vital appointments and programming.
- Minimize the constant use of modified schedules by adding officers to the unit and incentivizing good behavior.

Dental

- Ensure that residents receive routine dental care at least annually and that dental emergencies are addressed within forty-eight hours.

Mental Health

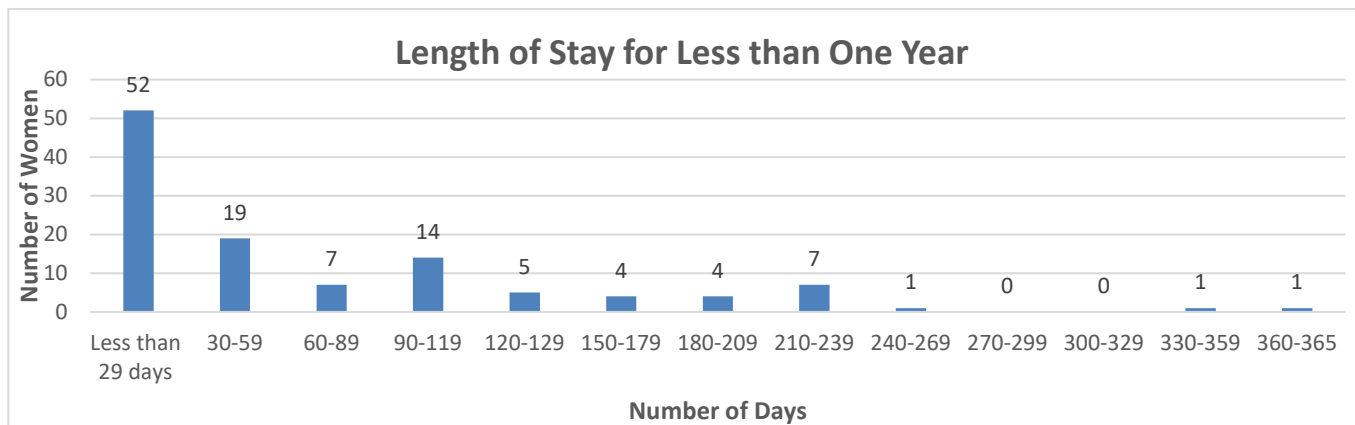
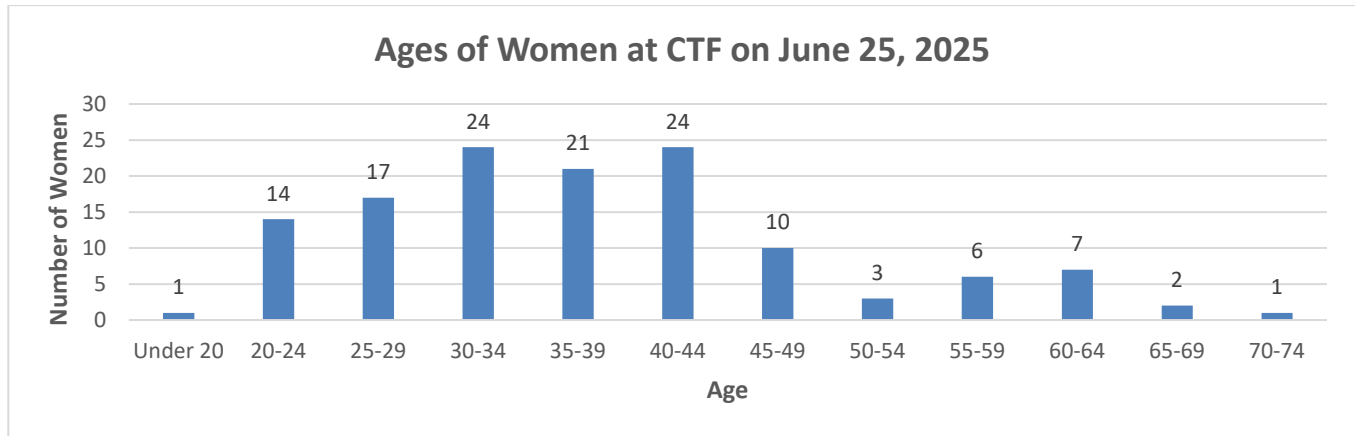
- Ensure that safe cells are operated in accordance with the individualized determinations required by DOC Policy 6080.2H Sec. 23, as opposed to default operating measures, such as pre-covered doors and automatic finger foods.

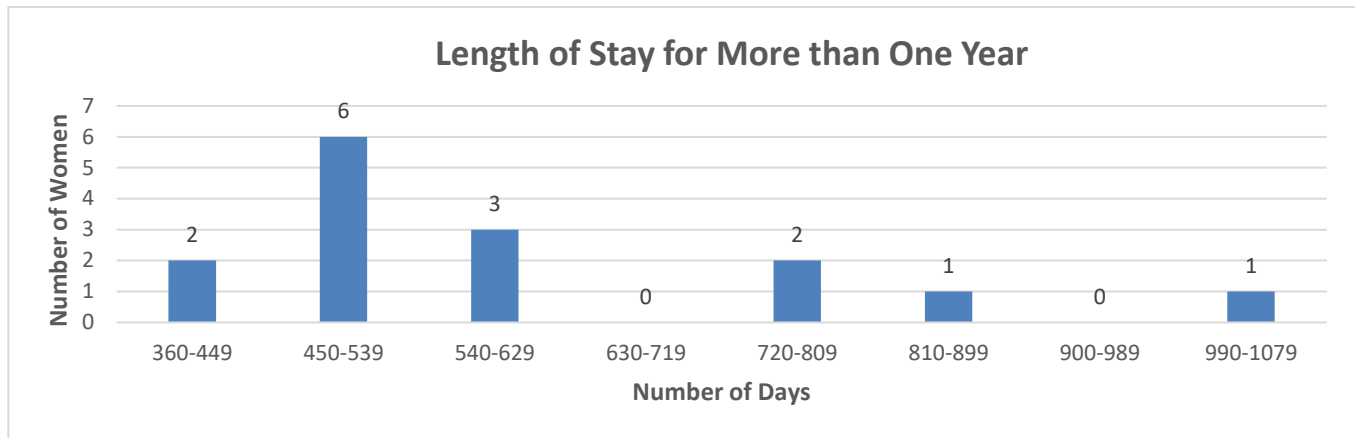
Programming

- Continue efforts to expand both in-person and tablet-based programming.
- Repurpose unused space on the top floor of units as classrooms or programming areas.
- Continue the provision of special education to meet or exceed legal requirements.

Appendix

Demographics and Survey Responses



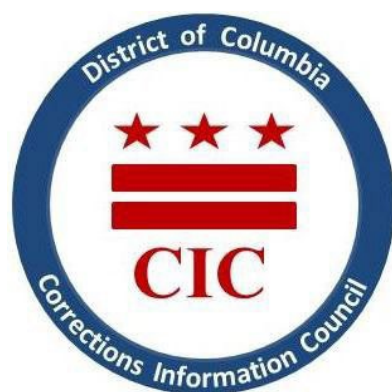


**Data on age of women and length of stay was provided by DC Department of Corrections June 25, 2025.*

CIC Survey Responses

Women were asked how frequently they had access to the following ten items. The information below provides the number of women who indicated the availability of each item.

Item	Daily	Weekly	As needed	No Response
Shower	40	2	16	14
Clean clothes	18	23	12	19
Clean sheets and towels	10	24	16	22
Toiletries	20	3	27	22
Cleaning supplies	17	3	26	26
Commissary	11	33	12	16
Telephone	45	2	12	13
Mail	20	6	19	27
Visitation	14	23	14	21
Communication Tablet	37	3	12	20



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FY 2025 Performance Oversight Hearing

Testimony of
Tom Faust, Director

Before the
Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Brooke Pinto, Chairperson
Council of the District of Columbia

February 4, 2026

Greetings Chairperson Pinto, members of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, and Committee staff. I am Tom Faust, Director of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections (DOC). Joining me today are Deputy Directors Michelle Wilson and Jacqueline Williams, Dr. Beth Jordan, DOC Medical Director, along with Anthony Norman, Agency Fiscal Officer. On behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser, we appreciate the opportunity to present testimony today highlighting the Department's performance during FY 2025 and to date in FY 2026.

DOC currently operates three facilities—the Central Detention Facility (CDF) which houses adult males, the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) which houses both male and female adults, and the Central Cell Block (CCB) which holds male and female arrestees prior to their court appearances. DOC also contracts with the Fairview Residential Reentry Center for the community corrections placement of female residents. During FY 2025, the average total jail population for the DOC was 1,978. In the first quarter of FY 2026 through the end of January, the average daily population was 2,127, spiking at a one day high of 2,202.

As noted in last year's Performance Oversight Hearing testimony, recent public safety legislation has had—and will continue to have—a significant impact on DOC population levels, lengths of stay, and overall growth. The pretrial detention of adults accused of violent crimes, those with prior violent crime convictions, or individuals found in possession of illegal firearms has resulted in marked increases in our population. To highlight the population trends, the District's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) reported data indicating that between July of 2023 and December of 2025, there was a 54% reduction in violent crime in the city. This violent crime reduction correlates with the 51% population increase within DOC for the same period of time.

For further context, from the last quarter of FY 2023 to the present, DOC's total population has risen from an average of approximately 1,390 residents to 2,127 residents—an increase of 737 individuals, or 53%. This reflects the District's continued and strong commitment to public safety under Mayor Bowser's leadership and the outstanding work of the Metropolitan Police Department, which has contributed to significant reductions in violent crime across the city as violent offenders are being taken out of the community. As we plan strategically for the months ahead, we anticipate that with a greater number of arrests and court-ordered detentions of individuals engaged

in or suspected of violent criminal activity, the DOC population will continue to grow throughout Fiscal Year 2026.

The safe and secure confinement of individuals remanded to our custody requires our facilities be operationally sound and in compliance with standards set for jails and prisons throughout the country. With that said, during October of 2025, DOC successfully completed its reaccreditation audit with the American Correctional Association (ACA) for the DC Jail Complex. Over the course of a three-day site visit, ACA auditors conducted a comprehensive review of DOC's operations using performance-based standards for adult local detention facilities. The audit evaluated 423 standards, 61 mandatory and 362 non-mandatory, across areas including administration, management, facility maintenance, safety, security, sanitation, programs, communication, and medical services. DOC achieved 100% compliance on all mandatory standards and 98.9% compliance on non-mandatory standards—its highest score to date. Of approximately 3,100 local adult jails nationwide, only about 13% have earned national accreditation through the ACA, placing DOC among a select group of correctional agencies recognized for operational excellence.

The vital work we do can only be carried out effectively with a team of qualified and committed professionals who remain fully focused on safety and security while also prioritizing the inmate services and supports critical to day-to-day operations. Therefore, the recruitment of qualified front-line correctional staff will always remain one of many operational priorities.

Our hiring incentive program continues with DOC offering newly hired staff up to \$6,000 and existing staff up to \$3,000 for direct applicant referrals once hired. Results thus far are promising with two large recruitment classes beginning in FY 25 and another in FY 26.

With our ongoing recruitment efforts, we are using other strategies to broaden the audience of candidates we connect with. This includes use of tools like the LinkedIn Jobs subscription to post multiple job listings, increasing visibility and reach to a broader targeted audience of possible candidates.

Next, I will highlight some of the department's operational and programmatic priorities, important to our mission. In maintaining safe and secure facilities, we remain fully focused on curbing the introduction of contraband. Detection, interdiction, and recovery efforts are given high priority with our teams conducting daily cell and housing unit searches; executing strategic search and contraband recovery operations; continuing escorted movement protocols; and other intelligence gathering strategies. Screening at facility entrances and sally ports is still handled by a private security contractor allowing additional DOC officers to work other critical posts.

In addition to enhanced technology such as document and mail scanning, we are using two new full body scanners for staff entrances. We also added upgraded x-ray machines with advanced capability for screening packages at staff entrances; one full body security scanner with X-ray capability for initial inmate intake and exit via the Inmate Reception Center; and expanded our K-9 team for increased facility and entrance presence.

To demonstrate the categories of contraband commonly confiscated, in FY 2025, at both facilities there were 329 instances of contraband recovery and 89 instances in the first quarter of FY 2026. DOC staff recovered 512 homemade weapons in FY 2025 and 143 weapons in the first quarter of FY 2026. At CDF, suboxone strips (counted by unit) made up the majority of the suspected drugs recovered; at CTF suspected drugs were categorized mostly as suboxone strips and blue pills. Other recoveries included but are not limited to vapes, currency, cigarettes, batteries, flash drives, and items manufactured by residents.

As reported for the last two fiscal years, we continue to institute policy and operational changes to reduce the use of restrictive housing—with numbers significantly lower than the past. In CY 2025 DOC also reduced the maximum penalty for an infraction from 30 days to 20 days and the average length of stay in restrictive housing declined from approximately 19 days to 18 days. This is aligned with DOCs goal of using restrictive housing for the fewest individuals and for the least amount of time required to address behavioral and safety concerns.

In FY 2025 the average daily restrictive housing population was 47 and in Q1 FY 26 it was 55, less than 3% of the total DOC population. It is our experience that most residents refrain from reengaging in behavior that results in restrictive housing placements. Over 70% of those who have been placed in restrictive housing have not reoffended—with only a few engaging in such behavior repeatedly.

Work being done on our RH Step-Down Unit (RH SDU) continues to support residents through trauma informed care and programming. Our support team there focuses on how changed behaviors and responses can lead to better outcomes. DOC will continue to look at and implement best practices in this area and collect data to determine trends and programming successes.

DOC continues to offer innovative programming opportunities to our diverse population of men and women. This includes programs such as the Twinning Project which offers male and female residents access to specialized soccer instruction and team building through a partnership with DC United; debate and public speaking skills through the National Prison Debate League; educational and vocational enrichment through the Georgetown University instructional team; computer and career readiness through robust MIT programming; barbering and cosmetology training through Bennett Institute leading to industry certifications; writing and literacy training through the Free Minds Book Club; plumbing and painting apprenticeships through Alabama Avenue Community Development Cooperation offering pre and post release work engagement; and food handling and safety certificate national programs offering pre and post release work engagement.

Along with our educational partner organizations, DOC continues to focus on expanding access to educational services for our adult learners. During Fiscal Year 25, 15 residents successfully completed the GED examination and earned their high school diplomas. This number marks a milestone for DOC with the number of residents achieving this goal.

With ongoing efforts to offer access to as much programming as possible with very limited program designed space, we identified in the law library area at the CDF to host smaller group sessions for residents on maximum custody units. Planned offerings include GED, recovery support, cognitive behavioral therapy, and parenting groups.

Further, during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, we purchased 500 additional tablets to expand access to inmates housed at the CDF. The tablets provide more than 600 course offerings and include reentry and GED preparation, mental health and substance use content, workforce development programming along with content leading to multiple industry recognized certifications.

Our team is also finalizing a more comprehensive intake orientation presentation that provides information to help guide the residents through every phase of incarceration from intake to release – and provide guidance on programming opportunities, services and supports. Video and in-person options will be available as each person prepares for classification and housing assignment.

As previously reported, during FY 24, we started our Family Reunification Program to promote healthy family connections and contribute to strengthened bonds between parent and child. During family fun days and other planned events, parents can spend dedicated time with their minor children in a supportive environment. As a prerequisite to participation, residents enroll in a two-day parent class offered through the Hope Foundation. Hope Foundation also offers a more expansive eight-week parenting program for women at CTF.

In Fiscal Year 2025, 1,043 inmates, chaperones and children participated in family reunification events. As a unique resource in the District, this program gives incarcerated individuals the opportunity to restore family ties and foster stronger communities. Partner organizations, such as Martha's Table, Wider Circle, DC Board of Elections and DC Public Library were also on site to share vital resource information with family members. Adding to the 1,337 individuals touched during the prior fiscal year, to date the program has successfully served 2,380 participants.

The READY Center continues to support returning citizens throughout the reentry process. Core services including intake, needs assessments, referrals, and coordination with community partners are functioning without interruption. Client engagement has remained strong, with ongoing walk-ins, scheduled appointments, and active community outreach. Our strong partnerships with District and community-based organizations and service providers enable the READY Center team to effectively address a wide range of resident and family related needs.

During the past fiscal year, 1,582 individuals released from the Federal Bureau of Prison (FBOP) facilities were served while 3,385 released from DOC facilities were served by the READY Center. In the first quarter of FY 2026, 319 FBOP returning citizens were served while 686 released from DOC were served. Additionally, 3,954 justice involved and community residents were served in FY 2025 and 803 in the first quarter of FY 2026.

The READY Center's Second Chance Month initiatives made a significant impact. A total of 47 individuals earned OSHA10, First Aid, and CPR certifications. Our Resource Fair brought together 25 community-based organizations that supported more than 90 CTF/CDF residents with essential services. In addition, the READY Center hosted a construction hiring fair, which connected 110 participants with seven hiring companies, creating meaningful opportunities for employment and successful reentry.

With a full complement of individual and group centered services and supports for men and women in DOC custody facing mental health and substance use challenges, DOC has for years operated the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program (RSAT) which is a 120-day program providing holistic, patient centered care to improve substance use outcomes, ensure continuity of care upon release, and reduce recidivism. RSAT program referrals come through the United States Parole Commission, the Public Defender Service, the Courts, members of the DOC case management team, Unity Healthcare, or by self-referral. At the start of Fiscal Year 25, DOC re-launched the program for women located in a dedicated housing unit at the CTF. To date, 72 women have participated in RSAT and Women's Wellness Unit programming.

Unity Healthcare, our health care service provider, continues to provide comprehensive care to pregnant women in our custody – through each trimester and during the post-partum period. Updates include ongoing individualized DOC and Unity staff support; wellness check-ins to monitor progress; staff training on pregnancy protocols; fact sheets on pregnancy services and the Safe and Supported Pregnancy legislation – hard copies, postings and on tablets; formalized the support person designation process, identified an entity to offer doula services; established connections for released women to our READY Center staff and resources.

We again report that DOC is one of the District's largest providers of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid abuse, averaging approximately 500 residents on MAT each month, double the number compared to last year. DOC is also an accredited Opioid Treatment Program, accredited through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC).

We continue to operate special therapeutic housing units for both men and women dealing with substance use disorders and mental health issues. Unit staff includes a dedicated team of medical providers specializing in addictions medicine, as well as nurses, mental health clinicians, and peer navigators providing daily support, guidance, and re-entry planning. These therapeutic housing units follow a specialized curriculum developed for incarcerated settings that is gender-responsive and focused on trauma-informed care.

Jail residents who are not housed on specialized units may also access mental health services. Residents receiving mental health services may participate in various therapeutic modalities including supportive talk therapy, trauma-focused therapy, grief counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, and anger management.

DOC maintains comprehensive voter registration policies and activities that support all aspects of the voting process for residents in our custody. During the 2024 general election held in FY25, there were 655 registered voters within DOC custody, of which 544 residents cast ballots. During this election cycle, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 7F08 seat was also on the ballot. With the Special Election for Ward 8 Councilmember in July 2025, residents housed at the DOC who maintained residency in Ward 8 were provided the opportunity to vote through mail-in ballots. Residents were required to meet residency criteria and submit their ballots by the designated deadline. Informational flyers were posted throughout DOC facilities and on resident tablets to ensure broad awareness.

So far in FY 2026, DOC completed its annual Voter Registration Training in partnership with the DC Board of Elections (BOE). DOC continues to hold regular meetings and maintain ongoing

communication with BOE, voting advocates, community stakeholders, and members of the Restore the Vote Committee to ensure consistent delivery of voting related services and support for residents. The DOC team also met with the League of Women Voters to discuss the voting process with residents and to seek additional registrations.

Finally, to provide an update on the CTF Annex which when built is slated to replace the aging CDF structure. DOC continues to actively work with the Department of General Services (DGS) and the DGS' architectural program consultant, CGL Companies (CGL) as the facility project progresses. The program and conceptual design for the new CTF Annex are now complete with next steps determined with guidance from the Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) on procurement and finance structure. Based on discussions with DGS, issuance of the RFQ/RFP is contingent on OCFO feedback and approval on the proposed finance structure that can inform the procurement type. Construction is currently planned in 2 phases, spanning over 7 years with Phase I delivering in 2032 and Phase 2 delivering in 2035.

I always feel proud when reporting on DOC during our POH because I know our workforce carries a challenging and heavy load in providing for the secure care, custody and needs of thousands of pretrial and sentenced individuals, and they consistently carry out their responsibilities with pride, professionalism and passion in caring for human lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today and I hope to answer any questions you may have.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**



August 18, 2025

Reverend Donald L. Isaac
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Dear Director Isaac:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the Corrections Information Council (CIC) inspection of the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) on March 26, 2025 and the Central Cell Block (CCB) on March 27, 2025.

DOC appreciates our ongoing partnership with CIC whereby we look both to seek improved circumstance and outcomes for District of Columbia inmates returning to the community.

As you are aware, DOC is frequently audited and/or inspected by several agencies, such as the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, and these agencies use measurable standards that DOC is familiar with to ensure we are compliant with the standards/regulations that will be used to audit our facilities. Therefore, using a standardized recognized instrument will allow DOC to understand CIC standards and further know what to expect from CIC as an inspecting body. We continue to encourage CIC to draft or implement recognizable standards to ensure that DOC is able to appropriately ensure compliance or respond to inquiries.

I hope that you find this information responsive to your observations. Should you require additional information or further clarification of our submittal, please contact me at (202) 673-7316.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Faust". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Thomas Faust
Director

Corrections Information Council Findings and Recommendations for the Central Detention Facility (CDF), Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) and Central Cell Block (CCB)

CIC Findings, Recommendations and DOC Responses:

1. *NO1 - Cells need to rule out mold - All cells on the upper right tier.*

DOC Response:

All upper right cells in NO1 and other cells throughout the unit were inspected for mold. Cells where mold was identified were cleaned and prepared for reoccupation. Whenever inmates or staff suspect mold is present those concerns are referred to the DOC sanitarian who conducts an inspection and abated if mold is identified.

2. *NW2 - Inmates complained of difficulties receiving visits. They complained they were unable to see their visitor and vice versa.*

DOC Response:

If an inmate complains of the inability to have a visit, an onsite Viapath technician will speak with that inmate to retrieve additional information to help determine a remedy. If the issue is with the tablet, it will be replaced.

3. *NW2- Residents communicated they need better cleaning products to clean the showers.*

DOC Response:

DOC is providing cleaning products daily for resident showers, cells and common areas within the housing unit. In August, 2025, DOC updated its cleaning chemicals used for common areas, showers, and cells. Ensuring that the chemicals are a disinfectant is DOCs number one priority.

4. *NW2- Puddle of water coming from the bottom right tier chase closet.*

DOC Response:

The chase closet was repaired on June 11, 2025. The main stack sewer was clogged and caused the puddle.

5. *NW2- Residents in this unit reported a desire for more in-person programming.*

DOC Response:

Due to the number of residents on this housing unit, in-person programming is not conducive. The physical plant at the CDF does have other spaces that can be used directly for in person programming, however, the space available is very limited. There are a few in-person programs at CDF to include parenting, painting and plumbing apprenticeship programs, and NA/AA groups. Howard University's Inside Out classes will start again in the fall, but space is limited. The Education Programs and Case Management Division is working to expand the tablet programs on the education tablets for residents at CDF.

6. *SW2- Residents communicated their issues with linen exchange (sheets and towels). Residents communicated their linen had not been exchanged in over a month.*

DOC Response:

Linen exchange occurs weekly for all residents. There may have been a disruption in the routine schedule, due to staffing limitations, however, staff schedules have been adjusted to better accommodate coverage needs and ensure that all linen exchange services are maintained consistently. Additionally, a facility-wide linen exchange was conducted in May 2025.

7. *SW2- Some residents communicated that when they exchange their linen that they may not receive it back until days later. Staff stated that they would check for residents who did not receive their linen and provide it.*

DOC Response:

Linen is given back on the same day it is collected. A facility-wide linen exchange was conducted in May 2025.

8. *SW2- On the top right tier, one shower was not working.*

DOC Response:

The shower was unclogged and preventive maintenance was conducted on June 26, 2025.

9. *SW2- On the bottom right tier, one shower was not working.*

DOC Response:

The shower was unclogged and preventive maintenance was conducted on June 26, 2025

10. *SW2-One resident communicated that, since January 29, 2025, his tablet has not accepted his voice when he attempts to use the phone on it. In most circumstances, a resident utilizes the same tablet throughout the duration of their time in DOC custody.*

DOC Response:

When residents report experiencing a problem such as the tablet no longer recognizing their voice, the matter is investigated by the onsite Viapath technician. If it is determined that the device requires repair, it will be sent out for servicing, which takes approximately 6–8 weeks. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a replacement tablet during this repair period. In the meantime, there is alternative telephone access available via the inmate telephones located in each unit.

CIC Recommendations

- 1- The CIC recommends that all the cells with mold be treated and remediated.

DOC Response:

DOC agrees. All cells that are identified as having mold are abated.

- 2- The CIC recommends that when residents exchange their linen, that the exchange is returned the same day.

DOC Response:

DOC agrees. Linen is given back the same day it is collected.

- 3- The CIC recommends that the connectivity issues with visitation on the tablets be addressed.

DOC Response:

DOC agrees. Each incident is investigated to determine if there is an issue. All issues are addressed as they occur.

- 4- **Level-96-** Several residents who are on dialysis stated that they have not been receiving the proper diet as prescribed by the doctor. Staff took those residents' names and informed the CIC that they would investigate the issue.

DOC Response:

DOC agrees. All menus are planned and certified by a team of registered dietitians. There are specific menus for renal and diabetic patients. Dialysis patients' meals are ordered by a medical provider and those orders are carried out by the food services department.

- 5- **Level- 82-** This unit has two showers, but one shower is missing a shower head.

DOC Response:

DOC agrees. The shower head was replaced on June 13, 2025.

- 6- Fix the missing shower head in Medical 82.

DOC Response:

DOC agrees. The shower head was replaced on June 13, 2025.

There were no findings and recommendations for the Central Cell Block.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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May 13, 2025

Reverend Donald L. Isaac
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Dear Director Isaac:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the Corrections Information Council (CIC) inspection report received on March 17, 2025, related to inspections of the Central Detention Facility (CDF) on February 25, 2025 and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) on December 31, 2024. DOC appreciates our ongoing partnership with CIC whereby we look both to seek improved circumstance and outcomes for District of Columbia inmates returning to the community.

As you are aware, DOC is frequently audited and/or inspected by other agencies, such as the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, and these agencies use measurable standards that DOC is familiar with to ensure we are compliant with the standards/regulations that will be used to audit our facilities. Therefore, using a standardized recognized instrument will allow DOC to understand CIC standards and further know what to expect from CIC as an inspecting body. We continue to encourage CIC to draft or implement recognizable standards to ensure that DOC is able to appropriately ensure compliance or respond to inquiries.

I hope that you find this information responsive to your observations. Should you require additional information or further clarification of our submittal, please contact me at (202) 673-7316.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Faust
Director

Corrections Information Council Findings and Recommendations for the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF)

CIC Findings, Recommendations and DOC Responses:

1. *NW2 - At least 4 inmates complained they were not given the opportunity to vote.*

DOC Response:

During the 3-day voting period, DOC provided ample opportunity for residents to cast their ballots. All general population housing residents and program unit residents wishing to vote in person were escorted to the designated voting polls within CTF and CDF. Residents had the opportunity to same day register and also to vote. Residents that registered before election day received ballots that they could either mail in or place in the voter boxes, located in the polling locations. Additionally, restrictive housing unit residents were provided mail in ballots, and operations escorted protective custody housing unit residents to the polling stations.

2. *NW2 - Some residents mentioned not receiving responses to their grievances.*

DOC Response:

The Inmate Grievance Program (IGP) team makes daily rounds to retrieve grievances that are placed in the IGP box in accordance to policy. All received grievances are provided an identification number (IGP#), are processed and returned to the resident within policy guidelines. At this time there have been zero (0) reports made of grievances not being returned to residents by Inmate Grievance Advisory Committee resident members or from the ANC Commissioner of 7F08.

3. *NW2- Residents indicated that currently they do not have any programming available to them on the unit.*

DOC Response:

NW 2 has been offered the following in person classes: Howard University Inside Out classes, The Atonement Project, family days, NA/AA groups, parenting classes and religious services. Additionally, all residents have access to programming via the educational tablets. Residents must submit a request for educational services and will then receive an educational tablet. There are over 600 offerings on the educational tablets that are available to residents on the Orijin tablets to include workforce development, reentry, industry certifications, cognitive behavioral therapy, mental health, financial management, etc. NW 2 also has a 1:1 access to the GTL tablets that also have educational, reentry, and industry certifications that are also offered via the GTL tablets.

4. *NW2- On the bottom right tier, staff must cut the water off at night or the tier will flood.*

DOC Response:

Maintenance repaired the toilets that created an issue in this area.

5. *NW2- Residents reported connection difficulties with tablet screens during visitation time.*

DOC Response:

DOC is not aware of any connectivity issues related to video visitation during CICs visit. Residents experiencing connectivity issues should notify any staff member and may also file a grievance to raise awareness of the issue. Issues related to connectivity are reported to the vendor for service and repair.

6. *NW2- Residents alleged that when they file grievances against correctional officers who work in the housing unit, those correctional officers will reduce the time that residents are allowed out for recreation.*

DOC Response:

CDF monitors recreation hours by the Shift Captains. These hours are recorded on the daily housing unit reports. There are no formal complaints or grievances received in reference to recreation hours being decreased for filing grievances.

7. *NW2- There are eleven phones on the unit, but only four are currently operable. Many residents explained that they use their tablets to make phone calls and text.*

DOC Response:

The telephones have been repaired. Additional repairs will occur in the near future.

8. *NW2- The detail staff who works in the unit reported a need for new tools to clean the showers.*

DOC Response:

New equipment has been purchased and received for shower cleaning. This includes scrub handles for doodle pads.

9. *NW2- A resident spoke about missing Jumma (a religious service) recently, because his side of the housing unit was not out for recreation. Residents reported this situation as a common occurrence.*

DOC Response:

Religious Services and Operations have formalized a process which allows both sides of the unit to participate in religious services through signup sheets.

10. *SE1- Residents mentioned not having physical access to the law library, in addition to the length of time they must wait to access laptops to use thumb drives in preparation for their legal defense. Residents said they wait months before being able to use the laptops.*

DOC Response:

Both law library platforms are offered via the GTL and Orijin Tablets (FastCase and Lexus Nexus) that does not require the residents to have to go to the law library. Also, law library requests (requests for printed materials) are submitted and processed daily by the law librarians for both facilities.

11. *SE1- Upon completion of some programs on the tablets, residents reported experiencing a difficult time accessing their earned certificates. The DOC is aware and plans to address this issue.*

DOC Response:

A training has to be scheduled with Viapath for EPCM staff to be able to print certificates and send them to attorneys. No certificates will be generated during incarceration that the residents will have in their cells, but they will be emailed or picked up at the READY Center once the staff is trained.

12. *NO1- The top tier chaise closet was flooded.*

DOC Response:

The top tier chase closet was repaired.

13. *NO1- There was a flood on the bottom right tier.*

DOC Response:

The flood on the unit was abated immediately.

14. *NO1- The shower water was cold.*

DOC Response:

The water temperature was adjusted.

15. *NO1- Cell 47 toilet was leaking in the cell, and the walls were wet.*

DOC Response:

The toilet was repaired.

16. *NO1- Cell 23 had no cold water.*

DOC Response:

The cold-water supply line was repaired.

17. *SO1- Three of the four telephones on the unit are inoperable.*

DOC Response:

Viapath to procure a subcontractor to repair the telephones.

18. *SO1- Residents mentioned that they often miss recreation because staff arrives on the tiers at 5AM while residents are still sleep to announce recreation; if residents are not ready, they will miss out on recreation for that day.*

DOC Response:

Residents are offered 3 hours of recreation which requires an early start. Inmates are afforded a 15-minute wake up time to prepare for recreation.

CIC Recommendations

- 1- Make programs more accessible for housing units with maximum custody residents.

DOC Response:

We continue to expand our in person educational offerings to the maximum custody residents, to include such offerings as Howard University Inside Out Classes, George Washington University courses, The Atonement Project, Family Days, NA/AA groups, religious services, parenting classes and plumbing and painting apprenticeship courses. Additionally, all residents have access to programming via the educational tablets. Residents must submit a request for educational services and will then receive an educational tablet. There are over 600 offerings on the educational tablets that are available to residents on the Orijin tablets to include workforce development, reentry, industry certifications, cognitive behavioral therapy, mental health, financial management, etc.

- 2- Address connectivity interruptions on tablets during visitation.

DOC Response:

Viapath has addressed these issues as they've been brought to their attention. Viapath and DOC will continue to address connectivity issues that may arise.

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November 19, 2025

Reverend Donald L. Isaac
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Dear Director Isaac:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Corrections Information Council (CIC) follow-up report regarding its inspection of the Women's Units at the Correctional Treatment Facility on June 25–26, 2025. The Department of Corrections (DOC) values our continued partnership with CIC in working toward improved conditions and outcomes for District of Columbia residents returning from incarceration.

We encourage CIC to consider adopting or referencing established, measurable standards to guide its inspections. As you are aware, DOC is regularly audited by organizations such as the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, which use clearly defined criteria. Aligning CIC's evaluations with recognized standards would enhance clarity and allow DOC to better understand expectations and ensure compliance.

We trust this response addresses your observations. Should you need additional information or clarification, please feel free to contact me at (202) 673-7316.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Faust
Director

Corrections Information Council Findings for the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) Women's Units

CIC Recommendation:

1. *During renovation of bathrooms, ensure that mold and mildew are treated effectively before installation of stainless-steel showers and sinks.*

DOC Response:

As part of the renovation process, bathrooms are fully demolished prior to the installation of the new shower enclosures. This approach eliminates any concern regarding the presence of mold or mildew before new fixtures are installed.

CIC Recommendation:

2. *Provide effective cleaning materials to residents.*

DOC Response:

Effective cleaning materials have been approved and are distributed weekly to each housing unit. If additional supplies are needed, housing unit officers or supervisors may request more to ensure continued cleanliness and sanitation.

CIC Recommendation:

3. *Enhance extermination efforts.*

DOC Response:

DOC has maintained a contract with Orkin Pest Control since 2018. Under this agreement, Orkin conducts scheduled inspections and provides treatment for any identified pest issues within the facility. When staff or residents report pest concerns, DOC promptly notifies Orkin, and the affected areas are assessed and treated during the next scheduled visit. Orkin services both the Correctional Detention Facility (CDF) and the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) five days per week. In addition, DOC staff conduct daily sanitation inspections to monitor for signs of pest activity and ensure timely response.

CIC Recommendations:

4. *Provide larger portions of daily meals, including two servings of cooked and raw dark green vegetables; two servings of additional cooked and raw colored vegetables; two servings of raw fruit; and protein-rich foods, including meat, poultry, eggs, fish, nuts, seeds, or tofu.*

DOC Response:

The current approved menu provides approximately 2,800 calories per day. Fresh fruit is served three times per week at lunch, and vegetables are included with dinner daily. A meat entrée is offered at least twice per day, and additional protein sources such as peanut butter, eggs, and fish are also incorporated into the menu. Please note that the modifications

recommended by CIC to the existing menu will result in additional costs and a significant impact to the budget.

CIC Recommendations:

5. *Explore ways to expand out of cell time that does not include attending vital appointments and programming.*

DOC Response:

DOC currently provides all general population residents with a minimum of 5 hours of out-of-cell time daily. When additional recreation time is feasible, it is provided. DOC remains committed to identifying opportunities to enhance meaningful out-of-cell engagement beyond required appointments and programming.

CIC Recommendations:

6. *Minimize the constant use of modified schedules by adding officers to the unit and incentivizing good behavior.*

DOC Response:

The safety of residents, staff, and the facility remains DOC's highest priority. Modified recreation schedules are used sparingly and only when necessary. Multiple factors are carefully considered before implementing a modified schedule, including staffing levels, security concerns, and operational needs. DOC continues to explore strategies to maintain consistent schedules while ensuring institutional safety.

CIC Recommendations:

7. *Ensure that residents receive routine dental care at least annually and that dental emergencies are addressed within forty-eight hours.*

DOC Response:

All residents receive an oral health screening at intake. Those requiring further evaluation are referred to dental services for assessment and treatment as needed. Residents are scheduled for a routine dental exam within one year of admission. Under DOC and Unity Health current policies, patients are seen faster than the recommendation suggested by CIC. For dental emergencies, residents are seen immediately in the 24-hour Urgent Care Clinic and referred to dental services on the next business day.

CIC Recommendations:

8. *Ensure that safe cells are operated in accordance with the individualized determinations required by DOC Policy 6080.2H Sec. 23, as opposed to default operating measures, such as pre-covered doors and automatic finger foods.*

DOC Response:

DOC adheres to both DOC Policy 6080.2H, Section 23, and Unity Health Care policies. These policies emphasize individualized determinations for safe cell placement and management by qualified clinicians. Unity Health Care does not mandate the use of pre-covered doors or automatic provision of finger foods. However, it does require the use of paper utensils as a safety precaution. DOC remains committed to ensuring that safe cell operations are guided by clinical assessments and policy standards.

CIC Recommendations:

9. *A) Continue efforts to expand both in-person and tablet-based programming.*
- B) Repurpose unused space on the top floor of units as classrooms or programming areas.*
- C) Continue the provision of special education to meet or exceed legal requirements.*

DOC Response:

Efforts are underway to expand both in-person and unit-based programming, including the development of new initiatives such as the STAND Program, Career Shop DC, and Community Family Life Services groups. In addition to the dayrooms currently used for programming, unused space on the top floors of housing units will be repurposed as needed to support additional program delivery. Furthermore, a new Women's Program Coordinator has been hired to enhance and oversee programming specifically for the women's population. DOC remains committed to providing special education services in full compliance with, and where possible exceeding, legal requirements.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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December 30, 2025

Reverend Donald L. Isaac
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Dear Director Isaac:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Corrections Information Council (CIC) inspection of the Central Detention Facility (CDF), Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF), and the Central Cell Block (CCB) conducted on July 23, 2025.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) values our ongoing partnership with CIC as we work together to improve conditions and outcomes for District of Columbia inmates returning to the community.

As you know, DOC is routinely audited and inspected by several accrediting bodies, including the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. These organizations use measurable, standardized criteria that DOC is familiar with to ensure compliance with applicable regulations. Similarly, adopting a recognized and standardized instrument for CIC inspections would help DOC better understand CIC's expectations and prepare accordingly. We encourage CIC to consider drafting or implementing such standards to promote consistency and facilitate effective responses to inquiries.

We trust this information addresses your observations. Should you need additional details or clarification regarding our submission, please feel free to contact me at (202) 673-7316.

Sincerely,

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Director

Corrections Information Council Findings and Recommendations for the Central Detention Facility (CDF), Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) and Central Cell Block (CCB)

CIC Findings, Recommendations and DOC Responses:

1. *NOI - Mold and plumbing issues in the unit. Cell #49 was offline due to flooding.*

DOC Response:

DOC maintenance team promptly addressed the flooding by unclogging the main stack and repairing the meter valve. Following repairs, the cell was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected to ensure sanitary conditions. DOC has a clear protocol for suspected mold: any report from staff or inmates is immediately referred to the DOC Sanitarian, who conducts a formal inspection. If mold is confirmed, abatement procedures are implemented in accordance with health and safety standards. This process ensures compliance with ACA and NCCHC guidelines for environmental health.

2. *NOI - Flood in the shower area of the bottom right tier.*

DOC Response:

The maintenance department unclogged the shower drain and disinfected the affected area. Flooding is classified as a Priority 1 maintenance issue under DOC's policy because it poses an immediate health and safety risk. Priority 1 issues are addressed within eight hours of notification. Correctional staff are trained to report such incidents promptly to maintenance, ensuring rapid response and minimizing disruption to inmate living conditions.

3. *NOI- Reports of rodents in cell #36.*

DOC Response:

Orkin Pest Control treated has serviced the housing unit at least 15 times between July and October 2025 and continues to provide pest control services to the unit. DOC maintains a standing contract with Orkin for routine and emergency pest control services. Any rodent sightings or complaints are immediately reported to Orkin for assessment and treatment, ensuring compliance with sanitation standards and minimizing health risks.

4. *NO1- Some residents reported that there are times when they do three and four days without showers due to a lack of staffing.*

DOC Response:

A review of shower and recreation logbooks indicate that missed showers are typically due to inmate refusal or preference for recreation instead. DOC monitors compliance closely and has reassigned staff to ensure accurate documentation. ACA standards require inmates in restrictive housing to have the opportunity to shower at least three times per week; DOC exceeds this requirement by offering five opportunities weekly. Continuous monitoring ensures adherence to policy and inmate hygiene standards.

5. *NW2- Recreation time is frequently modified, which restricts out of the cell time, due to staff shortages.*

DOC Response:

DOC prioritizes safety above all else. Recreation schedules may be modified following serious incidents to maintain security; however, inmates continue to receive out-of-cell time through alternative activities such as phone use, visitation, indoor gymnasium access (basketball, movies), showers, board games, and outdoor recreation when conditions permit. These measures align with ACA standards for minimum out-of-cell time.

6. *NW2- Cells were hot. One side of the unit had air conditioning, and the other side did not.*

DOC Response:

Airflow issues were addressed by cleaning coils, making air adjustments, and installing new air handlers in June 2025. End cells were taken offline from July to October 2025 during these upgrades to ensure proper installation and testing. Air temperatures are monitored daily, and adjustments are made promptly upon request to maintain compliance with environmental health standards.

7. *NW2- Residents complained about not receiving programming apart from the tablets.*

DOC Response:

Currently, five in-person programs are offered at CDF. Due to increased population and loss of dedicated program space, Howard University programming was temporarily paused. The Atonement Project will resume in November 2025, and EPCM is reconfiguring the law library to accommodate small group sessions by January 2026. Additionally, commercial cleaning courses will launch in Q1 FY2026. DOC remains committed to expanding rehabilitative programming despite space and staffing challenges.

8. *NW2- There appeared to be potential mold in cells 47 and 66.*

DOC Response:

The DOC Sanitarian inspected both cells. No mold contamination was found in Cell #66; however, mold was confirmed in Cell #47. The affected cell was cleaned, disinfected, and reopened for occupancy following abatement procedures consistent with health and safety standards.

9. *NW2- Residents reported a waitlist for tablets. The DOC confirmed that there is a waitlist due to damaged or broken tablets awaiting repairs.*

DOC Response:

The tablet waitlist exists due to damaged devices awaiting repair. DOC is working closely with Viapath to expedite replacements and configurations.

10. *SW2-Residents mentioned that lockdowns in the unit are frequent.*

DOC Response:

Lockdowns or modified operations occur in response to violent incidents requiring enhanced security measures and investigations. These actions are necessary to protect staff, inmates, and visitors. DOC follows ACA standards for safety and security during such events.

11. *SW2- Multiple residents reported not receiving outside recreation for three months.*

DOC Response:

Outdoor recreation is suspended during inclement weather or heat advisories for inmate health and safety. DOC monitors schedules to ensure opportunities when conditions allow. Modified operations may also occur due to serious incidents requiring investigation. DOC remains committed to providing recreation consistent with ACA standards.

12. *SW2- There were fans present in the common area, but little to no air flow in the cells. The cells were hot and stuffy.*

DOC Response:

Air adjustments were made, coils cleaned, and air handlers replaced in June 2025. End cells were offline July–October for upgrades. Air temperatures are monitored daily, and adjustments are made promptly to maintain compliance with environmental health standards.

13. SW2- Residents mentioned that access to linens, the barber, and cold water is either inconsistent or unavailable. Water from the water fountain was warm.

DOC Response:

Laundry and barber services follow established schedules, with makeup days provided if missed. Water coolers are refilled with ice daily, and maintenance adjusted fountain temperature to ensure cold water availability. DOC monitors these services for compliance with inmate welfare standards.

14. SW2- Residents reported that it is difficult to get a care package for a resident that is indigent.

DOC Response:

Indigent inmates receive hygiene kits upon submitting an Inmate Request Slip to clothing issue. DOC ensures timely distribution to meet basic hygiene needs.

15. SW2- There is a law library cap on the tablets of two hours; afterwards, residents must wait 24 hours before the law library can be accessed again on the tablet.

DOC Response:

Law library apps are available on tablets. Fastcase (Orijin tablets) has no time limit; Viapath's two-hour cap was removed. Access is now available 24/7. Inmates may also submit requests to the law librarian for documents. These measures ensure compliance with ACA standards for legal access.

16. SW2- Residents reported delays in reaching their case manager.

DOC Response:

SW2 has an assigned case manager and alternate. Inmates are encouraged to submit request slips and will be seen within 72 business hours. DOC monitors timeliness to ensure compliance with case management standards.

17. SW2- Residents complained about call failures on the tablets; there are four working phones on the unit.

DOC Response:

Stable connections are guaranteed in common areas; inmates are encouraged to place calls there. Phone repairs are ongoing—10 of 12 phones are currently operable. Viapath continues maintenance to ensure reliable communication access.

18. NO3- Two residents said that the Administrative Housing Step-Down program is good but needs fresh ideas.

DOC Response:

DOC is enhancing the program with approaches such as Restorative Justice, interactive journals, and eclectic therapies. Resident mentors assist with content evaluation. ACA standards require gradual integration of programming, and DOC remains committed to continuous improvement.

19. D3B- Residents mentioned that outside recreation is rare, and they would like it offered more regularly.

DOC Response:

A scheduling conflict was resolved. Outdoor recreation is offered routinely during non-program times. DOC monitors compliance to ensure regular access.

20. CCB- There are three handicapped cells, which are all operable. There are eight inoperable cells; one of the cells had been pried open by the fire department prior to the inspection because there was a person inside and staff could not open the door.

DOC Response:

DGS is responsible for repairs and has generated work orders. The CCB Captain conducts daily inspections and reports findings to DGS for resolution. DOC monitors progress to ensure timely restoration of operable cells.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CDF:

(1) Do not house residents in cells where mold is present.

DOC Response:

Housing inmates in cells where mold is present is strictly prohibited under DOC policy and environmental health standards. When staff or inmates suspect mold, the DOC Sanitarian is immediately contacted to conduct a formal inspection. If mold is confirmed, the affected cell is placed offline and undergoes abatement procedures, including cleaning, disinfecting, and remediation in accordance with ACA and NCCHC guidelines. The cell is reinspected by the Sanitarian before being cleared for occupancy. If inmates are housed in a cell suspected of mold,

they are promptly relocated until the Sanitarian determines the cell is safe. This process ensures compliance with health and safety regulations and protects inmate well-being.

(2) Additional law library access

DOC Response:

DOC has already implemented measures to ensure full access to legal resources. Inmates currently have unrestricted access to law library services through multiple channels:

- **Tablet Access:** The law library application is available 24/7 with no time limits.
- **Dedicated Staff:** A law library technician is available Monday through Friday to assist with legal document requests.
- **Multiple Platforms:** Fastcase is accessible on Orijin tablets without restrictions, and LexisNexis is available on GTL tablets.

These measures align with ACA standards for inmate access to legal materials and ensure that all residents can exercise their legal rights effectively.

CTF:

(3) Provide more access to fresh air through outdoor recreation.

DOC Response:

DOC remains committed to providing outdoor recreation opportunities consistent with ACA standards. An approved outdoor recreation schedule is in place, and recreation is offered regularly to the population based on this schedule. Outdoor recreation may be temporarily suspended during inclement weather or heat advisories to protect inmate health and safety. DOC continuously monitors compliance and makes every effort to maximize outdoor access whenever conditions permit.