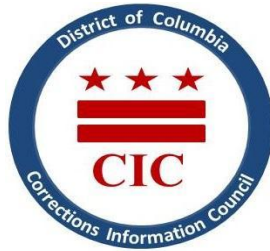


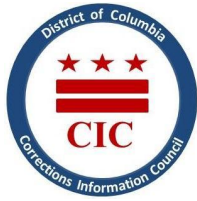
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The District of Columbia Corrections Information Council (CIC) is an independent oversight body mandated by the United States Congress and the Council of the District of Columbia to inspect, monitor, and report on the conditions of confinement in correctional 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</p> <p>Location: SE, Washington, DC</p> <p>Security Level: Minimum, Medium</p>	<p>Rated Capacity: 1,400</p> <p>Population on 12/6/2023: 474</p> <p>Population on 5/7-8/ 2024 (women): 124</p> <p>Population on 7/31/2024: 611</p> <p>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</p> <p>Location: SE, Washington, DC</p> <p>Security Level: Minimum, Medium, Maximum</p>	<p>Rated Capacity: 2,164</p> <p>Population on 12/6/2023: 1205</p> <p>Population on 6/28/2024: 1205</p> <p>Population on 9/12/2024: 1337</p>
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Central Cell Block

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

Proposed 5/22
Implemented 6/22
Revised 12/23

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

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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 corn 1 Creamy Country Oatmeal (1 1/2 oz each) 1 Cottage Flies 1 Blueberry Muffin 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1 Corn Flakes Cereal 1 Creamy Country Oatmeal (1 1/2 oz each) 1 Buttermilk Biscuit 1 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz) 1 Whole Grain Oatmeal 1 Hard Cooked Egg 1 Cajun Potatoes 1 Buttermilk Biscuit 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1 White Grain Oatmeal 1 T. Ham 1 Baked Potatoes (140 ZB) 1 Syrup 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1 Corn Cakes 1 Scrambled Eggs 1 Hash Brown Potatoes 1 Bran Muffin 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	100% Apple Juice (4 fl oz) 1 Toasted Oats Cereal 1 Creamy Country Oatmeal (1 1/2 oz each) 1 Buttermilk Biscuit 1 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1	100% Orange Juice (4 fl oz) 1 Whole Grain Oatmeal 1 Breakfast Sausage (1 1/2 oz each) 1 Cajun Potatoes 1 Baked Coffeecake 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 1% Milk (Half Pint) 1 Coffee w/ 1 PC Sugar 1
Lunch						
T. Bologna 1 Cheese (2.8 oz/white) 2 Mustard, pc 1 Enriched Bread 4 Fruit (1 1/2 oz equivalent) 1 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	1 Peanut Butter & Jelly PC's 2 Enriched Bread 4 Mustard, pc 1 Enriched Bread 4 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	1 Ham 2 Cheese (2.8 oz/white) 2 Mustard, pc 1 Enriched Bread 4 Fruit (1 1/2 oz equivalent) 1 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	1 Hard Cooked Egg 2 Mayo Dressing 2 Enriched Bread 4 Fruit (1 1/2 oz equivalent) 1 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	1 Turkey 2 Cheese (2.8 oz/white) 2 Mustard, pc 1 Enriched Bread 4 Mediterranean White Bean Salad 1 Fudge Brownie 1 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	1 T. Ham Sliced (2 oz 1 Ham) 4 Enriched Bread 4 Fruit (1 1/2 oz equivalent) 1 Sugar Cookie Bar 1 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1	1 T. Bologna 2 Cheese (2.8 oz/white) 2 Mustard, pc 1 Enriched Bread 4 Pasta Salad 1 Enriched Bread 4 Fruit Drink w/ Vitamin C 1
Dinner						
Chili con Carne w/ Beans (2 1/2 cups) 1 Pasta & Sauce 1 Sweet Cornbread 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 Peanut Butter Dusted Lemon Squares 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Smoked T. Sausage (3 oz each) 1 AuGrain Potatoes 1 Fruit Cabbage 1 Enriched Bread 4 White Cake 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Cajun Jambalaya (2 oz LB) 1 Pasta Beans 1 Sweet Cornbread 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 Dixie Sunbush Cookies 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 T. Ham Diced (1.6 oz each) 2 Mustard, pc 1 Enriched Bread 4 Baked Potatoes (140 ZB) 1 Syrup 1 Enriched Bread 4 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Roast & Potatoes Sauce (2oz) 2 Corn 1 Sweet Cornbread 1 White Cake 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Hearty Spanish Rice (2 cups) 1 Pinto Beans 1 Enriched Bread 4 Dixie Sunbush Cookies 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Creamy Chicken Pot Pie (1 1/2 oz each) 1 Gravy 1 Cottage Flies 1 Dixie Sunbush Cookies 1 Sweet Cornbread 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 White Cake 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1

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Dinner						
Chili con Carne w/ Beans (2 1/2 cups) 1 Pasta & Sauce 1 Sweet Cornbread 1 Whipped Margarine 1/2 Peanut Butter Dusted Lemon Squares 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Southwest Burrito Filling (2 cups) 1 Rice 1 Corn 1 Fruit Cabbage 1 Enriched Bread 4 White Cake 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Cheesy Broccoli Noodle Casserole (2 cups) 1 Kettle Brand Mixed Vegetables 1/2 Sweet Cornbread 1/4 Whipped Margarine 1/2 White Cake 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Chili con Carne w/ Beans (2 1/2 cups) 1 Carnita 1/2 Sweet Cornbread 1/4 Fruit Cabbage 1/2 Enriched Bread 1/2 Dixie Sunbush Cookies 1/2 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 American Goulash (2 cups) 1 Green Beans 1/2 Corn 1/2 Enriched Bread 2 Dixie Sunbush Cookies 3 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Creamy Chicken Pot Pie (1 1/2 oz each) 1 Gravy 1 Cajun Potatoes 1 Pasta 1/2 Buttermilk Biscuit 1/4 Sweetened Iced Tea 1	1 Hearty Spanish Rice (2 cups) 1 Black Beans 1 Sweet Cornbread 1/4 Whipped Margarine 1/2 White Cake 1 Sweetened Iced Tea 1

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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 food items and quantities. Includes sections for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

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Kosher Prepackaged Meals Menu
Weekly Average 2800 Calories Per Day



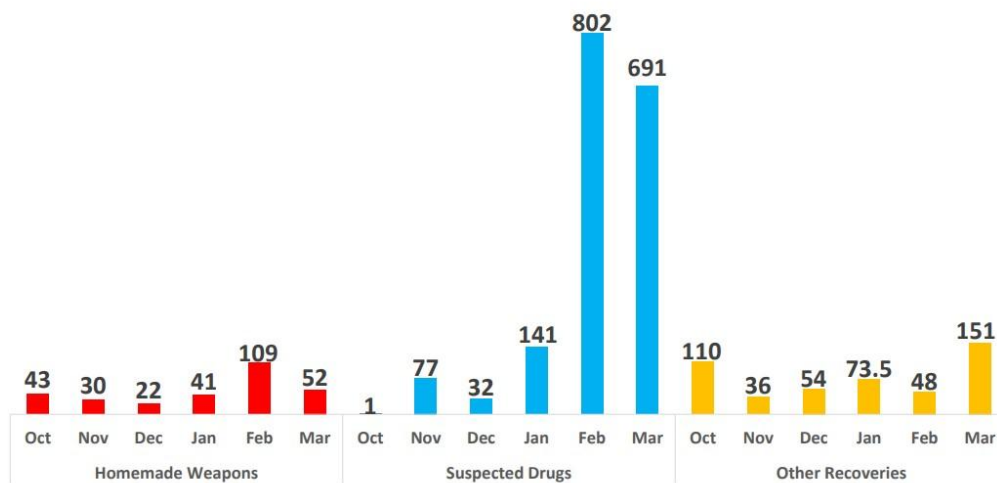
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APPENDIX B: DOC CONTRABAND DATA

DOC Contraband Recoveries

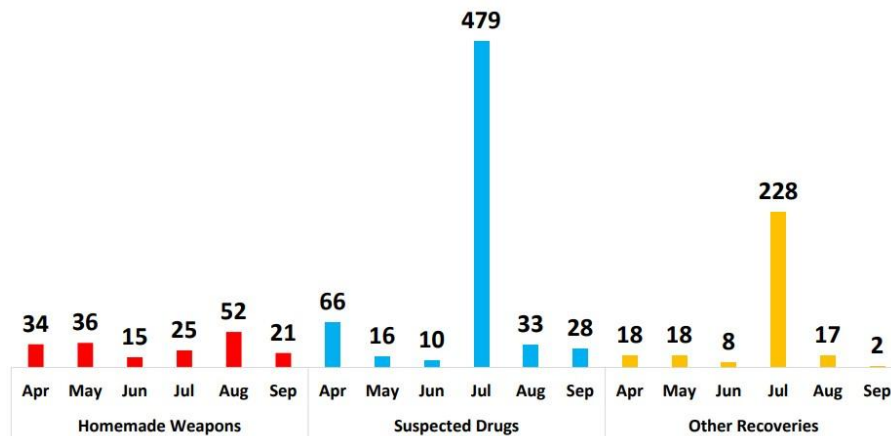
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CDF Contraband Recoveries by Month and Type



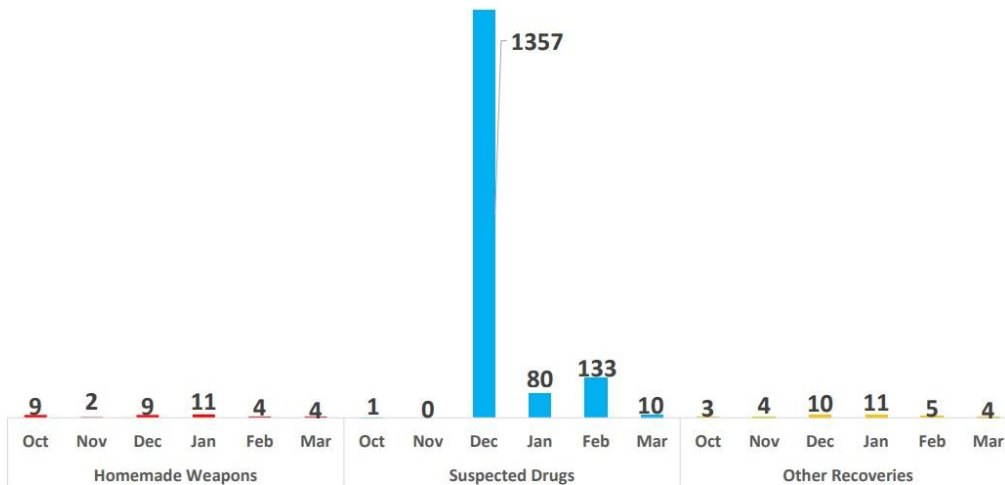
In this chart, suspected drugs are a combination of the following recoveries by unit: Pills, Suboxone, Green, White, Brown, Blue and Soaked Paper. Blue pills and Suboxone strips contribute to 57% and 37% respectively of the suspected drugs. **Each pill or suboxone strip is counted separately. In the "Other" category, each cigarette is counted separately.**

CDF Contraband Recoveries by Month and Type



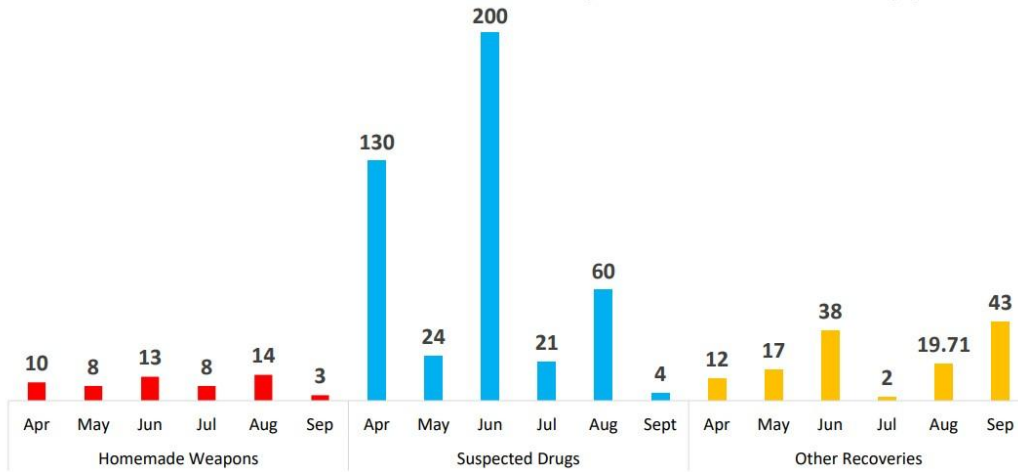
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CTF Contraband Recoveries by Month and Type



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.**

