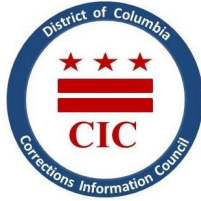


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The District of Columbia Corrections Information Council (CIC) is an independent oversight body mandated by the United States Congress and the Council of the District of Columbia to inspect, monitor, and report on the conditions of confinement in correctional 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

Dates of Inspection: February 25, 2025; March 26, 2025; June 25, 2025 (women); & July 23, 2025.

Location: 1901 E St. SE, Washington, DC

Security Level: Minimum, Medium

Rated Capacity: 1,400

Population on 2/25/2025: 521

Population on 3/26/ 2025: 532

Population on 6/25/2025 (women): 126

Population on 7/23/2025: 590

Central Detention Facility Profile

Dates of Inspection: December 31, 2024; March 26, 2025; & July 23, 2025.

Location: 1901 D St. SE, Washington, DC

Security Level: Minimum, Medium, Maximum

Rated Capacity: 2,164

Population on 12/31/2024: 1375

Population on 3/26/2025: 1319

Population on 7/23/2025: 1334

Central Cell Block Profile

Dates of Inspection: March 27, 2025 & July 24, 2025.

Location: 300 Indiana Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Average Stay: 24 hours

Rated Capacity: 110

Population on 3/27/2025: 59

Population on 7/24/2025: 50

Key Findings

The CIC highlights the following programs and facility practices:

Correctional Treatment Facility

- There are new renovations at the CTF. New toilets, sinks, and showers have been installed in the majority of housing units at 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.
- There are no more contact visits at the CTF.

Correctional Treatment Facility (Women)

Daily Living

- Due to the split schedule¹, 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.

Showers

- The DOC is currently installing stainless steel sinks and shower inserts in all the women's units.
- 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

- 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.

Mental Health

- 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

- Staff stated that finger food is provided because utensils are considered a safety risk.²
- The window on the door of the cell is covered in reflective material so that the resident cannot see through it.³

Programming

- Twenty-six of 67 survey respondents said they are currently participating in educational programs.
- 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.

Central Detention Facility

- 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 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, which required residents to be relocated to other cells.
- North One is the only restrictive housing unit at CDF.
- South One is now classified as a Special Management Unit (SMU).⁴
- The DOC now has video visitation accessible on the tablets.
- There are recurring reports of 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.

Central Cell Block

- 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 the damage was visible where the Fire Department had to bend the bars of the cell door to release the resident.

¹ 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.

² 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.)

³ *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.)

⁴ The SMU is a lockdown housing unit for individuals who are locked down for reasons other than disciplinary, whereas Restrictive Housing is specifically for individuals who have been found guilty of a disciplinary infraction.

- 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, or they can be sent over to the court building to be released.

TRACKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY25

Below is a list of recommendations the CIC made to the DOC during inspections and reporting for FY25. As recommendations are addressed by the DOC, they are updated accordingly.

Facility	Report Month	Report Year	Topic Area	Recommendation/Finding	Status
CDF	December	2024	Programming	Make programming more accessible to those units that house maximum custody residents.	Not Resolved
CDF	December	2024	Visitation	CDF	Partially Resolved
CDF	March	2025	Linen	Linen exchange should be returned the same day.	Partially
CDF	March	2025	Housing	Found mold in several cells/Moved residents to different cells/DOC Mold Remediation Team should remove the mold from cells.	Not Resolved
CDF	March	2025	Programming	Continue offering innovative training programs, such as CTECH’s in-person certifications and Orijin’s tablet-based trade apprenticeship training programs.	Resolved
CTF	March	2025	Medical	Streamline the process when Residents request medical supplies and devices for their health.	Partially Resolved
CTF	March	2025	Housing	Fix the missing shower head in Medical 82.	Resolved
CDF	July	2025	Housing	Do not house residents in cells where mold is present.	Partially Resolved
CDF	July	2025	Law Library	Add more access to the law library. Currently residents are only allowed two hour windows.	Not Resolved
CTF	July	2025	Recreation	Provide more access to fresh air through outdoor recreation.	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) Washington DC, 20003. The DOC also operates the Central Cell Block (hereinafter, CCB), which is located at 300 Indiana Avenue Northwest 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 ten on-site inspections of DOC facilities. On December 31, 2024, the CIC conducted an inspection of CDF ; on February 25, 2025, the CIC conducted an inspection of CTF; and on March 26, 2025, the CIC conducted an inspection of CDF and CTF. On March 27, 2025, the CIC conducted an inspection of CCB, and on June 25 and 26, 2025, the CIC conducted an inspection of the women at CTF. On July 23, 2025, the CIC conducted inspections of CDF and CTF, and on July 24, 2025, the CIC conducted an inspection of CCB.

Throughout FY 25 there were four resident deaths while in DOC custody. One resident died of Asphyxia. One died of blunt force trauma to the head. The cause of death for the other two individuals is pending until the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) decides. One resident died at the CDF, one resident died at Howard University Hospital, another at Med Star Washington Hospital Center, and one at Bridge Point Hospital.

The CIC also met with the DOC quarterly throughout fiscal year 2025, and the CIC published three reports. DOC responses to each report are available on the CIC website⁵.

DOC HOUSING

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

CDF:

- Restrictive Housing Unit - Currently the DOC only has one housing classified as an RHU, this unit is for residents who have been found guilty of a disciplinary infraction.
- Administrative Housing Unit - these units are for residents who are segregated for administrative reasons and have not been found guilty of a disciplinary infraction.
- 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. There is also a Mental Health Step Down unit that's less intense than the regular mental health unit as it prepares individuals to be able to cope in a general population environment.
- Safe Cells - these cell designations are specifically for residents who have attempted suicide or are a threat for attempting to commit suicide.

⁵<https://cic.dc.gov/page/inspection>

- 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 31, 2024 CDF INSPECTION

South 1/ Special Management Unit

This unit is for residents who are on the status of Protective Custody (PC), Administrative Segregation (AS), or other – excluding Disciplinary Segregation (DS).

Residents in this unit 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.

Residents can purchase commissary in this unit unless they have lost their commissary privileges.

There is a total of two hours of recreation: 1 hour 45 minutes for recreation time, and 15 minutes for a shower. Recreation occurs Monday-Friday.

Southeast 1/GED Unit

This unit helps to prepare residents for their GED test. There are five teachers and two resident tutors. When teachers are absent, the tutors teach and facilitate the classes.

To be housed in this unit residents cannot have any separations or current disciplinary infractions.

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 has since addressed 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

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 hours of out-of-cell time, and an additional fifteen minutes for a shower.

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

This is a general population unit, and cells were double bunked and almost at max capacity.

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.

Some residents mentioned not receiving responses to their grievances. Some residents stated that they did not have the opportunity to vote during elections. Other residents indicated that currently they do not have any programming available to them on the unit.

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 Program

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.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 25, 2025 CTF INSPECTION

D4A/50 and Over Unit

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

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.

C4B/Education Unit

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)

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

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 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

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 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.

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, and 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.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 26, 2025 CDF INSPECTION

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.

North1/Disciplinary Unit

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

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.

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

Southwest 2/General Population

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.

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.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 26, 2025 CTF INSPECTION

Medical 96

Residents can only be assigned to this unit by medical. Most 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

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. All services in the unit are provided according to doctor's orders.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 27, 2025 CCB INSPECTION

Approximately 82 arrestees are housed daily in CCB. Approximately 90 arrestees are housed on Saturdays after 2:45 PM. There is a minimum of eight officers and one supervisor that operate CCB per shift.

There are four handicapped cells, but 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.

SUMMARY OF JUNE 25-26, 2025 CTF WOMEN INSPECTION

The DC Department of Corrections' (DOC) Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) houses women and specialized populations of men.

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.

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. 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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North 1 – Disciplinary Segregation/Restrictive Housing

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.

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)

Residents mentioned that lockdowns in the unit are frequent and that they have not been to outside recreation in 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.

There is a law library cap on the tablets for 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 also complained about call failures on the tablets.

Northwest 2 – Maximum Custody (General Population)

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. 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

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

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.

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.

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Medical 82

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.

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

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

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. 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)

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.

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 (CCB)

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.

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).

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.

Temporary relocation is anticipated May 2026.

Currently, the DOC has bi-weekly meetings with the US Marshalls, District Court, and Superior Court. The purpose of these meetings is to coordinate movement with those individuals who have already been sentenced, and to make room for pre-trial residents.

The Department of Health Sciences and Industrial Bank has a C program that provides pre and post release financial literacy. Residents can get new bank accounts, and Industrial bank provides \$500 in seed money.

The Atonement program has been reinstated. It was previously shut down due to contraband.

DOC UPDATES

Central Cell Block is projected to relocate to New York Avenue by Spring 2026.

The Annex project is no longer funded through capital projects. The city is trying to secure funding for FY 2026 using alternative funding solutions.

The DOC has put together a mold remediation team and policy, which includes weekly inspections to locate and remediate mold.

The DOC has recognized security threat groups (STG's). There are 113 groups and 458 people. There are eight main groups identified by the DOC, which creates challenges for separations, programming, and housing. Resultantly, the DOC has implemented various strategies to manage the population. The DOC has a violence reduction committee, which includes case managers. DOC

leadership reported that despite an increase in the population of 745 individuals, violence has decreased. There are mandatory searches of units, which occur multiple times per week. Additional methods, such as body scanners and K-9 assistance, are employed, and regular mail is copied to prevent contraband smuggling into the facility.

APPENDIX A: DOC ASSAULTS 2025

FY 25 Assaults Summary

Month	Inmate on Staff Assaults	Inmate on Inmate Assaults	Alleged Staff Assault on Inmate	
24-Oct	3	3	0	
24-Nov	17	5	0	
24-Dec	13	12	0	
25-Jan	3	0	0	
25-Feb	10	8	0	
25-Mar	7	7	1	
25-Apr	6	3	0	
25-May	7	4	0	
25-Jun	9	7	0	
25-Jul	11	6	0	
25-Aug	7	8	0	
25-Sep	5	4	0	

APPENDIX B: DOC CONTRABAND RECOVERY 2025

FY 25 Contraband

Month	Contraband Other	Contraband Weapons	Contraband Drugs
Oct-24	12	5	0
Nov-24	5	1	1
Dec-24	3	7	0
Jan-25	11	1	0
Feb-25	12	2	0
Mar-25	5	32	12
Apr-25	3	23	6
May-25	3	24	12
Jun-25	7	25	8
Jul-25	2	35	14
Aug-25	4	38	10
Sep-25	7	33	13
Oct-25	1	25	17

