

Message from the Executive Director



In July, CIC staff attended the annual Returning Citizen's Cookout. This annual event brought together multiple government agencies, such as the Mayor's Office of Returning Citizen's Affairs, and community organizations to celebrate and support our returning citizens. The CIC looks forward to continuing to support returning citizens and maintaining close relationships with the agencies that support them.

The CIC inspected the Central Detention Facility

(CDF) this month in response to resident concerns about temperatures. CIC staff took temperature readings of both the air expelled from circulation vents as well as the humidity levels in several housing units, cells, and common areas. The CIC found the DOC was in compliance with their building maintenance policy. The age and structural design of the CDF building present challenges for efficient heating and cooling, but the CIC identified additional mitigating measures the DOC can enact while utilizing the existing CDF building. A separate report on the CIC's inspection of CDF and the Central Treatment Facility (CTF) in April is forthcoming.

On July 20th, the CIC hosted our quarterly Open Meeting to discuss recent CIC activities. CIC staff discussed goals for the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, CIC staff discussed DOC and BOP demographic data, forthcoming and recently issued reports and information sheets, and the CIC's June inspection of VOA. Access the July meeting minutes <u>HERE</u>. The CIC thanks all community members who attended the meeting and looks forward to seeing additional attendees in the future.

-Donald Isaac

Recent Reports

Below are recently published reports from the CIC, including BOP and DOC inspection reports, and CIC Info Sheets.

BOP Reports

FCI Hazelton SFF Hazelton USP McCreary USP Pollock USP Canaan FCI Ft. Dix

USP Lewisburg

DOC Reports

DOC Report: CDF & CTF Inspection Report - January 2023 CTF: Women's Facilities DOC Follow-Up on CIC Inspection

Additional Resources

Section 22 of Corrections Oversight Improvement Omnibus Amendment Act Implementation of the Restore the Vote Act Correctional Policies for Transgender, Intersex, and Gender Non-Conforming DC Residents CIC Resource Page Contact Information for Fairview Facility CIC Info Sheets

Past Issues

CIC Bulletin - August 2023 **Statistics on D.C. Residents in** Custody Q.C. adults in DOC Custo Q. DC Code offenders in custody, regardless of residency Census as of July 31, 2023 regardless of residency 1,393 2,635 *Increase since June *Decrease since June 30, 2023 (1,361 Adults in 30, 2023 (2,659 Adults Custody) in Custody) BOP Updates as of July 31, 2023 There are 45 BOP DC residents on home 53% of male DC Code Offenders are located in confinement. medium and low security **There are 84 DC residents** facilities. located in halfway houses. Approximately 43% of female DC code offenders are in minimum or low security institutions. 25% are in medium institutions. The remainder are located in BOP camps or administrative security (eg. medical and transfer facilities) There are no women in high security facilities **Common Issues Amongst DC Male Common Issues Amongst DC Residents in the BOP** Female Residents in the BOP **IRAA Staff Behavior Re-Entry** Medical DOC Updates as of July 31, 2023 There are 1,029 DC Code There are 762 residents that are Offenders at CDF (increase), pretrial and 12 residents are on 363 at CTF (decrease), 67 at Writ/Hold. CCB (increase), and 1 at Fairview (decrease). There are 103 residents housed in the DOC for parole violations. Under DYRS, there are 27 residents at the Youth Shelter Home, 96 at Youth The amount of DC residents in Services Center, and 52 at DOC custody has increased by **New Beginnings totaling** approximately 8% in the last 90 175.



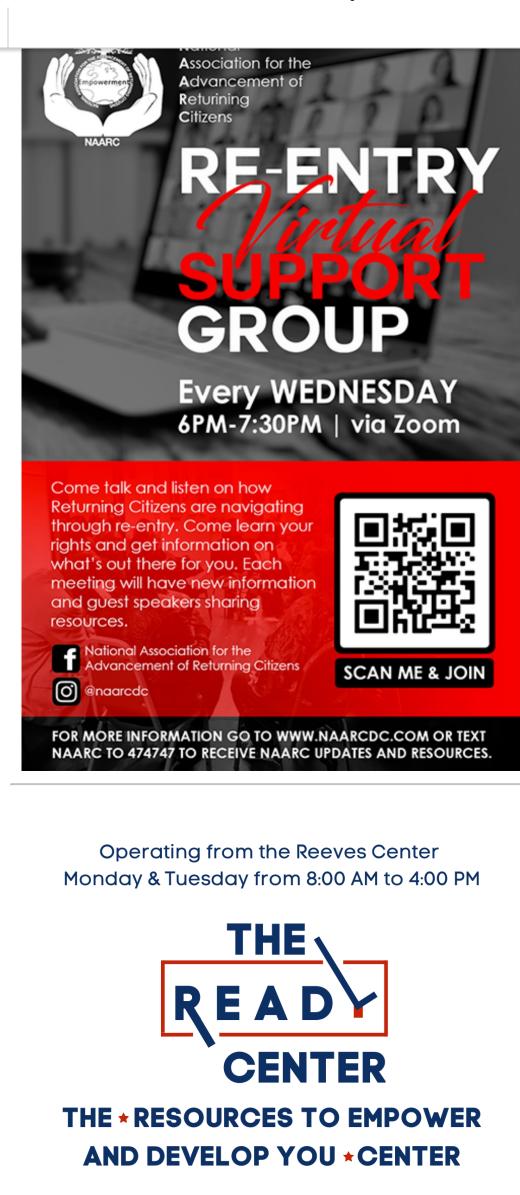
days.



Attend a Re-Entry Support Group with NAARC

Scan the QR code or visit <u>NAARC</u> to sign up.

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DO YOU NEED A PEER NAVIGATOR?

PEER NAVIGATORS :

Helps manage time, prioritize work, set goals, develop transition plans, and gain better understanding of your work

Provides support
Makes no false promises
Works together to solve problems and learn about issues

Asks questions on behalf of peers

- Life Coach You Can Trust
- Knows how to build rapport
 - Has a desire to help

Contact:

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RAND

study related to people with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities in the justice system funded by Pew Charitable Trust.

What does the study involve?

Remote interviews with people with disabilities/family members of people with disabilities who have been involved in the criminal and/or civil legal systems RAND will provide a \$50 gift card in recognition of your contribution.

If you or someone you know would be willing to be interviewed, you can reach out to Alina Polimaru at RAND directly at <u>palimaru@rand.org.</u>

The RAND Corporation, a non-profit research organization, has been funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts to conduct a study related to people with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities in the justice system. As one part of this study, they are conducting interviews with people with disabilities/family members of people with disabilities who have been involved in the criminal and/or civil legal

systems to better understand their perspectives.

If you or someone you know would be willing to be interviewed, you can reach out to Alina Polimaru at RAND directly at palimaru@rand.org (mailto:palimaru@rand.org). The remote interview will last approximately an hour, and RAND will provide a \$50 gift card in recognition of your contribution. If you require accommodations for the interview, RAND will make any necessary arrangements.

The interview would include questions about the following topics: a) What you think the most important issues people with disabilities and their families face regarding the legal system;

b) Ways that the legal system does meet the needs of people with disabilities;c) Ways the legal system does NOT meet the needs of people with disabilities.

At the conclusion of their work, RAND will publish a report that will include recommendations, and will hold a webinar to share the findings.

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> LIFE, DEATH, AND REDEMPTION

AMERICAN PRISON Shaka Senghor

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What We're Reading

Writing my Wrongs: Life, Death and Redemption in an American Prison By Shaka Senghor

Shaka Senghor was raised in a middle-class neighborhood on Detroit's east side during the height of the 1980s crack epidemic. An honor roll student and a natural leader, he dreamed of becoming a doctor — but a troubled family life sent him on a downward spiral. During his nineteen-year incarceration, seven of which were spent in solitary confinement, Senghor discovered literature, meditation, self-examination, and the kindness of others — tools he used to confront the demons of his past, forgive the people who hurt him, and begin atoning for the wrongs he had committed.

<u>Writing My Wrongs</u> is a page-turning portrait of life in the shadow of poverty, violence, and fear; an unforgettable story of redemption; and a compelling witness to our country's need for rethinking its approach to crime, prison, and the people sent there.



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