



CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from the Executive Director



February is exciting and eventful at the CIC. While teleworking amidst a global pandemic, we continue to fulfill our mandate to monitor, inspect, and report on DC adults in BOP and DOC custody. Recently, the CIC testified before DC Council at the 2021 annual performance oversight hearing. During the public hearing, agency accomplishments, fiscal year goals, and staffing enhancements were discussed. As we enter budget review season, I look forward to

fulfilling our agency goals for fiscal year 2022 and beyond.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the CIC has continued to monitor Covid-19 protocols and conditions at Bureau of Prisons (BOP) facilities. Recently, the CIC contacted the BOP in response to reports about an outbreak at FCI Fort Dix in New Jersey. There are 69 DC adults in custody at Fort Dix. Learn more about the outbreak and the BOP's response [HERE](#).

Quarterly meetings with the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) are ongoing. According to the DOC, vaccinations started February 8, 2021, and all vaccinations are voluntary. Approximately 150 staff members and 141 residents have completed both vaccination rotations. The DOC is administering vaccinations at a rate of 20 persons per day.

Lastly, I would like to formally welcome Mr. Maurice Cotton to the CIC as a full-time staff member! Maurice was introduced to the CIC through Project Empowerment in May of 2019 as a front desk/clerical assistant. Since then, Maurice has shown great teamwork and adaptability, especially during the pandemic, and the agency is

Donald Isaac, Sr.



BOP Response to Winter Weather Emergency in Texas

Over the past week, historic sub-freezing temperatures and snow fell in the state of Texas. There are seventeen BOP facilities in the state of Texas, including a US Penitentiary, seven medium or low-security prisons, two federal medical centers, and two office complexes. The BOP also contracts with four additional private facilities located in Texas. There are 74 DC individuals incarcerated at facilities in Texas. The vast majority are held at USP Beaumont (41) and FMC Carswell (13). Continue reading [HERE](#).

Community Events



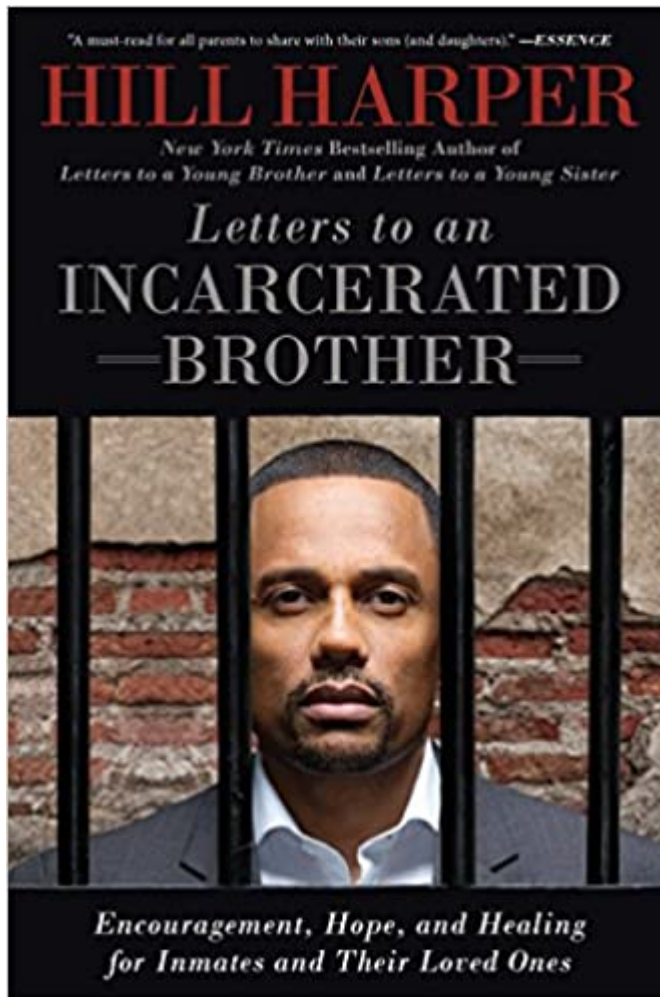
CSOSA Launches Hire One Jobs Campaign

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is announcing the launch of "Hire One," a campaign to directly connect area employers with a pool of talented justice-involved people who are ready, able, and eager to work. "Hire One," an expansion of CSOSA's job placement efforts, aims to pair employers with an untapped and under-utilized pool of talent. Businesses that have hired people under CSOSA supervision report that these employees are among the most dedicated, hardworking, and loyal in their workforce. Employers interested in joining the

What We're Reading: Encouragement and Hope

Letters to an Incarcerated Brother: Encouragement, Hope, and Healing for Inmates and Their Loved Ones

by: Hill Harper



After the publication of the bestselling *Letters to a Young Brother*, accomplished actor and speaker Hill Harper began to receive an increasing number of moving letters from inmates who yearned for a connection with a successful role model. With recent statistics on African-American incarceration rates on his mind, Harper set out to address the specific needs of inmates.

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