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NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from the Executive Director



Happy summer! I hope that everyone is continuing to stay safe as we navigate through these uncertain times due to the impact of COVID-19. As our communities and businesses begin to reopen, the CIC will continue to take precautions by operating on a 100% telework schedule until further notice. In light of the ongoing risk factors concerning the spread of COVID-19, we have decided to hold a virtual open meeting this quarter. Please [CLICK HERE](#)

for the agenda and details for the CIC's upcoming open meeting on Tuesday, July 21st at 11:00 AM.

Our intended visit to the Volunteers of America (VOA) halfway house in Baltimore, MD has been postponed due to current restrictions on visitation by the BOP. We are making a request for information in order to assess the conditions at the facility. The CIC recently sent a 20 question survey inquiring about COVID-19 related conditions during the pandemic to randomly selected adults in BOP custody. Once survey responses are collected, a report will be distributed to the public.

We are continuing to monitor the conditions of DC adults in custody by way of surveys, emails (CorrLinks), letters, and phone calls.

-Donald Isaac, Sr.

- **Justice Through Code:** Providing life-changing access to career track technology jobs for the formerly incarcerated. Justice Through Code is a free coding intensive course that provides opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals to begin to grow and develop into the technology leaders of tomorrow. It is jointly offered by Columbia University's Center for Justice and the Tamer Center for Social Enterprise at Columbia Business School. Apply [HERE](#) by Friday, July 31, 2020, or email Aedan Macdonald at: aedan.macdonald@columbia.edu.
- **Project Empowerment Interview Skills:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM.



What We're Reading: Essays from Prison

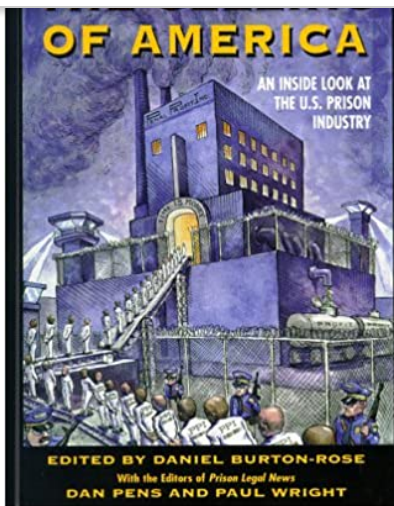
The Ceiling of America: An Inside Look at The Prison Industry

by Daniel Burton Rose and Paul Wright

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The Ceiling of America presents a detailed inside look at the workings of the American law enforcement system. The book examines the death penalty, control units, the politics of prisoner bashing, the role of the media in the current anti-prisoner climate, prisoner struggles, and racism. Most of the articles in the book originally appeared in *Prison Legal News*, a magazine published by Dan Pens and Paul Wright, two incarcerated men in Washington state.



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