



# CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

## Message from the Executive Director



The District is open! DC Government employees returned to the workplace on Monday, July 12. All agencies, with minimal exception will be back to providing services to residents in the same manner as prior to the pandemic. The CIC is in the midst of a productive summer, now that BOP restrictions are being lifted. Since the completion of the FCI Cumberland inspection, CIC staff plans to inspect two additional facilities this summer- including one local facility. A report from FCI Cumberland is forthcoming.

In January 2021, the CIC published a preliminary findings report with quantitative data from a Covid-19 survey sent to DC residents in BOP custody. A second part to the data received from the survey was recently published. The [Covid-19 Survey: Final Report](#) includes qualitative data from the surveys along with a response from the BOP.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and relaxing summer.

*Donald Isaac, Sr.*

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## Recently Published Reports

- [District of Columbia Youth Rehabilitation Act Report](#)
- [Covid-19 Survey: Final Report](#)
- [Volunteers of America \(VOA\) RRC](#)
- [Recent Covid-19 Concerns at Volunteers of America Re-entry Center](#)
- [Department of Corrections \(DOC\) Site Visit Report](#)
- [Update on Covid-19 testing and early release data from the BOP](#)

## Community Events

**The Council for Court Excellence invites you to *Our Children in Crisis: A Focus on D.C.'s Crossover Youth*, on 7/29 at 1pm.**

This forum will feature a moderated discussion among local experts, including youth advocates, directly-impacted families, child welfare and juvenile justice attorneys, and court actors, on the issues faced by crossover youth in the District. Crossover youth are youth involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Discussants will explore challenges to system coordination, opportunities for collaboration and other systemic solutions, and explore the potential role of the new Office of the Ombudsperson for Children in D.C. The discussion will be moderated by Benjamin Davis, the former Director of the D.C. Council Committee on Human Services. [RSVP HERE](#).

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**BACK TO SUMMER 2021**

**PLAY IN THE PARK: OXON RUN**

**EVERY THURSDAY FROM JULY 8 - AUGUST 19**  
**5PM - 8PM**  
 Oxon Run Park Basketball Courts - 1200 Mississippi Ave SE

Calling all kids to the perfect summer evening play space! Each week, we're pulling up with the moon bounce, skates and bikes, pop-up games, and of course, free popcorn and snow cones.

Weather permitting. No sign up, just show up.

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**Indicators and Healthy Coping Strategies for  
 Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma**

August 16, 2021 11:00am – 12:30pm ET

Identify the early signs of vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue and learn tools and methods to strengthen personal resiliency through positive coping strategies.

[bit.ly/OVCvicarioustrauma](http://bit.ly/OVCvicarioustrauma)

**The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC)  
 Vicarious Trauma Toolkit**

August 20, 2021 10:00 – 11:30am ET

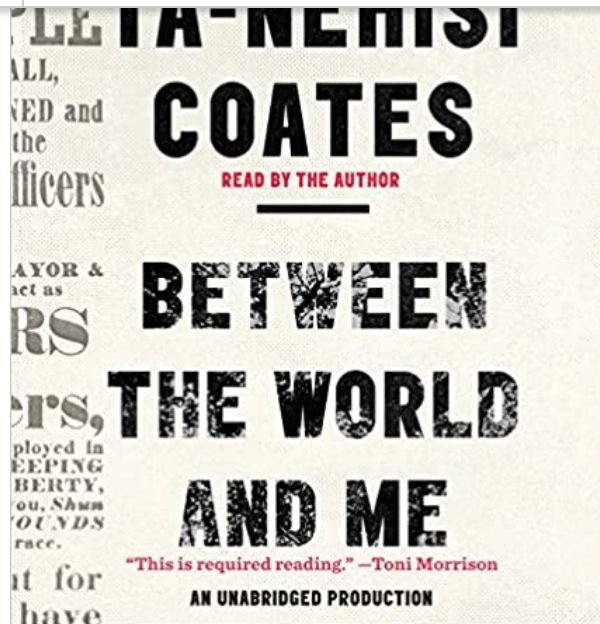
Learn how OVC's Vicarious Trauma Toolkit (VTT) can assist agency directors and managers interested in shifting organizational culture to help mitigate the impact of vicarious trauma and promote resilience.

Agency leaders will use this training to begin a conversation about organizational response to vicarious trauma using the process outlined in the VTT "Blueprint for a Vicarious Trauma-Informed Organization."

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Questions? Please contact Suzie Dhere at [suzie.dhere@dc.gov](mailto:suzie.dhere@dc.gov)



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## What We're Reading: American Racial History

Between the World and Me

by: Ta-Nehisi Coates

*Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder. Woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.



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