



CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from the Executive Director



March 2021 marks one full year since the beginning of the Coronavirus in DC. The CIC remains dedicated to reporting conditions of confinement within the BOP and the DOC during this global pandemic. Considering ongoing safety protocols, the CIC staff has not been able to conduct onsite inspections in BOP facilities; however, we have heavily utilized surveys, research, and direct communications to collect data on conditions of confinement. Recent surveys are intensely focused on the effects of conditions of confinement during the pandemic as relative to the experiences of DC residents in custody. The CIC also recently published a detailed briefing on [recent updates on Covid-19 testing and early release data](#) from the BOP.

Due to a “medical stay-in-place”, outside recreation at the DOC was prohibited since the early stages of the pandemic as an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. The CIC recommended that restrictions on outside recreation be reevaluated to allow residents some time to get fresh air to maintain their mental health. As of March 10th, the DOC started a gradual reinstatement of outdoor recreation with the following requirements: proper social distancing and PPE (personal protective equipment) at all times, and no basketball, football, or soccer.

In an effort to maintain relationships with other organizations and agencies that interact with DC residents in custody, the CIC recently met with the Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA) staff. MORCA is a referring agency for DC's returning citizens. Their staff helps returning citizens with workforce development and opportunities, technology-based skills, and obtaining documents essential for integrating into society. We look forward to maintaining interagency

Donald Isaac, Sr.



Recently Published Reports

- [Department of Corrections \(DOC\) Site Visit Report](#)
- [Update on Covid-19 testing and early release data from the BOP](#)

Community Events

“Roads to Success”

Highlighting the Contributions of Nannie Helen Burroughs

In celebration of Women’s History Month, please join the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia as we honor local civil rights icon and community organizer, Nannie Helen Burroughs. This celebration will include a panel discussion with local women community leaders who will discuss the importance of women leadership in the city, the obstacles they faced, and how they overcame those obstacles.

**Monday
March 29, 2021
6:00 pm**



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To struggle and battle and overcome and absolutely defeat every force designed against us is the only way to achieve.”
-- Nannie Helen Burroughs

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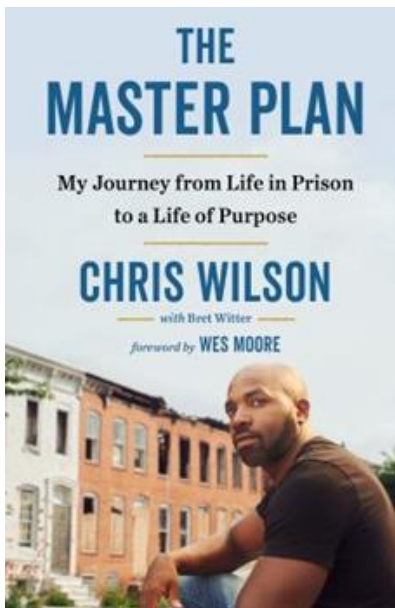
National Second Chance Month

2021 National Returning Citizens Virtual Conference

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What We're Reading: Transformation

The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose

by: *Chris Wilson*

Growing up in a Washington, D.C. neighborhood, Chris Wilson wouldn't leave the house without a gun. At eighteen, he was sentenced to life in prison without parole after committing a fatal crime. Once incarcerated, Chris embarked on a journey of self-improvement: reading, working out, learning languages, and even starting a

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Today, Chris is a successful social entrepreneur who employs returning citizens, a mentor, and a public speaker.



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