



CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from the Executive Director



As we navigate through the public health requirements of social distancing and quarantining, the CIC continues to report and gather information concerning incarcerated DC residents. We are working with the DC Public Defender Service (PDS) and the Reentry Action Network (RAN) to inform adults in custody about new emergency legislation addressing compassionate release and the new computation of good time credits. Staff is currently working on mailing an information sheet to DC code offenders within the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). We are also providing information to assist the Justice Policy Institute (JPI) and the grantees of Office of Victims Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) in their efforts to increase the numbers of persons eligible for release under the provisions of the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA).

We are still producing reports from previous inspections and providing up to date information on Covid-19 cases amongst the inmate population on the CIC website. There have been four men released under the provisions of the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA) since the beginning of the pandemic. We will continue to monitor the hearing status' of IRAA recipients during this time, and report information to the community.

It is important that we all continue to wear protective garments, practice social distancing, and seek necessary medical attention in order to flatten the curve of the coronavirus and help protect our loved ones. In order to get free, local testing please click [HERE](#).

-Donald Isaac, Sr.

Community Events and Resources

- **Free Minds Virtual Write Night: May 27, 2020, 6:30pm- 8:00pm.** With the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, now more than ever it is crucial that Free Minds members are able to share their voices and know they are not alone. On May 27, Free Minds will host their next Virtual Write Night through Miro. It's the same process, just virtual. All you need is a computer or tablet and an internet connection. Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to join this virtual event.
- **CAAB and MORCA Partner to Provide Free Financial Education Workshops and One-on-One Financial Coaching Services for DC Returning Citizens:** Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB) and the DC Mayor's Office on Returning Citizens Affairs (MORCA) will launch a series of Financial Education Workshops and provide One-on-One Financial Coaching Sessions to DC returning citizens who are MORCA clients.

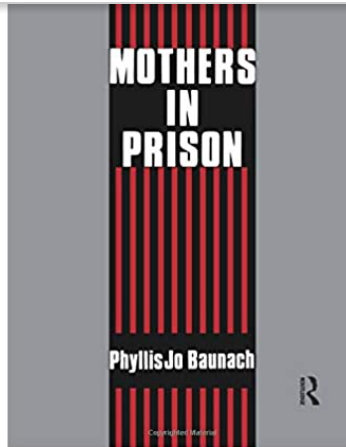
MORCA clients interested in taking advantage of these virtual services, please register [HERE](#).

- **The Library at Home: Enjoy programs from the library while at home.** Neighborhood branches may be closed, but the Library is always open online. Sing, talk, read, listen and learn from the comfort of your own home with tips and resources. Get your [library card online](#) and enjoy 90-days of access to digital resources. Learn more about the online resources from DC Public Libraries [HERE](#).

What We're Reading: Inmate Mothers

Mothers in Prison

by Phyllis Jo Baunach

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Mothers in Prison offers fresh perspective on issues that surround the separation of inmate mothers and their children. These issues are explored using questionnaires, standardized scales, and individually taped interviews. Phyllis Jo Baunach examines issues such as the impact of separation by race; the child's whereabouts at the time of a crime; the child's placement and legal custody during the mother's incarceration; an inmate mother's interest in resuming the parental role after release; child-rearing attitudes of inmate mothers; and the effects of drugs on the mothers' relationship with their children. Baunach provides unique and practical recommendations for policies and programs benefiting inmate mothers and children, which can be implemented within the framework of current practices in correctional facilities.



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