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Message from the Executive Director



As part of Second Chance Month, the CIC attended several reentry-focused events throughout April. The Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB) hosted a panel discussion for government agencies and community organizations regarding how to make reentry a seamless transition. CIC Chief of Staff Nailah Bynoe-Seabron served as the moderator, and CIC Program Analyst Eric Weaver participated as a member of the panel. It was a successful event ripe with resources to stimulate financial literacy and opportunities for returning citizens. The CIC will continue to collaborate with DISB to educate the population on available resources.

The CIC also met with the BOP Reentry Services Division to inform them of issues and trends related to release planning for DC Code offenders. It was a comprehensive discussion regarding how to better prepare residents for reentry while they are still in BOP custody, which included rigorous dialogue about hurdles specifically encountered by DC Code offenders. The CIC looks forward to continuing these discussions on a regular basis.

On April 26th, the CIC hosted our quarterly board meeting, which is always open to the public. Staff presented BOP and DOC updates – and hosted a Q&A session for community members. Our agency welcomes information exchanges with all stakeholders, and the interactive meeting style will inform future presentations designed to target community engagement. We are grateful to all who were able to attend in-person, virtually, and via live-stream. Future open meetings will continue to offer various attendance options to facilitate maximum community participation.

The CIC recently published findings and recommendations from the January follow-up inspections of the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF). The report is available <u>HERE</u>, which includes the DOC's response. The CIC also visited the Central Cell Block (CCB) and noted the implementation of several CIC recommendations, including critical improvements to plumbing, infrastructure, and accessibility. Our agency will continue our routine monitoring of all areas of the DOC.

From April 18th through 20th, the CIC conducted a site visit at Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Florence. Our team completed walk-through inspections of the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and the United States Penitentiary (USP). Additionally, the CIC interviewed residents at the FCI, USP, and Administrative Maximum Facility (ADX). Reports on findings and recommendations are forthcoming.

-Donald Isaac



Below are recently published reports from the CIC, including BOP and DOC inspection reports, and CIC Information Sheets.

BOP Reports

USP McCreary
USP Pollock
USP Canaan
FCI Ft. Dix

USP Lewisburg

DOC Reports

DOC Report: CDF & CTF Inspection Report - January 2023

CTF: Women's Facilities

DOC Follow-Up on CIC Inspection

Additional Resources

<u>Section 22 of Corrections Oversight Improvement Omnibus Amendment Act</u> <u>Implementation of the Restore the Vote Act</u>

<u>Correctional Policies for Transgender, Intersex, and Gender Non-Conforming DC</u> <u>Residents</u>

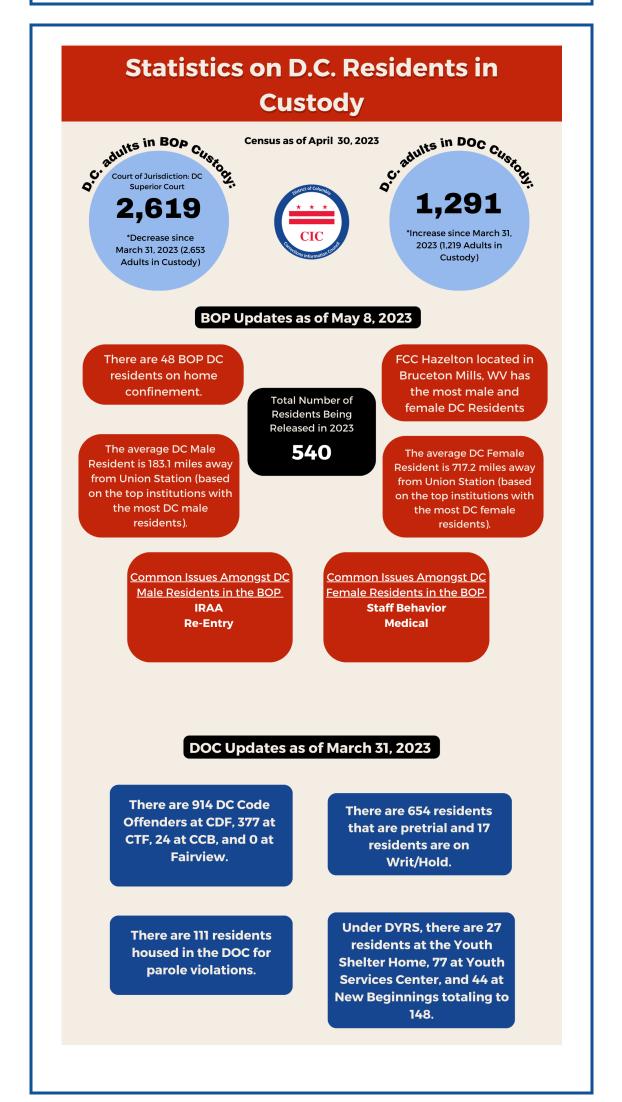
CIC Statement on the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program

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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR UCLA RESEARCH STUDY ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS OF CHRONIC SLEEP DEPRIVATION IN PRISON

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This study will investigate the extent to which people are able to get adequate sleep while in prison, and the implications of lack of sleep/chronic sleep deprivation on individual physical, psychological and emotional health and on institutional safety and stability. It will also investigate the obstacles to adequate sleep experienced by corrections staff, and the negative health and safety effects of chronic sleep deprivation for corrections staff and for prison safety more generally.

Participants will be asked to participate in a zoom interview, estimated to take 90-120 minutes. As a token of thanks to those who participate, participants will receive a \$30 gift card.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. All contents of the interviews will be kept entirely confidential. Interviews will be recorded for transcription purposes only and no personal identifying information will be retained.

Eligibility Criteria

As part of this study, we are seeking to conduct interviews with two groups of study participants:

Formerly incarcerated people: We are hoping to interview people who have done time in prison and who are willing to discuss their experiences of sleeping/trying to sleep while incarcerated, the obstacles to getting adequate sleep, and the implications of their experience for themselves and for the facilities in which they were housed. We seek participants with a wide range of experience in terms of the state in which they were incarcerated, security level, type of housing inside (eg/

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> Formerly incarcerated people with a sleep apnea diagnosis, who used/tried to use a CPAP while in custody: We are hoping to interview people with sleep apnea who used or tried to use a CPAP device while in prison or jail about that experience, about other things that may have made it hard to get a good sleep inside, and about the ways not getting enough sleep may have affected their safety while inside. If you fall into this category and wish to participate, please fill out this form and someone will contact you.

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We can be reached at 310.206.2354 or prisonsleepstudy@law.ucla.edu*

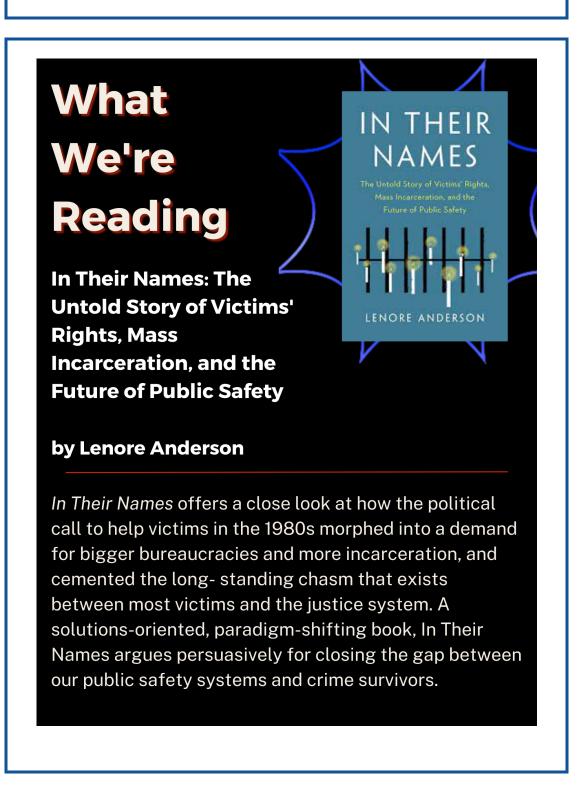
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