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NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

CIC LOCATION UPDATE

Due to a plumbing emergency at the Greater Washington Urban League Building, the CIC has relocated to **441 4th St NW, Suite 270N, Washington, DC 20001** until further notice. If you have any questions regarding this change, please call the CIC at 202-478-9211.

Message from CIC Executive Director



We ended the fiscal year 2018 with a bang with the *2018 DC Prisoner and Reentry Symposium: Envisioning a New Jail*, co-hosted by the CIC and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) on September 21, 2018. The CIC and PDS brought together criminal justice experts from the District, other jurisdictions, and policy organizations to help attendees envision what a process towards a new correctional facility for the District would look like. The areas covered included:

- Alternatives to Incarceration, by Vera Institute of Justice and Defender Association of Philadelphia;
- Design, by Franklin County (Columbus), OH, and Richmond City Justice Center; Programming, by Georgetown University, Arlington County Detention Center, and DC Department of Corrections;



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- A closer look at a development in progress, with Franklin County, OH, and DC Department of Corrections.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton also addressed the audience. The Symposium agenda and brief bios of participants can be [found here](#). Chiqhisha Robinson (PDS) and I thank Congresswoman Norton, Deputy Mayor Donahue, Director Booth, and all other presenters for giving their time and expertise to this event. We also thank the PDS and CIC staff for their tremendous help, and thanks to the attendees for spending their Friday with us.

The Deputy Mayor and Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants also announced funding for DC correctional facility stakeholder engagement, the request for applications for which will be available on Monday, October 1, 2018. Continue to check [OVSJG website](#) for more information and updates on this funding opportunity to support continued conversation, engagement, and action towards a better criminal justice system for the District.

Since the Symposium, the District has made some significant strides that should positively affect the answer to the question, "Who should be in jail?" This week, DOC moved the juveniles charged as adults to the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) custody, pursuant to the [Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016](#). Also, the Metropolitan Police Department has announced a move from arresting people who smoke marijuana in public to [issuing citations](#) instead. While there are still some exceptions to this new police policy, we hope to see a reduction in the number of young black men who have been arrested and detained in jail.

As always, more to come...

Michelle Bonner



Florence Update - Sept. 28, 2018

As of September 21, 2018, power has been restored to FCI Bennettsville and normal operations have resumed according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Verify the

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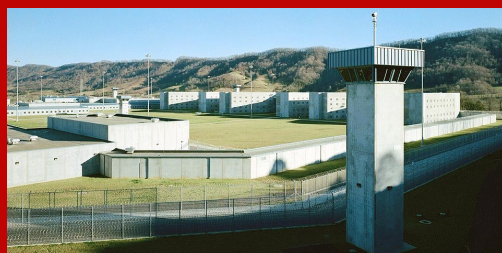
status of visitation for this or any BOP facility prior to planning a visit by visiting the webpage [BOP Locations](#) and clicking on the facility name.

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If you know of any incarcerated DC residents in the areas affected by Storm Florence, and if they have reported any information to you about their experiences during the storm, please contact the CIC at 202-478-9211 or 202-445-7623.

CIC to Visits USP Hazelton and USP Lee

This month the CIC learned of the [death of an incarcerated DC man](#) at USP Hazelton on Monday, September 17. He was reportedly killed by another inmate. This is the second inmate death at USP Hazelton this year. The other decedent was also from DC; [he died in April 2018](#). The CIC will conduct an emergency visit to USP Hazelton, WV, on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, to check on the safety and security of other DC men incarcerated at this facility.



UPDATE: In light of our emergency office move in September, the CIC has rescheduled our visit to USP Lee, VA, to October 16-17. The CIC will meet individually with the 107 men at USP Lee and anyone willing to speak with CIC

representatives during that time.

If you have any information you would like to share about USP Hazelton, USP Lee, or any other facility where DC residents are incarcerated, please contact the CIC at 202-478-9211 or via email at dcic@dc.gov.

CIC INSPECTION OF DOC

This month the CIC conducted an on-site inspection of two DC Department of Correction facilities. On Thursday, September 20 the CIC inspected the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) and on Wednesday, September 26 the Central Detention Facility (CDF, or "DC Jail"). During these inspections, the CIC took a tour of the facilities, evaluated programming, and spoke with DC residents and staff. The CIC will request additional information from DOC and produce an annual report of its

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During our inspection on September 26, the CIC was able to verify the relocation of juveniles charged as adults under [DC Code Title 16](#) into the custody of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) in compliance with the [Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016](#). The District no longer holds minors in its adult facilities, which is consistent with correctional safety and best practices - a major positive milestone for the District.



Future CIC Open Meeting Dates

Thursday, December 7, 2018

Location TBD



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