



# CIC BULLETIN

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## Message from the Executive Director



Summer is coming to an end, and the CIC is grateful to enter the fall season of 2019. As we approach the start of a new fiscal year, we are planning to strengthen our partnerships by increasing our community engagement. In the coming months, we plan to work with the BOP and the DOC to finalize discussions regarding our Memorandums of Agreement, in addition to continuing our mandated inspections and reviews.

The holidays are right around the corner, and we will begin work on our holiday postcard project this month. Each year we send out holiday postcards to individuals incarcerated from the District so that we can let them know that they have not been forgotten. For this effort, we will be reaching out to past participants and community participants. We see the gratitude from our residents who are confined, so we will continue this project to let them know that they are not alone and are still remembered during the holiday season.

Lastly, I want to welcome our two fall interns, Jalela Jallaq and Leila Gillings, who will be with us until December.

*-Donald Isaac, Sr.*

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## FCI Hazelton

The CIC conducted an inspection of Hazelton Federal Correctional Complex (FCC), which is located in Preston County, WV, on August 14th and 15th. Our staff visited the USP, FCI, and SFF at Hazelton FCC. The inspection focused on the female population, and the male population of Youth Rehabilitation Act (YRA) offenders and those who are eligible for release under the provisions of IRAA. The CIC plans to conduct a follow up visit to Hazelton within the next two months.

If you have any information that you would like to share regarding this facility, please contact the CIC between 9AM-5PM, Monday through Friday at (202) 478-9211, or via email [dccic@dc.gov](mailto:dccic@dc.gov)



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### **UPDATE ON HOPE VILLAGE:**

Advocates fear that if the Bureau of Prisons fails to resolve a complicated contract dispute, the city could be left without a men's halfway house for federal inmates...[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

### **Update on the First Step Act: Elderly Offender Home Detention Program**

The Elderly Offender Home Detention Program has been revived by the First Step Act of 2018 and will operate from fiscal years 2019 through 2023. To be eligible for participation in the Elderly Offender Home Detention Program under the First Step Act, an elderly inmate must meet the following criteria:

- They must be at least 60 years old.
- They must have served at least two-thirds of their total prison sentence.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about home confinement under the First Step Act.

### **IRAA Updates and Recent Release Information**

group which is limited to only IRAA recipients. These meetings will be held monthly on Thursday evenings. The Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop is located at 1816 12th St NW, Washington, DC 20009. The group provides resources and helpful information in a safe comfortable space. Food and Visa gift cards are also provided.

- Three gentlemen are currently awaiting pending rulings on their re-sentencing motions. Two additional men were released under IRAA last week. Welcome home to them!

## Upcoming Community Events

- IAHR (Interfaith Action for Human Rights) will host "**Human Rights at the Prison Door**" featuring guest speaker **Jamie Raskin** on September 4, 2019 from 5PM - 7PM at the Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20008. Contact Rabbi Charles Feinberg at [rebchuck@interfaithactionhr.org](mailto:rebchuck@interfaithactionhr.org) or (202) 669-7700. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.
- The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnership, and the Mayor's Office on Fathers Men and Boys will host the **My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Summit 2019: Learn.Act.Serve**, on Thursday, September 5, at 3PM. My Brother's Keeper 2019 features dynamic, thought provoking conversations that will motivate you to approach volunteering and mentoring with renewed passion. This is a free event! [CLICK HERE](#) to get your tickets.
- Community Family Life Services will be hosting Informational Sessions for the CFLS Speakers Bureau on September 11th and September 14th. The Speakers Bureau is a paid, public - speaking training and professional development opportunity for women who have survived domestic violence, human trafficking, homelessness, and incarceration. RSVP to attend any of the three sessions. You can reach Miracle Smith with questions at (202) 750-6024 ext. 4001, or via email at [mgsmith@cflsdc.org](mailto:mgsmith@cflsdc.org).
- The 3rd Annual Visible Voices signature event: **RISE TOGETHER**, will be showcasing the voices of clients from the Speakers Bureau. It will honor several long-standing volunteers and supporters who helped to build Community Family- Life Services. **Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton** is the keynote speaker. This event will take place on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 6PM-9PM, at Busboys & Poets on 14th & V Streets, NW, in Washington, DC. [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets and additional information.

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