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# **Message from the Executive Director**



It's election season in the District. Last month, the CIC began voter education and outreach at the DC jail. Our office has partnered with the Board of Elections to assist with voter registration and educating DC residents in custody about candidates in the District. We thank the Board of Elections and the Department of Corrections for their efforts.

This month, the CIC completed an inspection at FCI Ft. Dix in New Jersey. A large number of the Ft. Dix population is returning to DC in 2022 or 2023. Thus, we

invited subject matter expert, MORCA, to connect residents with DC specific re-entry resources while we were there. A report on our findings and recommendations is forthcoming.

Last month, the CIC issued reports about CTF, CDF, and CCB. Recently, we received responses from the DOC on our findings and recommendations. A few of the CIC's recommendations have already begun to be implemented such as the implementation of mattress use at CCB and discussions around a grant to secure funding for shower repair at CTF. Read the DOC's response to our findings and recommendations <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. The CIC also visited CTF again in late May to focus on the female population. Over a two-day period, we spoke with residents and staff about the conditions of the facility.

Lastly, the CIC issued two radars addressing a reported COVID outbreak at VOA Chesapeake and CDF deaths, respectively. These radars can be found <u>HERE</u>. We encourage residents and loved ones to continue to contact the CIC with any additional insight or information.

Donald Isaac, Sr.

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## RESIDENTS IN CUSTODY

O.C. adults in BOA Custo Regardless of Residency

Census as of June 6, 2022

O.C. adults in DOC Custod.

\*Decrease since May 2022 (1,390 Adults in Custody)

2,637

\*Increase since May 2022 (2,615 Adults in Custody)

BOP & COVID-19 as of June 6, 2022 (source: bop.gov/coronavirus)

## **Bureau of Prisons Personnel**

- Total Number of Personnel Who Have Tested Positive: 236
- Total Number of Personnel Who Have Recovered: 12,778

Total Number of Lives Lost Among Personnel: 7

Total Number of Coronavirus Vaccine Doses Administered

320,018

**Bureau of Prisons Residents in Custody** (Includes all residents as well as DC Residents)

- Total Number of Residents Who Have Tested Positive: 163
- Total Number of Residents Who Have Recovered: 50,990 Total Numbers of Lives Lost Among Residents: 295 (11 occurred while on home confinement)

DOC & COVID-19 as of February 28, 2022 (source: coronavirus.dc.gov)

#### **Department of Corrections Residents in Custody**

- Total Number of Residents Who Have Tested Positive: 771
- Total Number of Residents Not in General Population Due to Positive Tests/Quarantine: 57

Total Number of Lives Lost Among Residents: 1

#### **Department of Corrections Personnel**

- Total Number of Personnel Who Have Tested Positive: 639
- Total Number of Personnel Out Due to Positive Tests or Exposure: 8

Total Number of Lives Lost Among Personnel: 3

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<u>Busboys and Poets</u> comes together with Justice Arts Coalition to present a collection of works created by inside Artists who have close ties to the DC area. Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bookstore, community gathering place, and cultural hub, which has quickly established itself as a District mainstay dedicated to providing a place for deliberate pause, where one can feed their mind, body and soul. Stop by for a bite and view the artwork of JAC Network Artists <u>Greg Bolden</u>, <u>Conor Broderick</u>, <u>Harry Ellis</u>, and <u>KID WITH DA CRAYONS KW/DC</u>.

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# JUSTICE FELLOWS

## POLICY PROGRAM

The Education Trust is looking to invite individuals who are formerly incarcerated to serve as our second cohort of Justice Fellows.

The goals of the Justice Fellows Policy Program are to:

- Elevate the voices and lived experiences of individuals who are directly impacted by the legal system
- Provide high-quality professional development in higher education policy analysis and advocacy, as well as public speaking, media engagement, and coalition building

Application Period is Open from June 15 – July 31, 2022

The Justice Policy Fellowship is open to people who have experienced previous incarceration, including those who were previously confined in a jail, prison, or detention center and those with only a juvenile record who were committed to detention.

Applicants do not need to have completed a college degree but will need to have taken some college or postsecondary courses. These individuals must have a strong desire to gain and develop higher education policy skills, and a passion for increasing access to higher education for directly impacted individuals.

Applicants should also have fewer than five years of professional, entrepreneurial, or community-engagement experience. Does this sound like you or someone you know?

Apply HERE!

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AND DEVELOP YOU - CENTER

\*\*\*All READY Center services are currently available; however, walk-in service is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

Participants seeking READY Center services should contact the READY Center's main number at (202) 790-6790 to be connected to available services.

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## **Felon: Poems** by Reginald Dwayne Betts

In fierce, agile poems, Felon tells the story of the effects of incarceration — canvassing a wide range of emotions and experiences through homelessness, underemployment, love, drug abuse, domestic violence, fatherhood, and grace — and, in doing so, creates a travelogue for an imagined life. Written by returning citizen, Reginald Dwayne Betts, this collection of poems includes traditional poetry and revolutionary found poems created by redacting court documents, as well as sonnets that serve as the volume's radiant conclusion.



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