



# CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

## Message from the Executive Director



Fall is upon us, and we are grateful for another harvest season. As we enter fiscal year 2021, we are looking forward to growth, strengthened relationships, and continued opportunities to fulfill the CIC's mandate: to monitor, inspect, and report on conditions of confinement for DC Code offenders.

Last week, we met with representatives from the BOP to discuss recent updates. Social visits resumed at approximately 60% of BOP facilities over the weekend of October 3, 2020. The BOP plans to resume and/or continue social visits at all BOP facilities where there is not an active Covid-19 outbreak. [The latest Covid-19 plan from the Federal Bureau of Prisons](#) details the guidelines. Additionally, a federal judge recently ordered the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to authorize the distribution of stimulus payments (up to \$1,200 per person plus \$500 per qualifying child) for incarcerated persons, which were previously denied. Last week, the BOP received guidance from the IRS to disseminate to residents regarding how to apply for their stimulus payment. [Residents must apply by October 30, 2020.](#)

The CIC continues to adapt to innovations addressing how we conduct inspections and gather data. We conducted a June 2020 survey of DC residents within the BOP, and we have recently distributed a survey to DC residents of Volunteers of America Chesapeake Residential Re-Entry Center. After the closure of Hope Village in April 2020, DC residents were transferred there in order to complete their sentences. We look forward to corresponding with the residents and learning more about their re-entry journey.

## Recently Published Reports



- [Compassionate Release Process Report](#)
- [Update on District of Columbia Youth Rehabilitation Act](#)
- [District of Columbia Department of Corrections Inspection Report: FY19](#)
- [District of Columbia Department of Corrections Inspection Report: FY20](#)

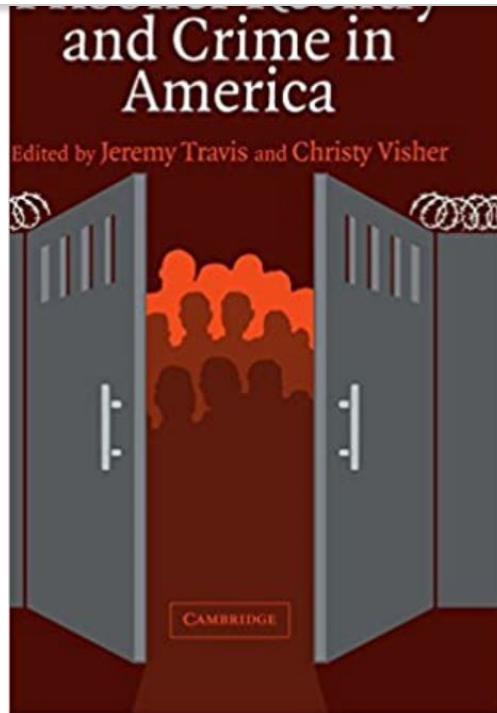
## Community Events

- **Join NCJA and the Addiction Policy Forum for a Webinar on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.** Please join the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) and the [Addiction Policy Forum \(APF\)](#) for a webinar on *Using Technology to Enhance Treatment and Recovery for People Involved in the Criminal Justice System*. This webinar will include an overview of the technology options employed to assist people with substance use disorders during the pandemic and onward. Register [HERE](#).

## What We're Reading: The Roadmap to Reentry

### **Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America**

*by: Jeremy Travis and Christy Visher*

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Public Safety and Prisoner Reentry in America is about the relationship between the large numbers of people coming out of prison and public safety, especially in the U.S. The book's purpose is to provide new information about the public safety consequences of released prisoners. It also presents some suggestions about how to reduce the crime threat these persons may present to the public.



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