

Allen Oakwood Correctional Inst. Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Lima, Ohio (Allen County)
- Level 1/2 (minimum/medium)
- Population: 1,496 (as of February 2016)
 - 57.3% White, 41.0% Black, 1.7% Other
 - Average age: 46.3
- AOCI is a medium security, celled prison that is composed of two separate compounds: the Allen side, which includes a Residential Treatment Unit for inmates experiencing a mental health crisis, and the Oakwood facility, which includes the low security Protective Control unit, as well as a unit for dementia inmates, as well as intellectually and developmentally disabled inmates.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Good

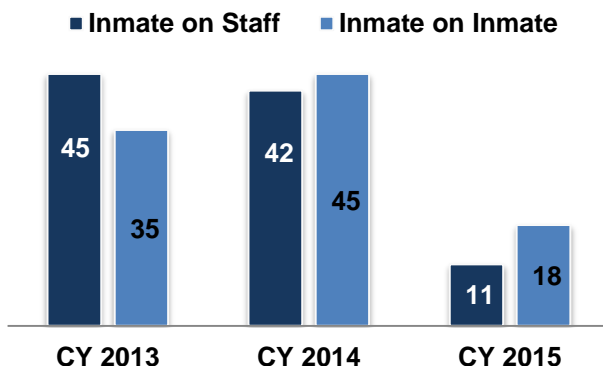
Health and Wellbeing: Acceptable

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Acceptable

Fiscal Accountability: Good

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** The number of assaults has significantly decreased. There was one homicide within the past two years.
- **Use of Force:** Video documentation was adequate. Officer responses to incidents appeared appropriate and staff properly referred incidents to investigation.
- **Unit Conditions:** Each of the units appeared clean, with few maintenance concerns.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appears sufficient, but there are a large number of vacancies. In addition, there is a large backlog for chronic care clinics and a high number of critical incidents.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing appeared to be adequate, despite a number of vacancies, and there were no reported backlogs. The review of the RTU was acceptable.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates generally reported positive interactions.
- **Segregation:** AOCI has not yet fully implemented restrictive housing reform; however, the population is reduced and mental health staff provide programming to inmates on the caseload in segregation.
- **Reentry Planning:** AOCI staff need to improve reentry plan completion, as well as increase rehabilitative programming.
- **Educational:** Enrollment in standard academic programming has decreased, as has GED attainment, but the library was generally considered good.
- **Fiscal:** Fiscal audit scores were generally good. Overtime costs have remained approximately the same. Total utility costs have increased, but recycling revenue has decreased. Staff survey results were generally positive; although turnover has increased, it remains below the DRC average.