

Lebanon Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Lebanon, Ohio (Warren County)
- Level 3 (close security) with a minimum security camp
- Population: 2,421 (as of April 2015)
 - 54.4% Black, 43.8% White, 1.8% Other
 - Average age: 31.6
- LECI has made tremendous progress under the current Warden and executive staff. Prior concerns – excessive use of force, high segregation population, and negative workplace environment – have all been significantly improved. Although inmates continue to report concerns, the facility is on a positive path for the future.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Good

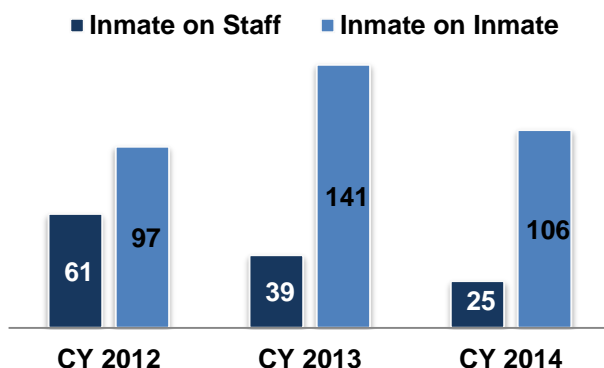
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Acceptable

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good

Fiscal Accountability: Good

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** The rate of inmate disciplinary convictions for assaults decreased by 17.6 percent in CY 2014 compared to CY 2013. The rate is lower than comparator prisons.
- **Use of Force:** LECI experienced the highest decrease in use of force incidents from 2011 to 2014 of any DRC institution.
- **Unit Conditions:** Each of the units appeared clean; however, the facility does experience a number of concerns related to its age, including maintenance and pest issues.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing was adequate and there were no backlogs for inmate appointments.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing appeared to be adequate, and there were no backlogs, with a good range of mental health programming.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates continue to relay concerns regarding negative inmate/staff interactions.
- **Segregation:** LECI has significantly decreased the number of inmates in restrictive housing, resulting in the closure of two units.
- **Education/Library:** Academic enrollment slightly increased, and the number of GEDs achieved increased from FY 2013 to 2014. The library was rated exceptional.
- **Reentry Planning:** In FY 2014, 7.4% of the LECI population completed a unit-based reentry program. LECI offers a graduation ceremony for all inmate graduates, to which the family is invited. LECI also offers a unique Bible college program.
- **Fiscal:** Fiscal audit scores and overtime were average, and utility usage and costs have increased. The officer survey was very positive regarding the workplace.