

Lorain Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Grafton, Ohio (Lorain County)
- Reception (male) and Level 2 cadre
- Population: 1,402 (as of July 2015)
 - 48.4% Black, 48.1% White, 3.4% Other
 - Average age: 35.2
- LORCI is the DRC's northern male reception center. Of the three reception facilities, LORCI has traditionally been the most positively reviewed by CIIC. LORCI staff have been extremely progressive and creative in developing inmate activities and they are currently at the heart of the DRC's "reception reform" movement, which uses cadre inmates as mentors to the reception population.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Good

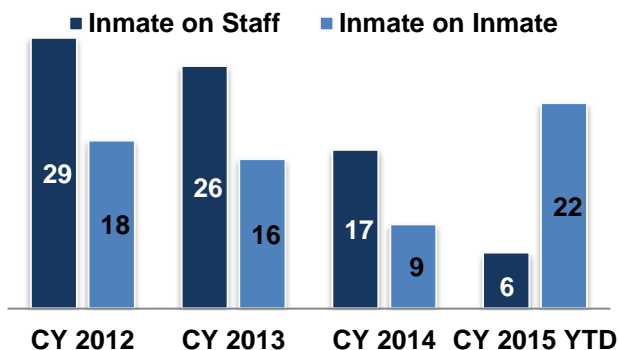
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Acceptable

Fiscal Accountability: Good

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** The rate of inmate disciplinary convictions for assaults decreased by 44.6 percent during CY 2014 in comparison to CY 2013. However, there has been a significant increase in inmate-on-inmate assaults thus far in 2015.
- **Use of Force:** Video was available for only three of 20 reviewed incidents, and there were a few concerns regarding the application of force.
- **Unit Conditions:** Each of the units appeared clean, with few maintenance concerns.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appears sufficient to meet the needs, and there were no backlogs for inmate appointments.
- **Mental Health:** Similarly, staffing appeared to be adequate, and total staff has increased since 2013; however, although there was no backlog for mental health requests, there was a backlog for initial psychiatry appointments.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Overall, staff/inmate interactions are acceptable, but this represents negative change.
- **Segregation:** Segregation holds very few inmates and conditions were good.
- **Reentry Planning:** DRC has rolled out a reception reform initiative that is positive for both the inmate mentors and the reception inmates. Release plan accountability is good.
- **Literacy:** The rate of enrollment in academic programs is low, but GED achievement is higher than the comparator prison. Use of library materials is low.
- **Fiscal:** Total utility costs have decreased and overtime is below the DRC average. LORCI also raised a significant amount of revenue from recycling projects and reduced waste. Staff management is also good.