

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Northeast Ohio Correctional Center Brief

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Institution Profile

- Youngstown, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Male
- Houses both Federal Bureau of Prisons and U.S. Marshals Service detainees
- Privately operated by the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA)
- 1,971 inmates (as of 2/23/11)
- 438 staff

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** The facility reported **30 Use of Force incidents in 2010**. In comparison, MCI, a similarly classified DRC facility, reported 89 Use of Force incidents in 2010.
- **Assaults:** The facility reported **20 total assaults in 2010**. In comparison, MCI experienced **34 inmate-on-inmate assaults** and **12 inmate-on-staff assaults** in a one year time period.
- **Suicide Attempts:** The facility reported one suicide attempt in 2010.

Comparison of Daily Costs Per Inmate



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was positive, as no inmates relayed concerns regarding personal safety and the institution was very clean.
- NEOCC has implemented several unique and creative programs, including housing pods dedicated to fitness and wellness, an international literacy program, and a wheelchair refurbishment program.
- NEOCC has clear, structured channels for top-down communication, including the Warden's semi-monthly lunches with rotating groups of staff, department-wide staff retreats, bimonthly meetings with entire shifts of staff, an intranet television communication system, and administrative staff's weekly rounds.
- The primary concern raised by the inspection is NEOCC's use of triple bunking cells. Triple bunking is used as a management tool for inmates who have not complied with a financial responsibility program, and it is used for all inmates first entering the facility.
- Inmates also relayed lack of access to medical services, including lengthy wait lists and treatment by unqualified staff.

CIIC Contacts and Concerns

From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010, the CIIC received **4,586 contacts** regarding the DRC prison system.

In comparison, **41 contacts** were in reference to NEOCC. The top three concerns in regard to NEOCC were **Health Care, Staff Accountability**, and **Safety and Sanitation**.