

# Northeast Reintegration Center Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Cleveland, Ohio (Cuyahoga County)
- Level 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Population: 567 (as of 7/2014)
  - Capacity: 162%
  - 69.0% White, 30.3% Black, 0.7% Other
  - Average age: 37.9
- NERC is a female facility that is entirely geared toward preparing inmates for a successful reentry, with inmates required to sign agreements to participate in a high level of programs and activities. The facility is an open campus structure and rather than cells, inmates have rooms in suites.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Exceptional**

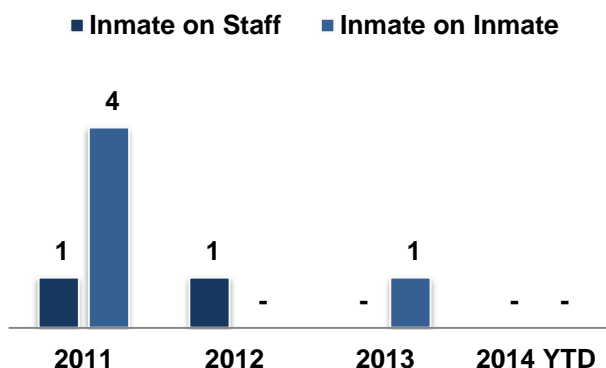
**Health and Wellbeing: Good**

**Fair Treatment: Good**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Exceptional**

**Fiscal Accountability: Good**

### Assaults



### Key Findings

- **Violence:** Assaults are virtually non-existent and fights are low.
- **Use of Force:** Uses of force are correspondingly low; however, there was no available video.
- **Unit Conditions:** Unit conditions were good; however, two units had reported ants, and the rooms were very hot.
- **Medical Services:** There were no backlogs, staffing appeared to be adequate, and inmate and staff feedback was positive.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing levels appeared to be appropriate and there were no backlogs. NERC provides a wide range of mental health programs for inmates.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmate focus group and survey responses were generally very positive regarding staff interactions.
- **Segregation:** NERC does not have a separate segregation unit.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** NERC provides an exceptionally large volume of programs and purposeful activities, particularly for its small population.
- **Educational Programming:** Rate of academic enrollment is high and total academic certificates earned increased, including GEDs.
- **Reentry Planning:** The entire institution is geared toward reentry, and reentry planning accountability is strong. A recent job fair was attended by every inmate.
- **Fiscal:** Overtime has increased slightly, but vacancies are low, and turnover was very low for FY 2014. However, NERC scored low on its most recent external fiscal audit and utility costs increased slightly. Property loss reimbursements were minimal.