



CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION INSPECTION COMMITTEE

A Joint Committee of the 134th Ohio General Assembly

SUMMARY OF THE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION AND EVALUATION OF DAYTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

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Facility Overview

Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI) predominately houses Level 1 (minimum) Level 2 (medium) and Level 3 (close) security female offenders. DCI opened in 1987 as a male facility and was converted to a female facility in 2011. The institution is located on 75 acres in Dayton Ohio. The rated capacity for DCI is 996. As of November, 9 2021 the institution housed 632 female offenders and one male offender. As of November, 1 2021 the institution employed 227 total staff of which 118 were officers.

Highlighted Facts

- DCI is managed by Warden Shelbie Smith
- In attendance at the inspection were CIIC staff.
- On October 17th 2021 DCI experienced a power outage that affected both their main source of electrical power and their backup generator. At the time of inspection the outage had been resolved and steps to ensure the total outage would not re-occur had been completed.

Key Inspection Findings

Safety and Security

- The housing unit showers and restrooms were rated as good to exceptional with one sink in the process of being replaced. Telephones video kiosks water fountains ice machines and microwaves were in good working order. One JPay kiosk was awaiting repair by the vendor.
- All housing units had programming and recreation areas. Staff relayed they could use more space for programming.
- The top substances reported as available were suboxone, tobacco, prescription pills, and marijuana. The top activities reported to gang activity were drug trade, gambling, and extortion.

Health and Wellbeing

- DCI medical facilities appeared clean and orderly.
- Staffing levels were appropriate, with two vacancies for a registered nurse and licensed practical nurse. Staff were proud of their nurse retention and how well they work with security and other departments.
- Serving sizes and temperatures of the meals presented to CIIC staff were appropriate and overall taste was good.

Fair Treatment

- Ten informal complaint responses (ICR's) were reviewed and only four received responses. Ten grievance responses were also reviewed and all but one were responded to by the Inspector within the timeline set forth by the rule. One did not receive a response. Responses were thorough and explanatory, cited the appropriate policies, and investigations were conducted in an appropriate manner.
- The Inspector reported the top areas of complaints to be regarding medical, property, and inappropriate supervision.
- The Transitional Programming Unit (TPU) was toured and appeared clean and calm.

Rehabilitation and Reentry

- DCI offers two vocational programs; Culinary Arts and B.O.S.S., an intro to business program.
- Dayton education department offers Pre-GED, GED, ABLE Literacy, Special Education Title 1, career technical education/ career enhancement program, advanced job training, and apprenticeship programs. They also offer college courses through Sinclair College.