PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS 2018

D.C. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Re-entry begins the day residents are admitted into D.C. Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities. As a public safety agency it is our firm obligation to safeguard the lives and wellbeing of residents, staff, visitors, and surrounding communities in the District of Columbia.

DOC offers a range of professional development, educational, preventive health, mental health services, wellness and family reunification programming to prepare residents for reintegration into society. The resources, rehabilitative services and treatment programs provided within DOC facilities can impact the success of returning citizens.

Last year, the diligent work of our programming and operations staff, paired with the partnerships with District government agencies and community organizations allowed us to enhance and expand our services.

This brochure highlights some FY 2017 accomplishments as well as target goals and strategies for the future.

I am proud to work alongside such talented and compassionate team members who strive to uphold our mission leading us closer to becoming a benchmark corrections agency.

The D.C. Department of Corrections (DOC) is one of several agencies under the oversight of the Deputy City Administrator/ Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice. Our mission is to ensure public safety for citizens of the District of Columbia by providing an orderly, safe, secure and humane environment for the confinement of pretrial detainees and sentenced inmates, while providing meaningful opportunities for community re-integration.
OUR SERVICES

The DOC operates the Central Detention Facility (CDF), Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) and Central Cell Block (CCB). The CDF and CTF are accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC) and all DOC facilities are Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant. As an alternative to incarceration DOC has work release from the facilities and has contracts with two private halfway houses: Fairview and Hope Village. Like other municipal jails, 60 to 70 percent of inmates in DOC’s custody have one or more outstanding legal matters that require detention, while the remaining are sentenced inmates, parole violators, or writs and holds. Median lengths of stay for released inmates are 31 days or less. Ninety percent of DOC’s inmates are male. DOC also houses female inmates and a small number of juveniles charged as adults at the CTF.

Each facility offers inmates a number of programs and services that support successful community re-entry. Some include: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT); Re-entry preparation (Re-Entry); Institutional Work Details and Community Work Squads; Job-readiness Training (in partnership with the Department of Employment Services (DOES); Family Reunification Programs, Empowerment Sessions, Special Education (through the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS); and Adult Basic Education, GED Preparation and Career Technical Education provided by DOC. Partnerships with Howard University, American University, Georgetown University, and the University of the District of Columbia allows college students and inmates to take courses inside our facilities. Our curriculum currently offers 26 courses. DOC also offers a college level courses for credit from Ashland University where students learn and complete assignments via distance learning on an electronic mobile device.

The American Correctional Association (ACA) and National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accredited comprehensive health and mental health services are provided through Unity Health Care (contractual) and the D.C. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). In addition, facilities provide inmate personal adjustment and support services, such as food services, laundry, religious programming, visitation, law library, inmate grievance processes, etc. DOC facilities operates twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

MISSION

To provide a safe, secure, orderly, and humane environment for the confinement of pretrial detainees and sentenced inmates, while offering those in custody meaningful rehabilitative opportunities that will assist them with constructive re-integration into the community.
OUR VALUES

Public Safety: Safeguarding the welfare and protection of detained citizens, staff, and the general public.

Integrity: Doing what is right, consistent with the highest ethical standards or morality.

Fairness: Operating in an evenhanded nature, free from individual bias or injustice.

Respect: Engaging others with the same regard and courtesy you would like to receive.

Compassion: Having concern and sensitivity to the suffering of others.

Collaboration: Engaging stakeholders as partners to support mutual agreement and open exploration of our differences.

Wellness: Providing tools to assist in the active process of becoming informed, and making choices toward a more balanced multidimensional (body, mind, and spirit) state of well being.

VISION

The D.C. Department of Corrections aims to become a benchmark corrections agency. To become a benchmark agency, we will serve with pride, passion and professionalism in caring for human lives.
2017 AT A GLANCE

FY 2017
All DOC operated and supervised facilities including CDF, CTF, Halfway Houses and Central Cell Block are certified 100 percent PREA Compliant.

February 2017
DOC successfully resumed operation of the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) Formerly under CoreCivic.

April 2017
Modernized the pharmacy and medicine distribution center.

April 2017
Held the first Vitality Expo to promote physical, emotional and financial wellness for DOC staff.
May 2017
Launched Family Reunification Day Program which aims to prepare residents for re-entry by connecting and reconnecting inmates with their families.

June 2017
Another class of residents successfully completed requirements to receive Graduate Equivalency Diplomas (GED).

June 2017
DC Public Schools Student Recognition Ceremony highlights academic achievements of juvenile residents.

July 2017
Launched Empowerment Sessions speakers series.
August 2017
Another class of residents earned D.C. State Diplomas at a joint DOC and OSSE Academic Promotion Ceremony.

October 2017
DOC and the CJCC were awarded the BJA Statewide Recidivism Reduction Plan Implementation Grant for enhancing programs and services.

October 2017
Supported the Public Servants and First Responders Housing Incentive Amendment of 2017 Act.

December 2017
92.5 percent of women participated in programs and services while in DOC custody.

37 inmates, including men and women, participated in Howard University's Inside-Out class alongside 43 college students.

233 volunteers from 62 community and faith based organizations and District government agencies provided approximately $350,000 of services within DOC facilities.
### Public Safety
Enhance professional development opportunities for DOC staff to fulfill public safety needs.

### Safety & Security
Foster environment that promotes safety for inmates, staff, visitors and the community-at-large.

### Education
Improve inmate education, career skills, and facilitate successful community reintegration.

### Supporting Re-Entry
Maintain/enhance inmates physical and mental health through rehabilitative treatment services and wellness programming.
Family Reunification Programs will connect and reconnect families to prepare inmates for re-entry. Maintain community partnerships.

### Maintaining High Standards
- NCCHC accredited
- ACA accreditation
- 100 percent PREA Compliant certified by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

### Transparency
Data driven informed decisions and sharing data; and maintaining active collaboration with families, communities, non-profit organizations, and government agencies.

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