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I just wanted to touch on a few things.

Today is fathers day and the facility is on a modified lock down. Quarter tier recreation. Last summer we spent most of the weekends like this. Some weekend visits were cancelled. Reason given is they were short staffed. The facility should never be short staffed.

Officers signed a contract to be drafted they signed up for this therefore should be no shirt staff. They just don't like coming to work, the commissioner or governor has no concern over how the facility is run. They allow this to continue. Every since legislation signed into law more recreation for inmates they found a way to take it away. You have way too many officers employed here to be short staffed. If one officer is pulled from a post outside or gym rec is cancelled.

Another issue that should be addressed is inmates forced into hostile situations. If an inmate is put in a cell where another inmate threatens or does not want him in his cell, and does not want any problems. He is given two options staff will tell you to go in and face whatever you got coming or refuse housing. Either way you end up punished and put in segregation. The results are never good. This is how a inmate was recently killed forced in a cell staff.

If a inmate has a problem with staff and asked to see a supervisor he usually denied. It used to be you were either sent to see a supervisor or one would come to the unit to see you.

Inmates have not gotten a fair pay raise in decades. in the 80s a tier man got \$40.00 a month head tier man got \$80.00 kitchen workers got \$40.00 a pot washer got \$60.00 they work seven days. Those pays were taken away. We are making less pay today in 2026. Prices are through the roof. Corrections focusses on how much not to spend so that they can get bonuses at the end of the year.