

Correction Advisory Committee

My name is Edwin Bristol #301580. I am writing in regards to issues that affect inmates such as myself and my personal opinion on some of what is needed to maybe help the recidivism rate from a continuous uptick.

I beleive that one of the issues that greatly affect us is that we have way too much down time doing or having nothing to do. The department of Correction spends alot more money on correction officers uniforms and footwear / overtime, and benefits and very little on inmates.

Dont get me wrong I'm not trying to bash the Correction Officers. But us inmates are here 24/7 and we see and take notice as its very evident. They get paid alot for no work practicaly, sitting around 8-16 hours a day. We have very few programs or work despite many of us wishing we had something to do. The programs that are available are given to those that are about to go home, making the rest of us seem like we dont matter for majority of our sentence.

Another issue is the continuous violating of Administrative Directive 2.17

Correctional Officers Code of Conduct.

It leads to some inmates feeling like officers contradiction because they are supposed to lead by example as

Correction officers but instead their behavior sends the wrong message because though not following rules they still don't get held accountable.

We feel like the D.O.C. is more like a gang because its how they act. Instead of helping us correct our behavior and thinking patterns they focus more on intimidating / instigating / and making clear to us that they can do as they please without accountability.

I've been getting incarcerated for 21 years and from the beginning to now its the same pattern with the administration we need help! the system needs changes and someone needs to make clear to the D.O.C. that they have to stop looking at inmates like we're worthless and reminding them that they are here to provide and perform a duty not make this stay more difficult for us.

Thank you for the Abudisman for all his help and those that take part we see a little change but theres a lot more needed.

Thank You