

CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT REPORT
Prepared by Don Reyna, Youth Advocate/Ombudsman

Institution - Circleville JCF

Date of Visit 8/1/07

Superintendent - Thomas Teague

ISSUE

- 1.) While at the institution I walked through all the living units, I found them all to be clean, I also found all the restroom doors secure, the exception being Elm where I found the lower two restroom doors unsecured. Most units had grievance forms but did not have *Request to See the Youth Advocate* forms. While on Oak Unit I examined the laundry bags being returned to the youth. I discovered the clothes in the bags were not clean but jammed into the bags in a ball and they came out not clean in a ball. The color clothes, white underwear and socks were all discolored and washed in the same bag. I discussed this problem with Mr. Teague and he assured me he would look into the problem and get it resolved. He noted the laundry is sent to an outside vendor.
- 2.) While visiting the café I experienced piped in music, I didn't know what to think at first but later I observed the music appeared to have a quieting effect on the youth. It seemed to be appreciated by both the staff and the youth. This may be the answer to lowering the noise level in the café.
- 3.) The overall operation of this facility appears to be very satisfactory, no major problems stood out.

STAFF ADVISED

Mr. Teague
Ms. Harman

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Institution - Mohican JCF

Date of Visit 9/11/07

Superintendent - Martha Spohn

ISSUE

- 1.) I walked through all the living units and found all clean or in the process of being cleaned with the exception of B dorm, there was food thrown all over the floor, beds not made bathroom and shower areas dirty. I asked one of the JCO's present sitting at the podium who was responsible for cleaning the unit and he responded "I don't know it was not his regular assignment".
- 2.) As I left the housing area to return to the café I observed a dorm of youth heading towards the café in a very chaotic manner. The JCO present yelled at the youth "Expeditor" to get the youth back in line and under control; the Expeditor yelled to all the other youth "All you niggers get back in line" the JCO was well within eye sight and hearing the youth but did not take corrective action.
- 3.) Youth Lamont Jones #213914 expressed concern regarding an IDC he was granted, by appeal, but was told the facts in this IDC would still used by the Release Authority to add additional time to his release. Ms. Gaspers, RA, acknowledged they do use the information on the AMS system to consider additional time for youth even if the eventual result of the IDC process is the granting of the youth's appeal.

Staff Advised

Mr. Schaub
Mr. Ward

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Institution - Cuyahoga Hills JCF

Date of Visit 8/16/07

Superintendent - Katie Needham

ISSUE

- 1.) Superintendent, Ms. Needham, and I walked through the institution together during this visit. I must report I was very impressed with the state and condition of the institution during this visit compared to my last visit. The sanitary and living conditions were greatly improved. The youth were being managed very well, I observed UA's in the café for the entire meal, and the staff was responding appropriately to the youth. We visited G, H, A, D, and C dorms. All were clean, floors waxed, beds made, showers clean, toilet area clean, isolation rooms all clean, storage rooms in the back of the dorms were cleaned out and or reorganized. UA's were on their dorms supervising youth, JCO's was supervising youth and the social workers were on the unit interviewing youth. Ms. Needham appears to have taken charge and brought cleanliness and sanitation back to and beyond where they are expected to be. She has her staff supervising the youth very appropriately. As we walked through the institution it was impressive for me to observe Ms. Needham interact with the youth, they knew her and she knew them. She has obviously been making her rounds. Again, I was extremely awed with the improvement from one visit to another, kudos to Ms. Needham and her staff, she assured me this was not done for my benefit.

- 2.) Youth Jacob Young showed me what appeared to be open sores about the size of a pea on both his legs and arms. He was concerned he was not getting the proper medication to heal the sores. He noted another youth, Binkley, has similar sores on his legs and arms. They are both housed on the same dorm (B). Ms. Needham stated she will follow up with this with the medical department.

Staff Advised

Ms. Needham
Mr. Augustine