

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

## Education Programs - Quarterly Brief

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#### Academic Programs

The DRC offers four basic academic programs to assist inmates in achieving their educational foundation. These four programs include Literacy, Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE), Pre-GED, and General Education Diploma (GED). The DRC also offers apprenticeships, vocational and technical programs, and college courses in some institutions.

#### Educational Requirement

DRC policy 57-EDU-01 requires testing for educational ability of all inmates at reception. Inmates lacking a high school diploma, GED, or attendance of six months in educational programming under their current number must enroll in an academic program or must be placed on an appropriate waitlist. The DRC operates the Ohio Central School System, a public charter school system.

#### Q1 - FY 2012 Key Statistics

Total Number of Inmates: **50,347** (as of 9/30/11)  
Total Inmate Academic Enroll: **5,828**  
% Inmates in Academic Enrollment: **11.6%**  
Total High School Enrollment: **149**  
Total GEDs Earned: **653**  
Total Advanced Job Training Enrollment: **2,422**  
Total Advanced Job Training Waitlist: **1,154**

#### Priority Enrollment

The following inmates receive priority enrollment in educational programs, in the following order:

- Inmates under 22 years of age who are identified as a student with a disability
- Inmates under 22 years of age
- Inmates with the earliest release or parole consideration dates

Once these inmates have been enrolled, all other inmates will be enrolled.

#### Waitlists

One of the results of overcrowding is an increase in waitlists for educational programs. As of September 2011, the following institutions had the highest number of inmates waiting for a seat in one or more academic programs.

- Noble CI - **775**
- Ohio Reformatory for Women - **719**
- Lebanon CI - **719**
- Belmont CI - **717**
- Madison CI - **579**
- Pickaway CI - **541**

#### Inmate Tutors

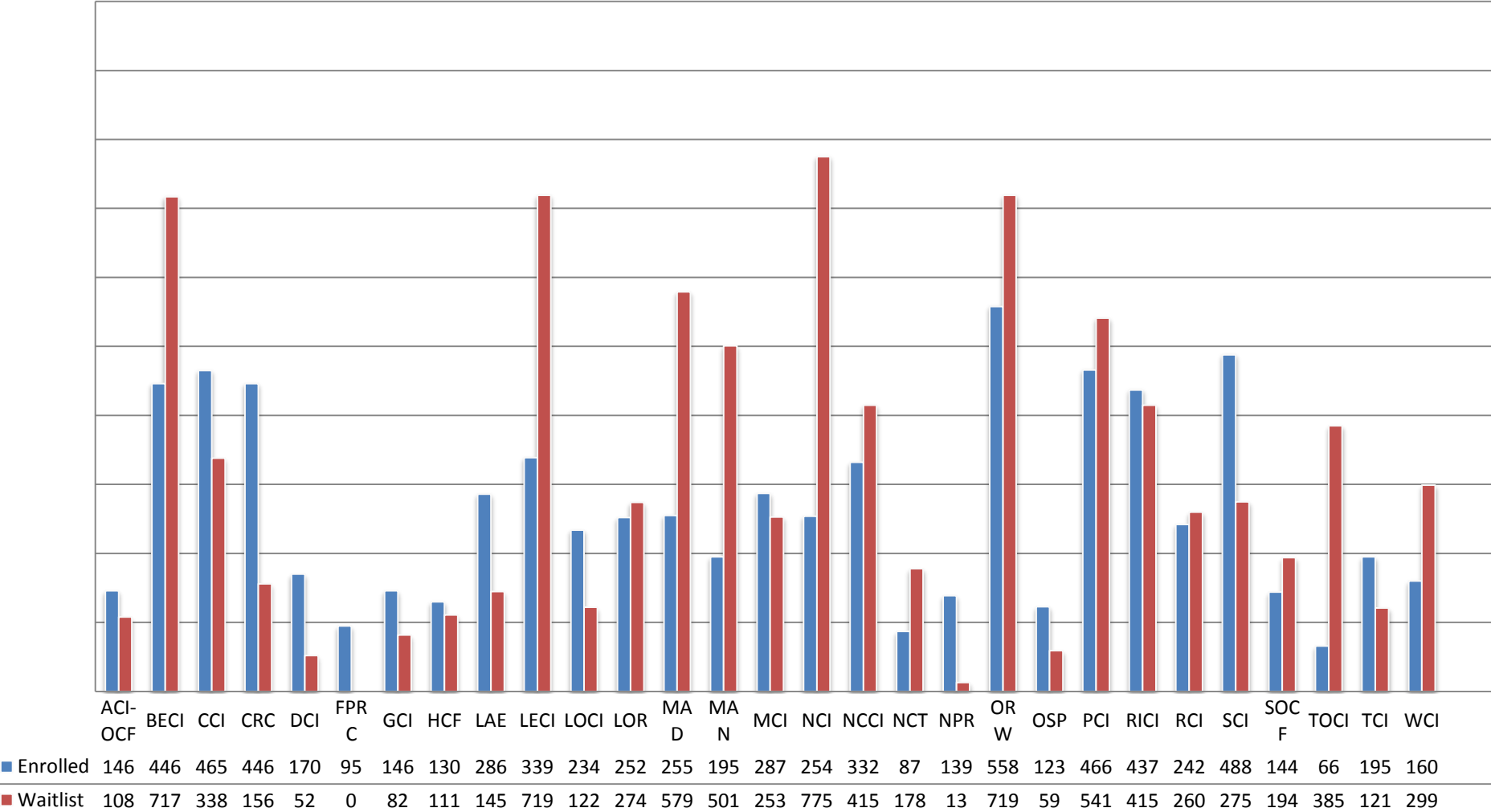
DRC has trained and engaged selective inmates as tutors as a way to increase the number of inmates receiving educational programming. Inmates at the pre-GED level have benefitted from the tutored class option by becoming better prepared for the GED test and replacing idle time with learning activities. Research in educational strategies indicates that structured peer tutoring, using tutors who are trained for their role, can be an effective form of instruction.

#### Advanced Job Training (AJT)

Post-secondary education is available to qualified inmates through contracts with colleges and universities. AJT inmates may earn industry certifications in technical vocations and industries, including business administration, dental lab technician, and graphic design, as they acquire job-ready skills. Research shows lower rates of recidivism among educated inmates.

For information, see DRC's Ohio Central School System annual report. <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/reports/OCSS/2009.pdf>

# Inmates Enrolled Year-to-Date in Academic Programs Compared to Inmates on YTD Waitlist\* for Academic Programs September 30, 2011



\*Waitlist data is a snapshot representing the number of inmates waiting for an open seat in any of the academic educational programs on the date that the data was collected.