

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Dayton Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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## Institution Profile

- Dayton, Ohio
- Levels 2 – 4 (medium to maximum) security
- Female
- Population: 643 (as of 10/31/11)
  - Capacity: 482 (current pop at 133%)
  - 74% White, 26% Black
- Number of Employees: 297 (37 vacancies)

## Key Statistics\*

- **Use of Force:** From 2009 to 2010, total uses of force remained approximately the same, with 14 and 16, respectively. The institution reported one of the lowest totals across the DRC.
- **Assaults:** Assaults were relatively rare, with a total of seven in both 2009 and 2010.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2010, the DRC reported 73 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no successful suicides and zero suicide attempts during this period.

\*In 2009 and 2010, the institution housed a male population.

## CIIC Contacts

In CY 2010, CIIC received only 16 contacts regarding DCI. The top three concerns relayed were in regard to Staff Accountability, Special Management Housing (segregation), and a three-way tie between Supervision, Non-Grievable Issues (generally related to inmate discipline) and Health Care. Again, the institution housed a male population in 2010 and the concerns with a female population will likely be different.

## Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- In August 2011, the facility began its conversion from a single-celled male facility to a double-celled female facility. Despite the many expected challenges in making this large of a change, the facility staff appear to have performed an exemplary job, with minimal to no problems experienced.
- All but one of the women interviewed stated that they felt “safe” or “very safe” at the facility. Most of the women had nothing but very positive comments regarding the institution and staff.
- Medical services in particular was complimented by the women, having recently been at ORW which was crippled by overcrowding.
- The units were overall very clean and were decorated with murals of positive images that provided a rehabilitative environment.
- Staff developed a number of positive recreational programs, including Zumba class and an intramural recreation league in which the women participate against local area colleges.
- Concerns included segregation conditions, which needed repainted, and staff reported pests such as roaches.
- Inmates relayed that the electronic metal lock on their cell doors was inoperable.
- Inmates also stated that the number of washers and dryers on the unit was inadequate.
- Multiple inmates were impressed by the Inspector, who appeared to be familiar to both inmates and staff and who was openly praised by both.