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Big Muddy Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted December 21th 2016.

Big Muddy Correctional Center is a medium security prison that houses approximately 1,800 adult male inmates. JHA collected 202 surveys from inmates (11.2% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to survey questions are reported below.

Race		
Black	78	38.6%
Hispanic	15	7.4%
White	96	47.5%
Other	10	5.0%
No response	3	1.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Age		
Under 21	3	1.5%
21-25	18	8.9%
26-35	64	31.7%
36-45	55	27.2%
46-55	35	17.3%
Over 55	24	11.9%
No response	3	1.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	23	11.4%
Agree	105	52.0%
Disagree	41	20.3%
Strongly Disagree	19	9.4%
Not-Applicable	5	2.5%
No Response	9	4.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	3	1.5%
Agree	35	17.3%
Disagree	70	34.7%
Strongly Disagree	83	41.1%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	7	3.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q3: Inmates treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	5	2.5%
Agree	78	38.6%
Disagree	78	38.6%
Strongly Disagree	30	14.9%
Not-Applicable	6	3.0%
No Response	5	2.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q4: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	6	3.0%
Agree	79	39.1%
Disagree	62	30.7%
Strongly Disagree	46	22.8%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	7	3.5%
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Q5: I know the rules or where to find them		
Strongly Agree	24	11.9%
Agree	122	60.4%
Disagree	34	16.8%
Strongly Disagree	14	6.9%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	8	4.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q6: Staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	6	3.0%
Agree	36	17.8%
Disagree	72	35.6%
Strongly Disagree	75	37.1%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	10	5.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q7: Staff provide helpful information about in-facility opportunities		
Strongly Agree	6	3.0%
Agree	49	24.3%
Disagree	85	42.1%
Strongly Disagree	55	27.2%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q8: Staff provide helpful reentry information		
Strongly Agree	6	3.0%
Agree	47	23.3%
Disagree	66	32.7%
Strongly Disagree	56	27.7%
Not-Applicable	21	10.4%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q9: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	16	7.9%
Agree	61	30.2%
Disagree	55	27.2%
Strongly Disagree	57	28.2%
Not-Applicable	7	3.5%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q10: Medical services are available		
Strongly Agree	24	11.9%
Agree	109	54.0%
Disagree	32	15.8%
Strongly Disagree	23	11.4%
Not-Applicable	7	3.5%
No Response	7	3.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q11: I am satisfied with health care services		
Strongly Agree	16	7.9%
Agree	68	33.7%
Disagree	60	29.7%
Strongly Disagree	49	24.3%
Not-Applicable	7	3.5%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q12: The co-pay stops me from seeking health care services		
Strongly Agree	68	33.7%
Agree	64	31.7%
Disagree	42	20.8%
Strongly Disagree	16	7.9%
Not-Applicable	8	4.0%
No Response	4	2.0%
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Q13: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	4	2.0%
Agree	52	25.7%
Disagree	58	28.7%
Strongly Disagree	73	36.1%
Not-Applicable	9	4.5%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q14: The facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	13	6.4%
Agree	97	48.0%
Disagree	44	21.8%
Strongly Disagree	35	17.3%
Not-Applicable	8	4.0%
No Response	5	2.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q15: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	5	2.5%
Agree	42	20.8%
Disagree	68	33.7%
Strongly Disagree	76	37.6%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	8	4.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q16: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	27	13.4%
Agree	111	55.0%
Disagree	34	16.8%
Strongly Disagree	20	9.9%
Not-Applicable	5	2.5%
No Response	5	2.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q17: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	2	1.0%
Agree	21	10.4%
Disagree	72	35.6%
Strongly Disagree	81	40.1%
Not-Applicable	18	8.9%
No Response	8	4.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q18: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	5	2.5%
Agree	38	18.8%
Disagree	68	33.7%
Strongly Disagree	72	35.6%
Not-Applicable	7	3.5%
No Response	12	5.9%
Total	202	100.0%

Q19: Contraband from outside the facility often gets inside		
Strongly Agree	6	3.0%
Agree	32	15.8%
Disagree	72	35.6%
Strongly Disagree	62	30.7%
Not-Applicable	18	8.9%
No Response	12	5.9%
Total	202	100.0%

Q20: There is frequent gang activity at this facility		
Strongly Agree	11	5.4%
Agree	47	23.3%
Disagree	81	40.1%
Strongly Disagree	49	24.3%
Not-Applicable	8	4.0%
No Response	6	3.0%
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Q21: My housing unit is clean		
Strongly Agree	25	12.4%
Agree	109	54.0%
Disagree	34	16.8%
Strongly Disagree	27	13.4%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	5	2.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q22: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	12	5.9%
Agree	109	54.0%
Disagree	44	21.8%
Strongly Disagree	30	14.9%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	4	2.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q23: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	8	4.0%
Agree	66	32.7%
Disagree	71	35.1%
Strongly Disagree	49	24.3%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q24: When something is broken on the unit it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	10	5.0%
Agree	70	34.7%
Disagree	61	30.2%
Strongly Disagree	52	25.7%
Not-Applicable	6	3.0%
No Response	3	1.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q25: I am satisfied with food from the dietary		
Strongly Agree	5	2.5%
Agree	27	13.4%
Disagree	63	31.2%
Strongly Disagree	96	47.5%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	7	3.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q26: I have access to clean and temperature appropriate clothing		
Strongly Agree	10	5.0%
Agree	97	48.0%
Disagree	44	21.8%
Strongly Disagree	46	22.8%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	4	2.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q27: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	36	17.8%
Agree	126	62.4%
Disagree	23	11.4%
Strongly Disagree	10	5.0%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q28: I have access to cleaning materials		
Strongly Agree	4	2.0%
Agree	43	21.3%
Disagree	73	36.1%
Strongly Disagree	75	37.1%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	5	2.5%
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Q29: I have access to state provided hygiene products		
Strongly Agree	5	2.5%
Agree	48	23.8%
Disagree	52	25.7%
Strongly Disagree	87	43.1%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	6	3.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q30: I have adequate recreation opportunities		
Strongly Agree	10	5.0%
Agree	94	46.5%
Disagree	57	28.2%
Strongly Disagree	35	17.3%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	4	2.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q31: I have adequate access to the law library		
Strongly Agree	13	6.4%
Agree	71	35.1%
Disagree	52	25.7%
Strongly Disagree	45	22.3%
Not-Applicable	13	6.4%
No Response	8	4.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q32: I have adequate access to general library		
Strongly Agree	16	7.9%
Agree	82	40.6%
Disagree	53	26.2%
Strongly Disagree	37	18.3%
Not-Applicable	6	3.0%
No Response	8	4.0%
Total	202	100.0%

Q33: There is adequate substance abuse treatment here		
Strongly Agree	19	9.4%
Agree	95	47.0%
Disagree	21	10.4%
Strongly Disagree	23	11.4%
Not-Applicable	33	16.3%
No Response	11	5.4%
Total	202	100.0%

Q34: I have adequate access to phones		
Strongly Agree	17	8.4%
Agree	87	43.1%
Disagree	40	19.8%
Strongly Disagree	47	23.3%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	7	3.5%
Total	202	100.0%

Q35: There is adequate educational programming here		
Strongly Agree	24	11.9%
Agree	87	43.1%
Disagree	39	19.3%
Strongly Disagree	33	16.3%
Not-Applicable	10	5.0%
No Response	9	4.5%
Total	202	100.0%

*Not all percentages reported for individual survey items add up to 100% due to percentages showing as rounded to one-tenth of one percent for each answer.