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Lawrence Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted December 20th 2016.

Lawrence Correctional Center is a medium security prison that houses approximately 2,250 adult male inmates. JHA collected 242 surveys from inmates (10.8% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to questions on the survey are reported below.

Race		
Black	125	51.7%
Hispanic	29	12.0%
White	53	21.9%
Other	14	5.8%
No response	21	8.7%
Total	242	100%

Age		
Under 21	4	1.7%
21-25	40	16.5%
26-35	83	34.3%
36-45	59	24.4%
46-55	33	13.6%
Over 55	14	5.8%
No response	9	45
Total	242	100%

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	25	10.3%
Agree	94	38.8%
Disagree	65	26.9%
Strongly Disagree	39	16.1%
Not-Applicable	14	5.8%
No Response	5	2.1%
Total	242	100%

Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	3	1.2%
Agree	38	15.7%
Disagree	98	40.5%
Strongly Disagree	88	36.4%
Not-Applicable	7	2.9%
No Response	8	3.3%
Total	242	100%

Q3: Inmates treat other inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	9	3.7%
Agree	87	36%
Disagree	84	34.7%
Strongly Disagree	49	20.2%
Not-Applicable	10	4.1%
No Response	3	1.2%
Total	242	100%

Q4: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	16	6.6%
Agree	97	40.1%
Disagree	66	27.3%
Strongly Disagree	48	19.8%
Not-Applicable	7	2.9%
No Response	8	3.3%
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Q5: I know the rules or where to find them		
Strongly Agree	43	17.8%
Agree	134	55.4%
Disagree	36	14.9%
Strongly Disagree	22	9.1%
Not-Applicable	4	1.7%
No Response	3	1.2%
Total	242	100%

Q6: Staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	3	1.2%
Agree	35	14.5%
Disagree	97	40.1%
Strongly Disagree	93	38.4%
Not-Applicable	7	2.9%
No Response	7	2.9%
Total	242	100%

Q7: Staff provide helpful information about in-facility opportunities		
Strongly Agree	7	2.9%
Agree	61	25.2%
Disagree	80	33.1%
Strongly Disagree	88	36.4%
Not-Applicable	4	1.7%
No Response	2	0.8%
Total	242	100%

Q8: Staff provide helpful reentry information		
Strongly Agree	12	5%
Agree	66	27.3%
Disagree	71	29.3%
Strongly Disagree	71	29.3%
Not-Applicable	14	5.8%
No Response	8	3.3%
Total	242	100%

Q9: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	43	17.8%
Agree	57	23.6%
Disagree	48	19.8%
Strongly Disagree	79	32.6%
Not-Applicable	9	3.7%
No Response	6	2.5%
Total	242	100%

Q10: Medical services are available		
Strongly Agree	23	9.5%
Agree	122	50.4%
Disagree	45	18.6%
Strongly Disagree	40	16.5%
Not-Applicable	6	2.5%
No Response	6	2.5%
Total	242	100%

Q11: I am satisfied with health care services		
Strongly Agree	18	7.4%
Agree	59	24.4%
Disagree	74	30.6%
Strongly Disagree	77	31.8%
Not-Applicable	7	2.9%
No Response	7	2.9%
Total	242	100%

Q12: The co-pay stops me from seeking health care services		
Strongly Agree	90	37.2%
Agree	65	26.9%
Disagree	42	17.4%
Strongly Disagree	30	12.4%
Not-Applicable	8	3.3%
No Response	7	2.9%
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Q13: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	12	5%
Agree	34	14%
Disagree	75	31%
Strongly Disagree	99	40.9%
Not-Applicable	18	7.4%
No Response	4	1.7%
Total	242	100%

Q14: The facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	24	9.9%
Agree	75	31%
Disagree	62	25.6%
Strongly Disagree	57	23.6%
Not-Applicable	16	6.6%
No Response	8	3.3%
Total	242	100%

Q15: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	8	3.3%
Agree	66	27.3%
Disagree	80	33.1%
Strongly Disagree	79	32.6%
Not-Applicable	5	2.1%
No Response	4	1.7%
Total	242	100%

Q16: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	30	12.4%
Agree	122	50.4%
Disagree	45	18.6%
Strongly Disagree	34	14%
Not-Applicable	7	2.9%
No Response	4	1.7%
Total	242	100%

Q17: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	7	2.9%
Agree	27	11.2%
Disagree	75	31%
Strongly Disagree	111	45.9%
Not-Applicable	13	5.4%
No Response	9	3.7%
Total	242	100%

Q18: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	11	4.5%
Agree	45	18.6%
Disagree	74	30.6%
Strongly Disagree	98	40.5%
Not-Applicable	9	3.7%
No Response	5	2.1%
Total	242	100%

Q19: Contraband from outside the facility often gets inside		
Strongly Agree	9	3.7%
Agree	12	5.0%
Disagree	72	29.8%
Strongly Disagree	100	41.3%
Not-Applicable	39	16.1%
No Response	10	4.1%
Total	242	100%

Q20: There is frequent gang activity at this facility		
Strongly Agree	26	10.7%
Agree	56	23.1%
Disagree	63	26.0%
Strongly Disagree	61	25.2%
Not-Applicable	31	12.8%
No Response	5	2.1%
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Q21: My housing unit is clean		
Strongly Agree	16	6.6%
Agree	79	32.6%
Disagree	62	25.6%
Strongly Disagree	77	31.8%
Not-Applicable	2	0.8%
No Response	6	2.5%
Total	242	100%

Q22: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	11	4.5%
Agree	78	32.2%
Disagree	57	23.6%
Strongly Disagree	85	35.1%
Not-Applicable	4	1.7%
No Response	7	2.9%
Total	242	100.0%

Q23: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	7	2.9%
Agree	57	23.6%
Disagree	74	30.6%
Strongly Disagree	80	33.1%
Not-Applicable	12	5.0%
No Response	12	5.0%
Total	242	100.0%

Q24: When something is broken on the unit it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	7	2.9%
Agree	48	19.8%
Disagree	74	30.6%
Strongly Disagree	105	43.4%
Not-Applicable	4	1.7%
No Response	4	1.7%
Total	242	100.0%

Q25: I am satisfied with food from the dietary		
Strongly Agree	7	2.9%
Agree	21	8.7%
Disagree	61	25.2%
Strongly Disagree	146	60.3%
Not-Applicable	3	1.2%
No Response	4	1.7%
Total	242	100.0%

Q26: I have access to clean and temperature appropriate clothing		
Strongly Agree	14	5.8%
Agree	90	37.2%
Disagree	57	23.6%
Strongly Disagree	71	29.3%
Not-Applicable	5	2.1%
No Response	5	2.1%
Total	242	100.0%

Q27: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	57	23.6%
Agree	152	62.8%
Disagree	10	4.1%
Strongly Disagree	14	5.8%
Not-Applicable	3	1.2%
No Response	6	2.5%
Total	242	100.0%

Q28: I have access to cleaning materials		
Strongly Agree	5	2.1%
Agree	37	15.3%
Disagree	75	31.0%
Strongly Disagree	114	47.1%
Not-Applicable	5	2.1%
No Response	6	2.5%
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Q29: I have access to state provided hygiene products		
Strongly Agree	8	3.3%
Agree	40	16.5%
Disagree	57	23.6%
Strongly Disagree	118	48.8%
Not-Applicable	11	4.5%
No Response	8	3.3%
Total	242	100.0%

Q30: I have adequate recreation opportunities		
Strongly Agree	12	5.0%
Agree	85	35.1%
Disagree	57	23.6%
Strongly Disagree	78	32.2%
Not-Applicable	5	2.1%
No Response	5	2.1%
Total	242	100.0%

Q31: I have adequate access to the law library		
Strongly Agree	25	10.3%
Agree	114	47.1%
Disagree	42	17.4%
Strongly Disagree	44	18.2%
Not-Applicable	8	3.3%
No Response	9	3.7%
Total	242	100.0%

Q32: I have adequate access to general library		
Strongly Agree	21	8.7%
Agree	124	51.2%
Disagree	45	18.6%
Strongly Disagree	36	14.9%
Not-Applicable	11	4.5%
No Response	5	2.1%
Total	242	100.0%

Q33: There is adequate substance abuse treatment here		
Strongly Agree	15	6.2%
Agree	69	28.5%
Disagree	50	20.7%
Strongly Disagree	69	28.5%
Not-Applicable	30	12.4%
No Response	9	3.7%
Total	242	100.0%

Q34: I have adequate access to phones		
Strongly Agree	38	15.7%
Agree	141	58.3%
Disagree	25	10.3%
Strongly Disagree	24	9.9%
Not-Applicable	5	2.1%
No Response	9	3.7%
Total	242	100.0%

Q35: There is adequate educational programming here		
Strongly Agree	27	11.2%
Agree	54	22.3%
Disagree	44	18.2%
Strongly Disagree	99	40.9%
Not-Applicable	9	3.7%
No Response	9	3.7%
Total	242	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.