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Pinckneyville Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted October 11th 2017

Pinckneyville Correctional Center is a medium-security prison that housed 2,203 adult male inmates on the day of JHA's monitoring visit. JHA collected 1,264 surveys from inmates (57.3% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to survey questions are reported below.

Responses to Inmate Demographic Questions:

Race		
Black	767	61%
White	264	21%
Hispanic	115	9%
Other	68	5%
No response	50	4%
Total	1264	100%

Age		
Under 26	226	18%
26-35	418	33%
36-45	286	23%
46-55	192	15%
Over 55	122	10%
No response	20	2%
Total	1264	100%

How long have you been in this prison?		
Less than 6 months	253	20%
6 months or more	979	78%
No response	32	3%
Total	1264	100%

Primary assignment		
Work	164	13%
School	203	16%
Unassigned	790	63%
Other	34	3%
No response	73	6%
Total	1264	100%

Responses to Inmate Survey Questions:

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	59	5%
Agree	161	13%
Neutral	343	27%
Disagree	287	23%
Strongly Disagree	384	30%
No Response	30	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	8	1%
Agree	27	2%
Neutral	127	10%
Disagree	293	23%
Strongly Disagree	788	62%
No Response	21	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q3: Inmates treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	50	4%
Agree	190	15%
Neutral	592	47%
Disagree	238	19%
Strongly Disagree	173	14%
No Response	21	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q4: I know the rules or where to find them		
Strongly Agree	196	16%
Agree	465	37%
Neutral	282	22%
Disagree	159	13%
Strongly Disagree	134	11%
No Response	28	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q5: Staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	10	1%
Agree	40	3%
Neutral	167	13%
Disagree	344	27%
Strongly Disagree	684	54%
No Response	19	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q6: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	86	7%
Agree	203	16%
Neutral	265	21%
Disagree	229	18%
Strongly Disagree	462	37%
No Response	19	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q7: I am satisfied with medical services		
Strongly Agree	40	3%
Agree	106	8%
Neutral	226	18%
Disagree	310	25%
Strongly Disagree	564	45%
No Response	18	1%
Total	1264	100%

Q8: I avoid health care to avoid \$5 co-pay		
Strongly Agree	557	44%
Agree	248	20%
Neutral	146	12%
Disagree	115	9%
Strongly Disagree	176	14%
No Response	22	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q9: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	12	1%
Agree	27	2%
Neutral	130	10%
Disagree	254	20%
Strongly Disagree	822	65%
No Response	19	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q10: This facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	32	3%
Agree	107	9%
Neutral	299	24%
Disagree	299	24%
Strongly Disagree	509	40%
No Response	18	1%
Total	1264	100%

Q11: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	153	12%
Agree	322	26%
Neutral	229	18%
Disagree	212	17%
Strongly Disagree	329	26%
No Response	19	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q12: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	10	1%
Agree	19	2%
Neutral	156	12%
Disagree	230	18%
Strongly Disagree	825	65%
No Response	24	2%
Total	1264	100%

Q13: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	43	3%
Agree	76	6%
Neutral	174	14%
Disagree	315	25%
Strongly Disagree	641	51%
No Response	15	1%
Total	1264	100%

Q14: Contraband from outside facility often gets inside		
Strongly Agree	50	4%
Agree	45	4%
Neutral	240	19%
Disagree	357	28%
Strongly Disagree	497	39%
No Response	75	6%
Total	1264	100%

Q15: There is frequent gang activity here		
Strongly Agree	178	14%
Agree	169	13%
Neutral	342	27%
Disagree	284	23%
Strongly Disagree	215	17%
No Response	76	6%
Total	1264	100%

Q16: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	43	3%
Agree	125	10%
Neutral	187	15%
Disagree	272	22%
Strongly Disagree	586	46%
No Response	51	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q17: Adequate cleaning supplies are provided		
Strongly Agree	20	2%
Agree	57	5%
Neutral	106	8%
Disagree	259	21%
Strongly Disagree	776	61%
No Response	46	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q18: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	21	2%
Agree	110	9%
Neutral	269	21%
Disagree	322	26%
Strongly Disagree	503	40%
No Response	39	3%
Total	1264	100%

Q19: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	70	6%
Agree	312	25%
Neutral	350	28%
Disagree	220	17%
Strongly Disagree	248	20%
No Response	64	5%
Total	1264	100%

Q20: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	21	2%
Agree	140	11%
Neutral	255	20%
Disagree	299	24%
Strongly Disagree	467	37%
No Response	82	7%
Total	1264	100%

Q21: When something is broken it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	23	2%
Agree	130	10%
Neutral	249	20%
Disagree	318	25%
Strongly Disagree	492	39%
No Response	52	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q22: I am satisfied with food from dietary		
Strongly Agree	25	2%
Agree	119	9%
Neutral	218	17%
Disagree	263	21%
Strongly Disagree	599	47%
No Response	40	3%
Total	1264	100%

Q23: Clothing provided by state is adequate		
Strongly Agree	17	1%
Agree	112	9%
Neutral	206	16%
Disagree	294	23%
Strongly Disagree	583	46%
No Response	52	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q24: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	205	16%
Agree	417	33%
Neutral	246	20%
Disagree	160	13%
Strongly Disagree	194	15%
No Response	42	3%
Total	1264	100%

Q25: Enough state hygiene items are provided		
Strongly Agree	16	1%
Agree	40	3%
Neutral	104	8%
Disagree	239	19%
Strongly Disagree	815	65%
No Response	50	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q26: There is enough rec		
Strongly Agree	18	1%
Agree	63	5%
Neutral	127	10%
Disagree	247	20%
Strongly Disagree	756	60%
No Response	53	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q27: I have adequate access to law library		
Strongly Agree	42	3%
Agree	215	17%
Neutral	362	29%
Disagree	195	15%
Strongly Disagree	391	31%
No Response	59	5%
Total	1264	100%

Q28: I have enough access to phones		
Strongly Agree	61	5%
Agree	198	16%
Neutral	227	18%
Disagree	256	20%
Strongly Disagree	474	38%
No Response	48	4%
Total	1264	100%

Q29: Helpful reentry info is provided by staff		
Strongly Agree	42	3%
Agree	110	9%
Neutral	348	28%
Disagree	279	22%
Strongly Disagree	416	33%
No Response	69	6%
Total	1264	100%

Q30: Rehabilitative & Education programming is adequate		
Strongly Agree	80	6%
Agree	245	19%
Neutral	341	27%
Disagree	214	17%
Strongly Disagree	321	25%
No Response	63	5%
Total	1264	100%

*Not all percentages reported for individual survey items add up to 100% due to percentages being rounded to whole number.