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Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted September 14th 2016.

Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center is a minimum-security prison that houses approximately 600 adult male inmates. JHA collected 196 surveys from inmates (32.7% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to survey questions are reported below.

Race		
Black	62	31.6%
Hispanic	5	2.6%
White	113	57.7%
Other	11	5.6%
No response	5	2.6%
Total	196	100.0%

Age		
Under 21	8	4.1%
21-25	35	17.9%
26-35	61	31.1%
36-45	52	26.5%
46-55	28	14.3%
Over 55	9	4.6%
No response	3	1.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	40	20.4%
Agree	107	54.6%
Disagree	33	16.8%
Strongly Disagree	12	6.1%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	2	1.0%
Agree	38	19.4%
Disagree	57	29.1%
Strongly Disagree	90	45.9%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	5	2.6%
Total	196	100.0%

Q3: Inmates treat other inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	2	1.0%
Agree	82	41.8%
Disagree	75	38.3%
Strongly Disagree	32	16.3%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q4: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	13	6.6%
Agree	81	41.3%
Disagree	68	34.7%
Strongly Disagree	29	14.8%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	2	1.0%
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Q5: I know the rules or where to find them		
Strongly Agree	49	25.0%
Agree	127	64.8%
Disagree	13	6.6%
Strongly Disagree	4	2.0%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	3	1.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q6: Staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	5	2.6%
Agree	43	21.9%
Disagree	70	35.7%
Strongly Disagree	67	34.2%
Not-Applicable	6	3.1%
No Response	5	2.6%
Total	196	100.0%

Q7: Staff provide helpful information about in-facility opportunities		
Strongly Agree	11	5.6%
Agree	63	32.1%
Disagree	74	37.8%
Strongly Disagree	44	22.4%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q8: Staff provide helpful reentry information		
Strongly Agree	8	4.1%
Agree	75	38.3%
Disagree	67	34.2%
Strongly Disagree	36	18.4%
Not-Applicable	8	4.1%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q9: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	7	3.6%
Agree	43	21.9%
Disagree	48	24.5%
Strongly Disagree	90	45.9%
Not-Applicable	7	3.6%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q10: Medical services are available		
Strongly Agree	13	6.6%
Agree	117	59.7%
Disagree	35	17.9%
Strongly Disagree	25	12.8%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	5	2.6%
Total	196	100.0%

Q11: I am satisfied with health care services		
Strongly Agree	3	1.5%
Agree	44	22.4%
Disagree	54	27.6%
Strongly Disagree	89	45.4%
Not-Applicable	5	2.6%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q12: The co-pay stops me from seeking health care services		
Strongly Agree	71	36.2%
Agree	47	24.0%
Disagree	52	26.5%
Strongly Disagree	18	9.2%
Not-Applicable	6	3.1%
No Response	2	1.0%
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Q13: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	3	1.5%
Agree	57	29.1%
Disagree	47	24.0%
Strongly Disagree	79	40.3%
Not-Applicable	7	3.6%
No Response	3	1.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q14: The facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	29	14.8%
Agree	114	58.2%
Disagree	33	16.8%
Strongly Disagree	19	9.7%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q15: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	8	4.1%
Agree	76	38.8%
Disagree	49	25.0%
Strongly Disagree	60	30.6%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q16: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	23	11.7%
Agree	131	66.8%
Disagree	25	12.8%
Strongly Disagree	16	8.2%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q17: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	2	1.0%
Agree	22	11.2%
Disagree	72	36.7%
Strongly Disagree	86	43.9%
Not-Applicable	11	5.6%
No Response	3	1.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q18: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	6	3.1%
Agree	41	20.9%
Disagree	75	38.3%
Strongly Disagree	68	34.7%
Not-Applicable	6	3.1%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q19: Contraband from outside the facility often gets inside		
Strongly Agree	2	1.0%
Agree	15	7.7%
Disagree	74	37.8%
Strongly Disagree	89	45.4%
Not-Applicable	14	7.1%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q20: There is frequent gang activity at this facility		
Strongly Agree	22	11.2%
Agree	41	20.9%
Disagree	73	37.2%
Strongly Disagree	53	27.0%
Not-Applicable	6	3.1%
No Response	1	0.5%
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Q21: My housing unit is clean		
Strongly Agree	8	4.1%
Agree	94	48.0%
Disagree	44	22.4%
Strongly Disagree	46	23.5%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	3	1.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q22: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	1	0.5%
Agree	38	19.4%
Disagree	50	25.5%
Strongly Disagree	104	53.1%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q23: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	2	1.0%
Agree	32	16.3%
Disagree	58	29.6%
Strongly Disagree	98	50.0%
Not-Applicable	2	1.0%
No Response	4	2.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q24: When something is broken on the unit it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	4	2.0%
Agree	38	19.4%
Disagree	53	27.0%
Strongly Disagree	97	49.5%
Not-Applicable	3	1.5%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q25: I am satisfied with food from the dietary		
Strongly Agree	3	1.5%
Agree	35	17.9%
Disagree	50	25.5%
Strongly Disagree	100	51.0%
Not-Applicable	6	3.1%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q26: I have access to clean and temperature appropriate clothing		
Strongly Agree	8	4.1%
Agree	96	49.0%
Disagree	40	20.4%
Strongly Disagree	51	26.0%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q27: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	52	26.5%
Agree	118	60.2%
Disagree	11	5.6%
Strongly Disagree	15	7.7%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q28: I have access to cleaning materials		
Strongly Agree	19	9.7%
Agree	69	35.2%
Disagree	57	29.1%
Strongly Disagree	46	23.5%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	5	2.6%
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Q29: I have access to state provided hygiene products		
Strongly Agree	5	2.6%
Agree	37	18.9%
Disagree	43	21.9%
Strongly Disagree	103	52.6%
Not-Applicable	6	3.1%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q30: I have adequate recreation opportunities		
Strongly Agree	32	16.3%
Agree	120	61.2%
Disagree	23	11.7%
Strongly Disagree	19	9.7%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q31: I have adequate access to the law library		
Strongly Agree	40	20.4%
Agree	130	66.3%
Disagree	11	5.6%
Strongly Disagree	9	4.6%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	2	1.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q32: I have adequate access to general library		
Strongly Agree	43	21.9%
Agree	128	65.3%
Disagree	10	5.1%
Strongly Disagree	7	3.6%
Not-Applicable	4	2.0%
No Response	4	2.0%
Total	196	100.0%

Q33: There is adequate substance abuse treatment here		
Strongly Agree	24	12.2%
Agree	87	44.4%
Disagree	32	16.3%
Strongly Disagree	47	24.0%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	5	2.6%
Total	196	100.0%

Q34: I have adequate access to phones		
Strongly Agree	17	8.7%
Agree	90	45.9%
Disagree	46	23.5%
Strongly Disagree	41	20.9%
Not-Applicable	1	0.5%
No Response	1	0.5%
Total	196	100.0%

Q35: There is adequate educational programming here		
Strongly Agree	37	18.9%
Agree	95	48.5%
Disagree	27	13.8%
Strongly Disagree	37	18.9%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	0	0.0%
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*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.