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## Taylorville Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Taylorville Correctional Center is a minimum-security prison that houses approximately 1,200 adult male inmates. JHA collected 148 surveys from inmates (12.3% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to survey questions are reported below.

<b>Race</b>		
Black	24	16.2%
Hispanic	7	4.7%
White	101	68.2%
Other	8	5.4%
No response	8	5.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Age</b>		
Under 21	4	2.7%
21-25	18	12.2%
26-35	41	27.7%
36-45	35	23.6%
46-55	24	16.2%
Over 55	24	16.2%
No response	2	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Q1: I feel safe</b>		
Strongly Agree	48	32.4%
Agree	83	56.1%
Disagree	9	6.1%
Strongly Disagree	4	2.7%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	4	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	9.5%
Agree	69	46.6%
Disagree	35	23.6%
Strongly Disagree	23	15.5%
Not-Applicable	2	1.4%
No Response	5	3.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Q3: Inmates treat other inmates with respect</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	3.4%
Agree	61	41.2%
Disagree	62	41.9%
Strongly Disagree	16	10.8%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	3	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Q4: Posted schedules are accurate</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	9.5%
Agree	91	61.5%
Disagree	33	22.3%
Strongly Disagree	8	5.4%
Not-Applicable	2	1.4%
No Response	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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<b>Q5: I know the rules or where to find them</b>		
Strongly Agree	40	27.0%
Agree	87	58.8%
Disagree	11	7.4%
Strongly Disagree	4	2.7%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	5	3.4%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q6: Staff follow rules</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	6.8%
Agree	59	39.9%
Disagree	45	30.4%
Strongly Disagree	28	18.9%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	5	3.4%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q7: Staff provide helpful information about in-facility opportunities</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	9.5%
Agree	50	33.8%
Disagree	57	38.5%
Strongly Disagree	21	14.2%
Not-Applicable	2	1.4%
No Response	4	2.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q8: Staff provide helpful reentry information</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	5.4%
Agree	55	37.2%
Disagree	44	29.7%
Strongly Disagree	30	20.3%
Not-Applicable	7	4.7%
No Response	4	2.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q9: My Correctional Counselor is effective</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	5.4%
Agree	33	22.3%
Disagree	55	37.2%
Strongly Disagree	44	29.7%
Not-Applicable	4	2.7%
No Response	4	2.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q10: Medical services are available</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	3.4%
Agree	76	51.4%
Disagree	33	22.3%
Strongly Disagree	27	18.2%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q11: I am satisfied with health care services</b>		
Strongly Agree	3	2.0%
Agree	27	18.2%
Disagree	47	31.8%
Strongly Disagree	66	44.6%
Not-Applicable	2	1.4%
No Response	3	2.0%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q12: The co-pay stops me from seeking health care services</b>		
Strongly Agree	54	36.5%
Agree	40	27.0%
Disagree	33	22.3%
Strongly Disagree	12	8.1%
Not-Applicable	8	5.4%
No Response	1	0.7%
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<b>Q13: The disciplinary process is fair</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	5.4%
Agree	71	48.0%
Disagree	32	21.6%
Strongly Disagree	24	16.2%
Not-Applicable	7	4.7%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q14: The facility is safe for inmates</b>		
Strongly Agree	35	23.6%
Agree	92	62.2%
Disagree	13	8.8%
Strongly Disagree	5	3.4%
Not-Applicable	3	2.0%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q15: Mail is timely</b>		
Strongly Agree	24	16.2%
Agree	83	56.1%
Disagree	27	18.2%
Strongly Disagree	6	4.1%
Not-Applicable	2	1.4%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q16: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help</b>		
Strongly Agree	22	14.9%
Agree	93	62.8%
Disagree	19	12.8%
Strongly Disagree	5	3.4%
Not-Applicable	3	2.0%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q17: The grievance process is effective</b>		
Strongly Agree	2	1.4%
Agree	28	18.9%
Disagree	49	33.1%
Strongly Disagree	46	31.1%
Not-Applicable	16	10.8%
No Response	7	4.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q18: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	3.4%
Agree	46	31.1%
Disagree	48	32.4%
Strongly Disagree	33	22.3%
Not-Applicable	10	6.8%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q19: Contraband from outside the facility often gets inside</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	3.4%
Agree	10	6.8%
Disagree	59	39.9%
Strongly Disagree	54	36.5%
Not-Applicable	14	9.5%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q20: There is frequent gang activity at this facility</b>		
Strongly Agree	3	2.0%
Agree	11	7.4%
Disagree	43	29.1%
Strongly Disagree	76	51.4%
Not-Applicable	7	4.7%
No Response	8	5.4%
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<b>Q21: My housing unit is clean</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	9.5%
Agree	66	44.6%
Disagree	38	25.7%
Strongly Disagree	25	16.9%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	5	3.4%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q22: Temperature is comfortable</b>		
Strongly Agree	20	13.5%
Agree	86	58.1%
Disagree	28	18.9%
Strongly Disagree	8	5.4%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q23: Ventilation is adequate</b>		
Strongly Agree	9	6.1%
Agree	51	34.5%
Disagree	45	30.4%
Strongly Disagree	29	19.6%
Not-Applicable	4	2.7%
No Response	10	6.8%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q24: When something is broken on the unit it is fixed in a timely manner</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	5.4%
Agree	58	39.2%
Disagree	44	29.7%
Strongly Disagree	33	22.3%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	5	3.4%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q25: I am satisfied with food from the dietary</b>		
Strongly Agree	13	8.8%
Agree	62	41.9%
Disagree	44	29.7%
Strongly Disagree	20	13.5%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	9	6.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q26: I have access to clean and temperature appropriate clothing</b>		
Strongly Agree	18	12.2%
Agree	92	62.2%
Disagree	22	14.9%
Strongly Disagree	11	7.4%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	4	2.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q27: I have adequate access to showers</b>		
Strongly Agree	59	39.9%
Agree	80	54.1%
Disagree	2	1.4%
Strongly Disagree	2	1.4%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	5	3.4%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q28: I have access to cleaning materials</b>		
Strongly Agree	19	12.8%
Agree	66	44.6%
Disagree	30	20.3%
Strongly Disagree	26	17.6%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	6	4.1%
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<b>Q29: I have access to state provided hygiene products</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	9.5%
Agree	57	38.5%
Disagree	43	29.1%
Strongly Disagree	25	16.9%
Not-Applicable	3	2.0%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q30: I have adequate recreation opportunities</b>		
Strongly Agree	31	20.9%
Agree	83	56.1%
Disagree	18	12.2%
Strongly Disagree	9	6.1%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	7	4.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q31: I have adequate access to the law library</b>		
Strongly Agree	16	10.8%
Agree	86	58.1%
Disagree	24	16.2%
Strongly Disagree	11	7.4%
Not-Applicable	5	3.4%
No Response	6	4.1%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q32: I have adequate access to general library</b>		
Strongly Agree	24	16.2%
Agree	94	63.5%
Disagree	14	9.5%
Strongly Disagree	8	5.4%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	7	4.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q33: There is adequate substance abuse treatment here</b>		
Strongly Agree	24	16.2%
Agree	81	54.7%
Disagree	18	12.2%
Strongly Disagree	7	4.7%
Not-Applicable	11	7.4%
No Response	7	4.7%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q34: I have adequate access to phones</b>		
Strongly Agree	52	35.1%
Agree	80	54.1%
Disagree	9	6.1%
Strongly Disagree	2	1.4%
Not-Applicable	0	0.0%
No Response	5	3.4%
Total	148	100.0%

<b>Q35: There is adequate educational programming here</b>		
Strongly Agree	37	25.0%
Agree	81	54.7%
Disagree	17	11.5%
Strongly Disagree	5	3.4%
Not-Applicable	1	0.7%
No Response	7	4.7%
Total	148	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.*