
**Survey Comment
Report**



**Lincoln 2023
MQPL Survey
Comments**

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Introduction

Lincoln Correctional Center (Lincoln) is a minimum-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed approximately 763 people on March 27, 2023. Lincoln is an IDOC designated “Rapid Re-entry” prison primarily for people within 18 months of release. The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short [Measuring the Quality of Prison Life](#) (MQPL) survey by providing enough survey packets (consisting of the [MQPL survey](#), an informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and a privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person incarcerated at Lincoln had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 193 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Lincoln through June 7, 2023, representing approximately 25% of the static population. JHA visited Lincoln in May 2023.

Below are the comments from the MQPL surveys for the open-ended survey questions followed by marginalia comments. Please note:

- All blank answers have been omitted
- Names and other personally identifying details have been redacted
- Spelling and grammar have been lightly edited for understanding and to account for possible transcriber typos

OPEN-ENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q12. What are the most positive things about life in this prison?

1. Outdate by projected do to time by court
2. I have a outdate by the court not IDOC
3. being able to contact your family thur Phone, visits & video calls
4. Some COs are very helpful and fair. Also at my age I get left alone for the most part
5. able to work on myself
6. I am under 18 mo
7. N/A
8. Your in a open environment, you can use the phone on a regular, clothes get washed and a shower every day, and 3 meals if you go to Dietary every day

9. They have school & some programs, but here at Lincoln they don't have the staff to keep them running
10. get to watch TV
11. getting off streets and getting healthy
12. my TV
13. If you have money you can get TV's to pass the time and if you don't got money from the outside they offer state loan TV's
14. Getting on the phone. Going to gym or yard.
15. Leaving
16. any Programs
17. Education/subtrity
18. There are not many positive things I can say about life in prison, this is my first time, and I have not been through many positive things other than building blocks
19. state I.D.
20. nothing
21. Going Home
22. None
23. they help us focus on things we need to focus on
24. The patio, phone availability
25. I don't know
26. Im learning I don't want to commit crimes anymore
27. Nothing you are stuck sitting around if you have 6 months or less. You cant work or do programs. Cant earn good time.
28. You have a fair amount of movement
29. having a outdate.
30. your outdate
31. Without self-control your schedule will be managed by your opportunity and not by your priorities
32. get visits and 20 cent a minute phone calls
33. the Dorm setting and the amount of time spent on the patio in a fresh air environment
34. not a Bad Prison
35. Eventually Ill get out
36. I see black people in here more than white people
37. You wake up and you eat and sleep.
38. For me, is that; I've Been Blessed to have the opportunity to have tooking all the programs here at Lincoln C.C.
39. The Drug program Westcare
40. NONE
41. Nothing comes to mind
42. The low violence level
43. None
44. There are none no programs I have been in hear for a year and never had any atall
45. Bible study.
46. NOTHING

47. Some staff are helpful
48. Commissary once a week, No cells
49. I'm Alive
50. There ARE a few select staff that really shine... but only a few. The Westcare Program is awesome. Bible studies is great. Enjoyed the church groups with their "Hope Bags" at Christmas. Thanksgiving dinner was great. Love ability to enjoy TV, wifi, music service.
51. Nothing
52. Time to get your health Back on track
53. Time to think about doing the right thing Away from the drugs and people that helped get me here & food
54. Safe
55. Being out all day. Food is edible.
56. nothing this is a dog kennel and people are not animals neither are black people the prison system aint shit but slavery
57. NONE.
58. Safety of life.
59. give you time to think and fine out the ones who love you out there in the street
60. This prison does have positive programs to help ya. Jobs are available too.
61. I can build friendships I keep when I leave. I stay in contact w/ certain people
62. get off drugs
63. It is a dorm so you cant be locked up
64. Certain interactions with some staff.
65. There are no positive things about Lincoln.
66. Getting on the phone
67. a chance to change and start over but you have to do it yourself.
68. I can't get narcotics
69. Im Sober
70. the food is good/excellent and the healthcare people are really nice + Helpful. and the mental Health people are really helpful and considerate almost to a fault, which I find is excellent from other facilities!!
71. I'm close to my Relatives for them to visit me
72. The positive Aspects are that even though this prison lacks programing and the staff to maintain persons in custody at full capacity, I know that I only have 6 months left so I never have to deal with it again.
73. That your outdate is set by springfield
74. Positive Peer groups
75. the yard and gym opportunities
76. Nothing to be honest.
77. Bettering myself and staying positive with long term decision
78. Nothing
79. That I will get out of this fake Prison one day!!
80. Not Much They Need more Programs
81. Nothing

82. The most positive things are being able to go to the gym every other day + having access to the library
83. most people here are short timers
84. no cells
85. NONE/pre covid All Memory for Me is gone of this prison and thats not saying nothing good about this place.
86. 1. Being in Dorms. 2. State loan TV
87. None
88. The most positive for me, is the fact I have 6 months left and I'll be leaving soon!
89. The food and cleanliness of the prison
90. I mean I Really don't know But What I Seen so far the B and C grade need to change To where we can do more things and make more Phone calls and etc
91. None
92. That we get to talk on the phone everything else here is horrible for this to be a minimum facility
93. Chapel/Church
94. The open concept with dorms instead of cells
95. Out all day no cells
96. Nothing
97. The dorm setting
98. Nothing here. They have no programs, This prison is not offering schooling to people that Really need it. This prison is not giving us any good time.
99. The positive side of this experience is that I've gotten a chance face reality, also to prepare for a change That is Needed in my Life
100. I have had time to sober up and clear out my drugged brain and reflect on what to do with the rest of my life and for sure make better choices.
101. That they Have A Nice Drug Program.
102. The most positive things are the gym, yard, commissary and TVs
103. Free Weights, Yard, Gym.
104. Commissary every week, good choice of weights
105. nothing
106. It is a dorm setting
107. it's a short timed lived.
108. Nothing
109. People are relatively Short time
110. I feel like this is a safer prison due to the inmates being down for reletively petty crimes.
111. The person is allowed to use the phone multiple times a day. The food is not bad. Most people are 18 month or less to do, I get to see people go home every month.
112. nothing Is postive. In this prison This prison is show all everything they Do In here I hate It in here In this prison
113. No cells, movement in House all day
114. Staff, and no programming

115. Nothing positive per se, but all the nuances and should positively dissuade any one with real motivation not to return to Prison.
116. Springs in the bed are great LOL church is good mostly every night food is Good clean
117. Its nothing positive about being in prison.
118. Being in dorms
119. Access to the Warden routinely as she makes herself available on the housing units.
120. None
121. The help moving forward to stay out
122. Only positive thing is the wardens are not racist also the wardens are active and try their best to make sure staff treat inmates as human.
123. I was able to work one contract earning [30+] days good Time. Other than that I was denied any available good Time (the six months) or any other programming
124. Family phone, Food, Commissary
125. Bible study and hope. I have nothing nice to say about this place. Nothing positive.
126. Showers are open to use
127. nothing
128. Food
129. It is safe from Gang activity and Rape
130. Its Nothing positive to say about beeing locked up in Jail. But do your time, and do Better when you get back out in socitey that all!
131. nothing is positive about this place the staff is bad and they treat us more like animals then humans only thing that is positive about this place is that a least we once step closer to going home
132. None
133. It is a chance to straiten my life.
134. working and going to school
135. Nothing because they dont got nothing
136. Being off Drugs and reconnecting with friends and family.
137. outdate
138. working
139. I Just Got here
140. Dorm setting, time outside, reasonably good food and priced commissary
141. Building Blocks Program Prior To 7-1-22
142. need some good time help.
143. No cells. good food. Television
144. Time to get sober & think
145. Not a thing positive in a neg inviroment
146. Nothing possitive here not even counselor
147. You not lock up all day in a cell doing 21 and 3 in a cell.
148. I can't say it's anything positive about this place because it seem like they want to consistently break you down
149. This is the most frustrating, inconsistant place I've been.
150. Nothing
151. nothing

- 152. Nothing
- 153. None
- 154. Being able to think about how im wanting to live life when im released
- 155. prison has given me a chance to dry out and clear my head of all vices and reflect on what I want the rest of my life to consist of. Clearly I was not doing this out in the fast lane.
- 156. your not Locked down All Day And Fellowship with my Muslim brothers.
- 157. we get Patio, Yard, and gym. Library and law library is okay. We get alot of dayroom time.
- 158. none I feel, I'm just blessed and happy I have love and support, as well as communication from my outside family and friends
- 159. Mental health
- 160. There isn't nothing positive things in prison not at all. Just do your time and get out and start all over again and do better when you get out.
- 161. yard + friends

Q13. What are the most negative things about life in this prison?

- 1. officer's not seeing inmates as people but a job
- 2. They are not trying to help with getting people out but to holding for max time
- 3. Commissary does not have enough items on it for food & electronics. Also not enough programs to earn good time. Not enough teachers.
- 4. Too many young inmates constantly loud and disrespectful.
- 5. not being able to get good time
- 6. Refused to give inmate a fair shake
- 7. Lack of Apprenticeship Programs. Lack of Consistent Pre-Release Programs or seminars to get resources for release.
- 8. N/A
- 9. No programs, schooling is very low, Drug program is a waiting list that may never come and you Have to work 90 Days to get Thirty Days good time or you get no good time for past Felonies Committed years and years ago. Why Must a Person pay for a crime he's Committed and been Convicted of over and over again even on the streets. You are never truly Vendedicated For a Crime you've served time for.
- 10. The way they are giving out the good time. So people like me with short time & non-violent offenses are being forced to do all of our time because the way they determine good time, criminal history, number of incarcerations, propensity for violence
- 11. we never go outside unless we go to chow or to the doctor, we never go to yard
- 12. being away from family and friends
- 13. no E-cigs or vapes

14. They deny a lot of people good time for no apparent reason. They also don't like doing their job when it comes to putting people in classes or treatment
15. They barely give out good time. It very hard to get the help you need and get in any program. The staff is races and trying to do nothing but get paid leave.
16. Dorms
17. the staff
18. Incaration/Lack of Family
19. Everything is negative, if you have too much food they take it and make you send it home, you have to have everything in a property box that is not very big barely fits bowls, food, and clothes, table space is small/nonexistent, food is horrible for chow, the C/O's all treat you like dirt.
20. treatment of inmates
21. The Way Staff Act & Talk To Us
22. There's limited programs for people to better themselves
23. Food
24. No structure, no programs, counselors are lazy and horrible, no communication between top staff and inmate population
25. Food
26. That they really don't care weather you change or not
27. Can't work or do programs to earn good time if you have less than 6 months
28. It takes a long time to get into Programs and school to get good time for those that are eligible for it.
29. has no programs or opportunity to get home the counselors do not do their jobs. The counselors on top of not doing their jobs constantly lie to inmates medical treatment is delayed and ineffective dietary food isn't always edible daily life is miserable
30. staff treatment
31. treated like cattle
32. grown ass men come to jail to be kids
33. No programs and good time for all people. Bad food no drive here at all
34. They way we are treated
35. they claim im high risk to return to prison but those are not my plans. But i cant receive good time because of that reason
36. not much movement
37. Everything
38. Too many white people in the place
39. They don't want to give good time out they try to hold on to you even when you only have a little time left. People with a lot of time left gets all the good time and the Jobs and school.
40. So, Staff's can be assholes, and if you not doing anything positive, you don't have nothing coming...
41. How individual in custody are treated
42. EVERYTHING!!
43. Healthcare, such as the eye doctor, is nearly non-existent. I've been waiting for over 5 months and haven't even taken the exam.

44. Not enough staff to support academic needs, counseling, support groups, work, positive reinforcement needs
45. Cancelled yards regularly!
46. the attitude in staff
47. Fighting and Arguing.
48. EVERYTHING
49. No programs. Short staff. Prisoners are mistreated. I fear for my safety and staff acts as if they hate you
50. The rude staff
51. Healthcare, Classes, Human Rights
52. Some C/O's are very cocky and arrogant and look down on us. It's like they WANT us to make a mistake... just to ticket us. This is an "early out" reentry prison but it's often ran like a super max or something. We need more programs and those that give day-4-day good time credit.
53. No programs available/limited, lazy staff, always deny good time credit (EDSC) not (deaf) accommodable, need better commissary
54. too many in one dorm.
55. Hard to deal with so many simple minded young kids that seem lost!
56. Lack of programs + good behavior time
57. Contact on phone. Responses and answers to questions and needs. Careless staff. Treated like a # not a person.
58. everything and why is it that the joints are crowded with black people white people worse than us
59. Staff not helpful and don't care about you
60. This prison is suppose to be a reentry facility and I scored 8.0 on tabe test and haven't been in a classroom or class to help with problems, i.e. Anger Management, ect.
61. not being home for your love ones
62. a few officers talk crazy to inmates with no respect at times
63. Can't go do what I want C/O's are always on a power trip
64. everything
65. short staff, so yard is almost never open, no school, college teachers, even if you have a job you may not be called for work because there is not enough staff to run your assignment
66. Isolation from the real world. It promotes dependantcy
67. Constant racism towards white people.
68. The way staff talk to you like you not human
69. everything
70. There is no real rehabilitation. It's like college for idiots and criminals.
71. Away from my family//wasting our lives
72. the good time situation in this Joint is TERRIBLE. If you came Down here w/ anything other than a yr. to do, you cant get a job/good time Because you are considered "too short." why should I have to apologize for being "short" you need a lengthy sentence to qualify for "good time"!
73. No one here actually hears our voices

74. Due to the fact Administration is unable to employ more staff we are treated as maximum security inmates our yard time and outside time is next to none we are lucky to see 1 hour a week of yard time.
75. incarcerated people are always untruthful in officer's eyes
76. Slow to Receive assignments
77. The staff is not here to help, disciplinary regulations are very harsh, there are no programs really!
78. There's not a chance of people getting a chance to reintegrate back into society properly.
79. Food, lack of movement and not enough programs
80. It's Bogus
81. Not enough programs to help incarcerated People for useful citizenship
82. The way we get treated for a minimum facility!
83. No, Good-Time, Mattresses are Paper thin, How do you Get denied Because of Criminal Background EDSC
84. No yard. No programs, They have meat here not fit for human consumption, They (clinical service) stops people from being screen for work release (constant lying)
85. The staff for the most part treat you like you are just a number, when help is needed no one seems to know the answer. People who want to take classes to help their anger management, bipolar, etc. cant take classes unless it is on their parole plan
86. too many children here this place should be housed according to age
87. no good time
88. You can't expect Help from counselors, because they were officers before they became counselors; and the maintain that same attitude (secretly) no-one cares!
89. lack of programs/classes. lack of yards
90. Have to be Black to be favored in here
91. Everything! Lack of Programs! Shitty Dietary Food! No commissary! No Yard cause of short staff. No counselors!
92. The way inmates + guards interact with each other
93. The staff Be saying not good words to the us and they Be calling us out our name like Bitch and etc we need Better staff and they give us tickets for little stuff
94. No Good time no programs & C/O's that treat inmate's like shit
95. The guards go out their way to make life hard for us Taking away anything they see us enjoying.
96. Not enough Freedom Outside
97. Not giving inmates the 180 & 365 days good time for non-violence offenders.
98. The staff
99. your in prison
100. The lack of concern and negative treatment of inmates
101. Living conditions. The way most C/O's treat us. C/O's are disrespectful. The food. How this place is Ran is poor. They locked me in seg unit because I was positive for covid 19
102. Just being here alone
103. There no incentives for good behavior and making no trouble.

104. This prison lies About the good time and Denies us Here At the facility and then tells us Springfield Denies us. I Had my Family Call to Springfield and they told them that my facility has never submitted me for my six months good time.
105. The negative things are they offer programs that have no teachers to Teach them and 90% of the Inmate are here long enough to get it so its hard to get good time
106. Counselor/General counselors and assistance In Administration of legal process Information on Policies or procedures.
107. a lot of things they say are available are NOT actually available, like classes
108. Everything especially the staff
109. This prison is supposed to be a rehabilitating prison, everyone has 18 months and under, but there is no programs or Jobs it's almost like they dont want you to get good time and go home faster.
110. it's to open.
111. Everything especially the staff
112. Led in Water fake Covid out [ILLEGIBLE]
113. The facility is severely under staffed for recreation and programs. Also we are not given the incentives and freedoms that are appropriate for a minimum security prison.
114. Staff don't monitor the dorms alot. They pass through once and awhile. To many people dorm hop
115. The guards ant fair to people In here
116. Officers/Inmate relation. Officers see most inmates as short timers & give them lack of respect.
117. Inmate's can talk to Family or get to visit with them
118. This environment and dehumanization by the IDOC and staff of the incarcerated. Staff are too related that you are always a loser no matter what.
119. only complaint I have would be having to have a call pass to my church activity.
120. This prison Im in now need to be close down.
121. Not giving individuals a proper chance to get programs & EDSC
122. Lack of commissary being stocked and lack of medications being stocked.
123. No programs
124. commissary the way the try make us spend our money on items if we dont have an alternate we dont get anything and our tablets or electronic be taking to long
125. They deny you for good time this my first Bad Bid in the state prison and I got denied for criminal history which is not fair certain inmates get treated better more privileged the staff talk to us as if we are animals.
126. I've seen more fights here than in my first 3 incarcerations combined causing an unsafe environment. Lack of programming for anyone under 12 months left. I am afraid to use the phone because of violence.
127. Ignorance, staff.
128. Overcrowding, ventilation, no good time classes, poor counselors, no access to mental health, Foul air fans/gas, Noise, yelling/banging. wont give anybody good time here! I should be home by now.
129. The c/o's lazy the cancel yard's and gym They take away our families visiting rights/Bulling

130. Being in Prison
131. Help from counselors
132. Staff conduct, No yard, No investigations into tickets, Staff language offensive & Racist
133. Some of the guard talk to you any kind of way some of them! From respect to get respect!
134. Everything we don't get time to eat sometimes they be canceling yard B and C grade messed up they take TV's away when you go to B or C grade and they be so mean to the inmates and we get no good time they pick and choose who gets it and who doesn't
135. the counselors lie to us and Dont Do Nothing
136. The officers make life a lot more difficult
137. Being locked up period
138. Everything!
139. No programs available, counselors do not know how to do their job, Being Disrespected by staff
140. not enough Religious services for Odinism since being here over a year I have had one service.
141. being here
142. No schooling or programs
143. Just Got here
144. Lincoln Correctional is denying people the 6 month/1 year Earned Discretionary Sentence Credit and lying about why are Individuals are so denied. "Springfield denied you," but when you contact Springfield they say they never received an application. I was supposedly cleared for "criminal history" although I'd never been arrested before this incarceration, have a BA, worked full-time at all times after completing my education. Another guy here who did 63 days at NRC (and thus was evaluated there for EDSC on his 61st day) received 6 months EDSC despite multiple prior violent offenses including his current violent charge. It's an excuse to hold us here and it's totally unfair
145. Unable To Get Records + Info from Records or Business offices + Counselors
146. Dont get help from Jail good time or right out dates
147. Grievances don't matter. Nothing changes
148. Listening to Inmate twitter How to be a better Criminal and gangs
149. Everything
150. for all programs here you start on a waiting list then directly go to you are to short for the program like mandatory ABE class
151. They are not giving people they six months good time for guys to go home
152. The showers has mold on the floor and walls
153. I'm too far from home to get visits (4 years). There is no healthcare, and I'm old.
154. Everything
155. counselor, staff, and Inmate's. The counselor cant help people, some of the staff talk down to Inmate and Inmate's they are coming in young and We dont have anything to work for
156. Everything

157. It's not ran, in a minimum prison way.
158. The fact that we're all under each other all day theres "No Time" for self alone to think at all
159. I find it hard to improve myself when there are no incentive to do so. The lack of programs and the constant changing staff makes it hard to be consistent
160. Counselors Don't care to explain why everyone is denied EDSC, no one knows whats going on when you Ask. They stop your programming At 6 months left
161. Awarding sentence credit/"Good time" is arbitrary. Facility panders to Black inmates on ALL issues
162. They Run Patio, Yard, Gym late, and then they cut our time short. It's demoralizing. It's hard to see a doctor. Inmate kaos.
163. lack of classification of inmates, that shouldn't be around certain types of inmates
164. No privacy/Dorms
165. you get bullyed in jail. A whole lot of fighting ect.
166. Hygiene + living + no programs for me

Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

1. more training of officer's to deal with inmate
2. more school program and other program to help with earn good time
3. more programs for good time & better commissary. They have only to VO+Tec classes.
4. An Iso(?) wing for older inmates to do their time in peace.
5. giving people with short time the chance to earn good time
6. more schooling
7. Reinstate the Vocational Training Programs Apprenticeship Programs, Truck Driving Simul./Heavy Equip. Simulator Programs
8. N/A
9. If a person is convicted and serves his time and gets out give him or her a chance to be a model citizen again stop using backgrounds to keep your foot on the persons neck, that only keeps The Door Revolving And The True Persons Dreams and Hopes Forever Just a Dream or Hope
10. They need to get better staffed & stop preventing people who are eligible for good time because of something in the past that they have already paid for. Are we going to forced to pay for something that we already paid for for the rest of our life
11. go to yard alot more, and speed up the processes on how they do things around here
12. Less people more space
13. we want E-cigs
14. I suggest they hire more staff so us inmate can get the proper yard. Gym and recreation we are allowed but never get. Also more programs

15. Give people the help they really need and treat us like humans not animals
16. Burn it down
17. we need programs
18. more state pay
19. have better staff, most of them swear, threaten, and belittle you, food could be better for human consumption, more staff for activities in the am. for morning yard, better circumstances/opportunities for good time, day for day contracts for work
20. more life skills
21. make staff wear body cam's
22. None
23. Better food
24. Establish programs, Allow inmates from other facilities to transfer, in order for the population to appreciate the facility. Establish a set structure and positive energy within the environment IE... Kewanee C.C.
25. School
26. change the way rate for people who work highest pay is \$35 a month and some jobs you really work hard its inside grounds
27. Allow people to earn good time whether they have 6 months left or not.
28. counselors need to actually try to get people into programs they need or recommended by the court.
29. better staff in counselor regard more programs and opportunities for people to go home Edsc even for best behaved is not achievable
30. get programming, get staff that treat you with respect
31. shut it down
32. actually do thier job so grown men can actually think on thier life
33. Real counsel and not correction officers they can be very bias about helping you with situation
34. more programs/ecigs
35. Further screening for good time and allow short timers to access programs for good time.
36. more time in yard and outside movement
37. Actually getting counselors and staff to do their jobs and quit lying to inmates
38. more black people
39. give people good time and get these short timers out of here so you can open up bed space for others.
40. To bring more programs / and better structure for this facility and others at large. So that prison can ready help themselves in this process.
41. more programs with better staff
42. CLOSE IT, OR BURN IT DOWN
43. Better Health care and less favoritism from the guards
44. More staff to help cover the needs of inmates who are really seeking help through programs
45. To short to care!
46. shut it down

47. Change myself daily (Man in the mirror).
48. EVERYBODY QUIT
49. More programs - better staff - better out lets
50. more sensitivity training for staff
51. Body cams on all staff 24/7 365
52. If we're a reentry program and are being readied for the outside world, we should be allowed more leeway with movement around campus, less restrictive controls when we go from point to point. Need people who CARE about the food we eat. Also, our commissary is always short on LOTS of items... please add more products to choose from. GEEZ!
53. More program availability, more accomodable for deaf inmates, train staff to work and not just collect a paycheck & salary, have more commissary items available
54. give everyone a chance at work assignment Regardless of time left
55. More structure, educational opportunities, meaningful jobs. I know you can't right all the wrongs this generation is learning on the STREETS with no family structure
56. More programs + outdoor time
57. More people with hearts and understanding.
58. Shut them Down now
59. AGE Requirement
60. This prison is grossly understaffed, No teachers, No Guards, Poor Counselors.
61. by treating everyone the same
62. more positive programs and more jobs.
63. HAVE more than just 2 programs to earn good time. Don't Deny them Good time for criminal history when they haven't been in trouble for 13+ years. That's bullshit
64. stuff to do.
65. If they are going to call this a rapid reentry center bring people here with 18 or less from other prisons as opposed to send people here with a few months from receiving that are basically finishing county jail time.
66. Give more opportunities to be better situated for when returning to life, more opportunities to connect to outside services to prepare. more work release
67. Offer programs that help rehabilitate people.
68. more respect from the staff
69. improve dietary, more programs
70. Drug programs, programs, school, And treat the muslims better.
71. Staff needs to realize this is a minimum security facility and except that they can be wrong just like we can be wrong.
72. that they follow the rules, especially those set forth by Springfield on the good time especially the rules with the "safety act" for non-violent offenders! they're not following the "safety act"! Absolutely not!!
73. To hire people that Actually want to help us and Hear us
74. Maybe the staff and administration could consider Running the prison at half the capacity since they only have half the staff needed to operate it then maybe our individual Needs and privileges can be honored and for those of us who Do Not Break the Rules or get tickets can benefit from all of our privileges

75. to have a fair grievance process
76. Persistent work ethics
77. More programs. a staff that cares. More opportunities at a better rehabilitation
78. To give everyone no matter how much time they have a chance to work and earn good time thru programs
79. Better Food, for programs, more respect, and more movement
80. Need to give us the good time we're supposed to get
81. More programs
82. Get a new warden, more programs, staff that wants to Help us better our selves
83. For Springfield to Be Advised Were Not Being Summitted due to Lack of Programming, or Criminal Background EDSC Earned Discretionary Sentence Credits
84. More programs, yard + gym, better food
85. allow people who want help with mental issues or anger issues to get help. Quit basing everything and every program off of who has more time than the other
86. house 40+ year old inmates away from younger ones
87. more Jobs and school options for Gays
88. Treat people fairly and do your job and run this prison like a prison and not a family work place where as you do exactly what you want to do.
89. 1. if there was a work camp available that would be nice 2. run rec when scheduled to start But more often as well. 3. more classes 4. Better Store
90. More programming.
91. Be constant with REC time and actually giving a chance to participate. there needs to also be more programs available to inmates
92. a lot need to change staff, B and C grade, B can't do a lot of things like go to store once per month, and can only call Twice per month and how staff give tickets out need to change also like how we get treated By staff
93. give us programs to help us
94. we need better guards who ain't so racist and definitely need more programs and rec time This is the worst minimum facility I have ever heard or seen
95. More yard + Activities about Release
96. Good time mandatory, and being able to order food even with 60 days left
97. cops where body cam
98. More programs available for individuals
99. Better employee training, more/easier access to programs. more school options
100. Close this place down
101. Do ever come back
102. Send the kids to a real prison and not this daycare center, this way they don't want to come back
103. Change the work contracts to 45 Days instead of 33 Days And give more People the opportunity to recieve work release!!
104. They need to allow everyone a chance at good time through the programs
105. Better counselors, who actually will try to assist the prisoner
106. Offer more incentives for good behavior and more programs
107. Better staff

108. Get there program's in order
109. close it.
110. Nothing
111. Actually maintain programs They get funding for
112. We need to have more programs, jobs and recreation. Sitting in a dorm all day without productive things to do sets a horrible precedent. We need to build habits that we can apply to our lives in society. That is not a priority here.
113. To provide more programs for inmates to earn good time. Make it eligible for those who can't. More activities. More classes to learn and earn.
114. get new food menu, commissary list, speed the processes up on How they Do things around here, they take for ever Doing stuff around here
115. Consistency.
116. Get some programs and people that been lock up For 20 Years or more should get something like work release or something to help them on the out side.
117. The Adjustment Hearing Committee that hears the ticket is a joke. Most staff are dating, married and or kin to each other. The Grievance system is not favorable to incarcerated because of [ILLEGIBLE] ship among the staff and the counselors
118. If Good time is available to the workers and school (GED) Then most definitely Church Good time should be at the Top of the list or/and The most Good Time should be handed out for it
119. This prison is very low in staff. Its no programs. We don't get yard, when it is are time to get in a program or get a job they tell us Im to short. So we dont get help we need
120. Get more programs & more staff. And fix showers it is very moldy
121. Better work done by officers to do their jobs correctly, instead of carelessly and better management of healthcare unit & commissary.
122. Better programs + good time
123. To be more timely with things or have the answer on hand pretty sure it's same questions most everyone have or heard it before
124. more day for day credit with jobs, more good time, better commissary, equal race staff, more programs to help inmates. Better trained staff this is a minimum joint ran like a medium/max!!!
125. When someone gets in a fight they should be shipped this is supposed to be a minimum facility. The phone use should be regulated by the staff instead of being ran by gangsters who should be shipped for their open gang banging throughout this facility. Due to the lack of time left for most inmates the contracts should be open and available for us with less time to get what we can from the programs, including the good time offered from said programs. I also feel like they should offer the six months good time for all non-violent offenders instead of picking and choosing who should or shouldn't get it, being unfair to several inmates
126. Food, movement commissary
127. Cut bunk space by half, More Job's, clean Air, more mental health, access to outdoor's, good time.
128. all new staff. new warden. more programs
129. say out

130. people under 6 months should be able to work and take classes and still receive contracts for good time. More yard time
131. close the prison down.
132. That the officers show inmates respect and inmate show officers respect back? Need more educational Programs (Please)!
133. They need to give out better food more stuff for store days and the biggest thing is start giving us our good for all the ppl that got school going on and that filled out for it and take away B and C grade plz and thank and we need better staff that won't call us bitches and pussy's to our face and that won't put there hands on us all bc they upset at something that whent wrong
134. Hire more teachers. Hire new counselors that aren't mad at us or treat us wrong
135. Better inmate interaction training for officers
136. More good time for First Offenders and more programming
137. get some programs and let the inmates that was lock up 20 years or longer get to work release!
138. Respect people is custody and Receive Religious services like all other Religions.
139. Help with receiving good time
140. people with mental health issue's need to get help and Inmate that is about to go home from doing alot of time can also get some help because they can also have mental problems.
141. Don't know
142. A chaplain + better religious/spiritual services. I have to choose b/w Catholic mass + Christian programming b/c of the arbitrary way they offer services + classify your religious background; It's hard to get into AA although that's way more useful than the "drug programming" they have here. More education + programming in general, too. Better range of reasonably healthy options on commissary (sunflower seeds, big boxes of peanuts, beans, rice, + trail mix)
143. Follow The Laws + Let "People In Custody" get The Paper work They Need + want. To Many Grievances Need To Get Results.
144. more Jobs programs
145. need Better staff. Better leadership
146. Eliminate gangs, more available ways to earn good time and make the guards enforce rules.
147. Start letting people shop from commissary when under 60 days short to buy food
148. programs that offer us something programs that are offered that really exist all programs here that are offered they say well we dont have a teacher
149. They should give guys the time they need to go home, with they family n friend
150. I can't tell them how to better this place I just know it's inhumain
151. Consistency. We can't count on commissary, decent meals (or meal times), healthcare, or rules.
152. more treated fairly as human beings
153. Program's we need them. work release Program
154. N/A
155. I suggest, that there are more jobs, and a little more freedom

156. Schooling, working out, fresh air at times
157. Send the new young inmates to a real prison so they can see that this shit ain't no joke! If not they will think that this is just a daycare program
158. To Actually Have programs for inmates. To Not stop people from Working or programs with six months left
159. Segregate housing units
160. Improve healthcare. Give more yard time. Better hygiene options (Brands). good Brands—not generics. Better Unit Security. Upgrade TV Channels and get more new movies on the movie channel. Movies give Inmates Something to look forward too and settle down like reading a Book.
161. more structure, programs, schooling, respect from staff to inmates for earlier release that deserves it.
162. Stop Letting C/O's bully inmates
163. No comment!
164. Ive been here 7 months almost and haven't got any school or programs

Q15. Please write any other comments or feedback on this survey below.

1. more programs in Lincoln Correction Center being a min. Correctional Center
2. To operate as a min. correctional Center
3. Lincoln prison won't let you leave any of your electronics to another inmate when you are released & theres many inmates in need of TVs, hot pots, and fans. You should be able to leave your own stuff that has been purchased by your own money to another inmate when you are released if you so chose to. Theres plenty of need by inmates here. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
4. I wish that there would be more treatment and or privileges for sex offenders. Especially when we get old.
5. need more programs
6. N/A
7. The Survey was of good questions. The thing it what is going to be done about the Answer to better peoples and our society, people are tired of a senseless life where nothing adds up but just another number # or statistics by a group of people that never really understood the real struggles of life or survival in the U.S.A.
8. I would like the thank you for giving me the opportunity to let you know the truth about what's going on at Lincoln Correctional Center
9. I would like to go out side alot more, and eat better food, and get better commissary in here, they have very poor commissary in this place
10. Not everyone in prison is a criminal!
11. we want E-cigs and more commissary items

12. This place is so short staffed we get screwed outta recreation daily and the staff they do have talk crazy to you and try to belittle you but when you step up and snap back at them they write you up and falsify the report.
13. Go fuck yourself
14. the staff suck ass don't help with shit no school next to no program's and can't get a job if under a year Fuck This Place
15. maby survey threats From staff to Inmates and research Grievances
16. I have seen people with predator cases receive the max 6 months for good time, I am low risk for coming back to prison but was denied by the counselor for any amount of good time, people are treated poorly in this place. For minimum security this place is run like a max place/prison. The staff is rude, there is barely a person to have my glasses fixed, no dentist, no doctor that's on site this place is hell!
17. should not keep A.D.s out of law library, should not have Rules that only mess with inmates makes them more Resentful, start using 2021 H.B. 5653 if fullst, it was only used mostly during COVID 19
18. Give All Staff more training for Mental Health Care
19. None
20. This facility has a real issue with helping sex offenders leave on their outdate
21. Ive gained 35 pounds
22. They used to carry more art supplies for people that find art as something to change themselves and get rid of the 85% rule lets get this done some people have been gone too long
23. Allow everyone who is eligible to earn good time earn it.
24. denied by counselors for no reason to go home. No Programs or classes schools or anything but time to do roughly
25. Help me
26. Never read your own **[ILLEGIBLE]** Do not use your favor for evil its not the staff on the outside that blocks your blessing
27. I cant get in a program because im short time but i cant get good time also. I Have volunteered for Jobs and programs but still cant get any assistance. I was told if i want good time Buy a TV.
28. over all it's good
29. Keep it how it is more black less white
30. they need to run this prison more better and stop giving all the Jobs to guys that can't get good time. that's who got all the Jobs that giving good time the one's with 85% or 100% so people with short time get treated bad and have to stay here. So they give all the Jobs to 85% and 100% so they can hold onto short timers that ain't right that really needs to change.
31. We do need help sitting up programs on getting out of prison, back to the world or our environment, for which we have left. On teaching working skills, and communication skills on interviews and resume & cover letters.
32. I think the good time consideration needs to be looked at. I was told I got denied because of criminal History and would not be rescreened, when others were able to be rescreened and given good time.

33. They need to treat people like people to help them move past the crimes that brought them to prison
34. GET RID OF THOSE THREE (WOMEN-WARDENS) IMMEDIATELY THEY DONT DO SHIT!!
35. The lack of programs is as criminal as my case is.
36. The biggest concern at Lincoln is being able to achieve anything positive through programs. Slow responses do not help either. There should be equal justice for those of us seeking REHABILITATION
37. This prison is not ran like a minimum security prison!
38. This prison should have all staff to attend better schooling and mental health so they know how to treat people
39. I want to give back to society by starting up an Open Class Drum and Bugle Corps, when I get out of Prison, www.Dci.org [DATE REDACTED]
40. FUCK YALL
41. I and others hate it here based on how we are treated!
42. the Prison officials DO NOT care about the incarcerated, Im 85% truth in sentencing (I Dont get good time) yet Ive been well behaved for the past 5 years, I should receive good time!
43. I had surgery after several sick call sign ups and Grievances, Wexford only allowed part of Surgery \$ due to cost of [REDACTED]. I was here a year and was denied all classes due to being a parole violater. Parole stips were not filled out correctly. Mail was continually held, lost or delayed. I'm going to call you in 13 days. I get out [DATE REDACTED].
44. One inmate threw his survey in the garbage. He said it's the same survey each year and nothing ever changes. But, I say you can't fix something if you don't know it's broken. And, if you complain you should also compliment. As a reentry location, we should be allowed more freedom and privileges. Lastly, you give someone a badge, uniform, and mace/gun/cuffs... they become a different person with an "us versus them" attitude. Thank you.
45. Basically make it so all inmates + all inmates with lot or little time on their sentence are able to receive "day for day" EPSC sentence credit
46. I think by answering the questions above is a waste of time. Knowing that nothing will get done. I've been in over 15 years and seen a lot of people from the outside come + go. Very little ever gets done. And if it does it doesn't last long. Nothing is a surprise visit. All the makeup is applied before you arrive. And when you leave its removed. The cable is most of time messed up. The showers are broke and the toilets + sinks leak. They will tell you there in the process of fixing them and will stay that whey when you leave. Some stuff might get fixed only because they need to, the supervisors for Elec., Plumbing, and others would rather sit on there butts and do other things than fix things. They don't want to here or care what the problems are. As long as they get there check thats all that matters and that is the truth. Thanks!
47. Try to find a way to put and have these young men create or have a greater value for there's and other people's lives Good Luck
48. I would like to be called my name

49. Some staff hate their job. Hire people who care. We are humans, we fucked up and thats a part of life. Treat us how you want to be treated not like cotton picking animals.
50. this place is dumb as fuck you need to blow this bitch up all of them stupid Ass place
51. This prison looks good on paper but in Reality hardly any of these programs are running. I've been here 11 months and the only good time or classes I've recieved is for **[JOB ASSIGNMENT]** 33 days off a **[18+]** months sentence. This place is a Lie! My counselor **[REDACTED]** quote "I'm here for 8, then the gate." Only sees people by appointment only - request slips.
52. Just keeping up with us that locked up
53. I think every inmate should be made to get schooling or work a job and show productive improvement before they can be released. I think instead of Judges sentencing ya to time DOC should sentence ya on ya behavior and achievements while incarcerated.
54. It's unhealthy
55. The worst thing that happened to this prison is it became a rapid reentry center that is short staffed with no programs. There is nothing going on here that will help you stay out of prison.
56. They need to allow for more freedom of movement to allow people to be responsible for getting where they are going on there own. This is a minimum prison for people sentenced to 18 months or less, they treat us like we're gonna be here for life.
57. Hard to believe someone with attempted murder charge in their past gets good time approved and someone with DUI's gets denied
58. These staff need to stop powerthirsting & acting like we are a got DAMM...number ###
59. This prison needs more stuff to do and ran like a dorm setting prison they could do alot better, way better
60. Being here is bad for everyone here's health mentaly and physically. This is a storage house for drug addicts and anti-social lower class individuals. Nobody here leaves a better person. It would be better to kill us all off then release us back to society.
61. The people in this prison think theyre the people that make the rules for springfield Im here on a 50% case I should be eligible for the same programs and good time as everyone else. This prison Lincoln C.C. in Lincoln, IL 62656 Logan County P.O. Box 549. Ive done 6 months of Rehab and work and worked in this slave labor kitchen and I cant get any good time for it. Plus theyre letting people with attempt murder and murder and armed violence go to work release. But I cant go for something that happened 20 years ago. These people think theyre god. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
62. This prison should be more like Vandalia, when an individual is "short" they should "kick a person" out as appossed to keeping them here when they could use that bed space for someone else who has more time to do, rather than keep someone here because they dont fit the criteria of being **[ILLEGIBLE]** a year to be eligible for "good time contracts"! therefore releasing a non-violent offender as quickly as possible as oppossed to letting or giving violent first-time offenders good-time when they have the perpensity for perpetuating more violences Because of their charges/crimes committing before coming to IDOC. they are usually **[ILLEGIBLE]** number inmates and mostly younger classes of inmates than an older number inmates. which is

discriminatory in itself, because the propensity for violence was much greater in the early years of IDOC than it is now. they now have prea etc. to safeguard any and all sexual advances made by predatory inmates of yesteryear. there, the good-time issuance is discretionary based on criminal history etc. w/ is unfair!

63. Since I've been incarcerated I have been denied 6 months good time to my past History which shouldn't even matter on this case. I have not been given all of My Meds instead they continue to Take my Meds away. No one that works at this prison tries to help us in anyway. They are here for a check That's All!!
64. We are not Animals although we get treated as so. We barely get one yard a week we are in a minimum security prison. The warden says its due to being short staffed I've been here six months and they have not hired one New officer. However they do manage to have the appropriate amount of staff on third and second shift when we have no movement in the prison and we are all confined to our Dorms.
65. Counselor lie to inmate's and do not do their jobs
66. Most of us are denied for (LOP) lack of programs with little to no background and this prison in particular has none to offer! Please Help us!!
67. N/A
68. This place Is Bogus
69. This place needs up dated, the water is making people sick. The Dietary building is full of mold, The ceiling is falling apart, The drains don't drain, this place is a joke all around.
70. This Place Needs Programs, I Can't go to School They Say Im to Short.
71. Better training for the officers as for as interaction skills with inmates, more officers in general so we stop having out yards cancelled + classes cancelled due to lack of staff
72. God help us all!
73. Prisons in Il. is a JOKE, Il. is a **[ILLEGIBLE]** state/who even is in power gets to chose its staff, make the Rules, pretty much things are done on a buddy buddy system. Meaning contracts, commissary/who goes where (home) (jobs). Its messed up the whole prison system/parole system is BROOKEN. Don't take my word for look into it yourself
74. We need more programs plan & simple our time is consumed with Down time we could Be helping the commitee & learning valuble life lessons instead we are forced to sit & do nothing. thank you for your time
75. I Just hope this actually makes it to someone who is going to make changes for incarcerated people. I watched 50 people throw this survey away! They said what's the point? Nobody cares anyway? PS Thank you
76. and how they come in Here and think they own the Place and the food need to Better and Better things on commissary for store days I Just hope things change and good time is a Big one they pick and choose who get good time in Here and we Scroe High for school and they Take a year to get into I Just hope that they can give us the good time we need and deserve that we dont get in Here
77. This facility is overpacked and a lack of number of employees, so no programs are accessible and counselors have too many people on their caseloads to even care for or give attention to our needs here.

78. More freedom Because this is a low security Prison, and they Run this like a Med/Max. More yard + gyms/let Everyone work or Vocational/more Vocational programs. Better Commissary
79. I feel I'm being juiced for my time. I came here with 65 days left and they won't let me order food on commissary or shoes Because I'm on MSR. I have not used or been given the 180 days good time for non violent offenders. Im not a parole violator and this is my 1st time to a parent prison. My last time I just dressed in and out of NRC and have never used the good time credit.
80. phone time and Making the phone list Needs more improvement and programs
81. Please consider every input/feedback whole heartedly
82. This is not a prison. This is a mental Hospital and mental ward.
83. Thank you!!!
84. All of us older guys should get some consideration when it comes to being released early
85. Working a work contract Here you only Earn 33 Days for every 90 Days you work and Every other prison gets 45 Days for every 90 Days you work.
86. This prison sweeps alot under the rug. They try to Run the prison with Doing As little as Possible and are not interested In Actually Addressing Any Issues that may Arise.
87. This is a dorm environment so a lot of times the officers will attack the wrong person for contraband
88. This prison is a Joke. They treat it as if it's a med/max when it should be the lowest of lowest low's, They tell you your to short for anything if your under 6 months but it only take's 20 day's to complete a good time contract. They dont help you get in programs here
89. Help me please.
90. I wanna Go home
91. Please make Lincoln a properly staffed facility or send the future inmates elsewhere.
92. Improve the showers. The floor tiles are in bad conditions. More programs, work-release
93. this prison wont give us good time Like they post to around here, This prison Is the worsts prison to go to In the State of IL, I hate It here. so please have the Board of Springfield come to this prison and fix It ASAP. This prison needs to Be Looked ASAP. It needs to Be viewed By Springfield a.s.a.p. It needs to Be Shut Down cause they Dont follow the rules In here at all, They make u wait for ever to get in school, and takes for ever to get a job, and It really takes for Ever to get In the Drug program, I am court ordered to get In the Drug program and This prison still makes u wait to get in the Drug program, so this prison needs to Be viewed By the Board of Springfield A.S.A.P
94. thank you for your help!
95. We should be treated as human not numbers. Grievances should be heard by neutral or contracted staff. Hearing of ticket should also be done by neutral and/or contracted outsiders. Retaliation against incarcerate are prevalent in this racist culture.
96. Keep God first & the rest will follow. Romans 12:2. Greatest Commandment #1) Love God with mind, Heart & Soul #2) Love neighbor as yourself. Stay Blessed
97. I recieved the mail opened instead of sealed

98. NA Be mindful
99. The Officers pick with the inmates they dislike Just so they can trick us inmates into Jaggering out time they use racial cards alot and treat us poorly call us Boy and Bitches etc no respect shown what so ever this Jail doesnt Humble you it makes you want to Be more aggressive Honestly.
100. Help
101. I received this questionnaire on 3-29-23 at 9 something something pm the officer brung it to the area that I sleep in and had me sign off on it saying that I received it. I noticed that it was open and the main envelope was missing someone opened everyone mail and just gave us the questionnaire and return envelope. I know that this is privileged mail and they were supposed to open it up in front of me and then have me sign off on it. Something needs to be done about this I know that I am incarcerated but I have legal writes they were not supposed to open my mail (This mail that you sent me was unsealed and I know that someone read it)
102. I'm here for failure to register **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]** I'm upset, helpless, depressed, and think of suicide often. What **[REDACTED]** county did to me was wrong. Illinois sucks and I'm moving asap **[REDACTED]** goes. My mental state is at a record low. Not sure how much more I can take. Spring is here with more outdoors "patio," etc. I think it's a good thing you're doing. Good luck! Thank you for caring about inmates/people. You give me hope, a better tomorrow. Mr. by a thread. I'll be fine I think.
103. yard movement. available self improvements
104. Lincoln Prison makes its own rules treat inmates like a number treat them bad. Dont abide by law when comes to good time. Dont investigate tickets just mark you guilty. Overall this is a terrible prison. Plz close it down.
105. I Just Pray that i never come back to Jail in my life as all as i live. Pray god for that! god bless us all!
106. give out more good time. Dont judge people everyone deserves a chance
107. Staff will write a ticket and punish us if we tell them when They are wrong and we file any paperwork we are punished out of Retaliation and made a target.
108. can not really Judge this Prison cause I Just Got here But Statesville/N.R.C. is really Bad, Really Bad!
109. I Have Been Trying Since **[DATE REDACTED]** To Get a Copy of My Master File per "Public Act 102-0776"/H.B 4559 Sec. 3-5-1-(F). Effective 1-1-2023. Suppose To Take 15 days From Request, It Is Now **[MONTHS LATER]**. Grievances filed For 2nd Time. 1st Grievance was LOST. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
110. isn't it a state law that everyone get's there good time here they don't. By law we do. thank-you
111. Staff get away with whatever & nothing can be done about it. Grievances don't matter here. Nothing changes. No one ever gets 6 months good time here. People are being cheated out of Days/months of their lives.
112. the Wardens here in Lincoln want to keep people here and not give out good time the counselors don't help they have personal grudge against Inmates
113. Make staff follow A.D.s rules

114. ok this is a reentry CC nobody here has alot of time to do so why do we get screwed out of everything like 60 days before release we cant shop for food to eat
115. This suppose to be a turn around prison were you come down here and do a little work to help out here get some good time, so you can get back to your family n friend. But without doing that, they are holding guys down here that ain't got a lot of time, so they can get pay off of them being here. And i don't think that's right for them to do this, other prison like this one is doing what they are suppose to do.
116. They could've gave up envelopes that stick verse us having to lick them
117. The main problem here is that no one on staff is responsible for anything. It's always someone else's fault. Staff word means nothing.
118. N/A
119. we're at times treated like kids by certain staff members. Commissary is trash, by this being a min. facility we dont really get treated like we're in a min.
120. I can only speak for myself and the older population when I say, if you have done at least half of your time and you have shown that you are not an idiot and can follow the rules in here then there should be a program to let us go out and prove it! Kind of like an extended parole or some other kind of out!
121. Not fair to be denied EDSC and Not told why and stopped From getting programming or Jobs At six months or less
122. Racial aggression is initated + continued (Propegated) by Black inmates against whites, and Black inmates use threat of claiming racial discrimination and aggression to keep other inmates from speaking out; gangs are more prevalent than staff realize and are very successful in hiding their memberships/being hidden by certain staff; some inmate workers, such as laundry or barbershop, expect/demand to be paid with commissary items by inmates to do their assigned jobs
123. Stop running this place like a medium-maxiam prison. This is a minnumium prison. We shouldn't need escorts everywhere we go. We work our way down to minnumium prisons to earn more freedoms not to get the same harsh med-max treatments. This treatment only makes us go home mad at the world.
124. Every inmate shouldn't have to get denied for credit's of help to be released earlier than the original outdate. Lots of inmates do have major responsibilities to get back to like getting back to work, and back to helping family and friends.
125. I need to get outta here!
126. Just do your time and get out and do better when you return to society!
127. Ive been waiting for school + Drug program I filed a grievance and still nothing has happened?

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

Q2. Race [White, African American, Hispanic or Latino, Other]

1. [Other] Mexican American
2. [Other] Afro Amer

Q8. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.

1. [SA] too good

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

1. [A] some

Q9. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.

1. [D] some

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [SA] The Right people don't care

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

1. [A] some

The disciplinary system is fair.

1. [SA] Sorry

Q10. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.

1. [SD] (dorm) not able

This prison is better now than it was last year.

1. [Blank] I.D.K.

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.

1. [SA] not yard by Gym they cancel yard almost every day
2. [SD] this needs adressed!

Q11. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of quality of life/general treatment of the people incarcerated here.

1. [1] There's No Good Time Need more Programs Classes

Miscellaneous comments

1. I wrote the Warden several times concerning issues of concerns with no acknowledgements or responses. Incarcerated in This Prison is the least concern to the Administration. They are not proactive. I even write the IDOC Director Jeffries four months ago with no response either.
2. "C" and "B" grades are severely punished. For instance "C" grade can only buy hygiene on commissary and not phone calls to their loved ones. All benefits are restricted. No work assignments, no Good time. "B" grade Spend on \$30 once a month on commissary. No gym allowed. Only allowed 1 phone call to your family or lover once per month. Etc
3. I recieved this questionnaire and when recieved it was open and survey was in a return envelope opened they made me sign for this where is envelope with my name on it **[NAME REDACTED]**. I never received an envelope addressed to me with my name and ID# on the return address to your firm I was given open mail



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Incarcerated individuals can send privileged mail to report concerns and issues to the John Howard Association, P.O. Box 10042, Chicago, IL 60610-0042. JHA staff read every letter and track this information to monitor what is occurring behind prison walls and to advocate for humane policies and practices. Family and friends can contact JHA via our website www.thejha.org or by leaving us a voicemail at (312) 291-9183.

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