

**REPORT ON THE
INSPECTION OF**

LONDON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

INSPECTION DATE: APRIL 14, 2026



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London Correctional Institution

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Acronym: LOCI
Address: 1580 OH-56, London, OH 43140
Warden/Superintendent: Brian Baker
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FACILITY INFORMATION

Date Institution Opened: 1924
Population Type: ☒ Male ☐ Female
Security Level Type: ☒ Minimum
☒ Medium
☐ Max
☒ Special Management
☐ Restrictive Housing
☐ Death Row
☐ Juvenile

Total Acres: 2950
Total Buildings On-Site: 9

Total Custody Staff: 216
Total Service Area Staff: 156
Total Staff: 372

Total Volunteers: 210

INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Current Count: 2344
Total Available Capacity: 2500
Incarcerated Person Age Range: 18 - 86
Incarcerated Person Average Age: 42.8

London Correctional Institution (LOCI) is one of two state operating prisons within Madison County, Ohio. It is one of 25 adult male facilities within Ohio. LOCI is assigned to house minimum and medium security level incarcerated persons (IPs) within both a celled and dorm style housing. LOCI is one of Ohio's oldest correctional facilities.

RECENT INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AUDIT

London Correctional Institute's (LOCI) most recent Internal Management Audit (IMA) was conducted January 6-8, 2026. The IMA is an annual audit conducted by an independent auditor who reviews a facility's compliance with the American Correctional Association's 5th Edition Standards and the 2026 Ohio Standards and Observations, in preparation for the next ACA Audit. All institutional work, industries, vocational, and educational programs are also audited. The table below illustrates LOCI's rates of compliance for the previous three years:

IMA Audit Scores	2024	2025	2026
ACA Mandatory	100%	100%	98.3%
ACA Non-Mandatory	99.3%	99.3%	99.3%
Ohio Standards	95.5%	94.5%	89.7%

LOCI's External Inspection Results	Date of Inspection	Violations	Violations Corrected
State Fire Marshall	10/22/2025	5	5
State Fire Marshall-TEC Bldg.	9/24/2025	0	0
Health Department	12/16/2025	0	0
Annual Safety & Sanitation Inspection	1/6/2026 and 1/7/2026	2	0 ¹

OVERVIEW OF CFIS INSPECTION

Per Ohio Revised Code Section 109.39, mandatory areas of inspection are food services, the grievance process, and an educational or rehabilitative program. In addition to these mandatory areas of inspection, R.C. 109.39 empowers CFIS to inspect any other areas that it deems appropriate. While at LOCI, CFIS also inspected the following areas:

- Recovery services
- Medical
- Library/law library
- Transitional programming unit (TPU)
- Mental health
- Visitation area
- General population housing units
- Custody roll call/briefing area
- Staff resiliency room
- Control room

¹ IMA violations are noted in the report for context but are a separate review process not under the authority of CFIS. Outstanding violations are corrected through the warden of the DRC Institution.

In advance of arrival, CFIS requested copies of the previous seven days of LOCI's Administrative Duty Officer (ADO) (50-PAM-02) reports and the previous 30 days of grievances. In addition, CFIS also requested the following:

- Current vacancy rates (total staff/custody/non-custody overtime report)
- Current facility incarcerated population count (racial breakdown, avg age)
- Current facility fact book
- Incarcerated persons death checklist (DRC2602)
- Current facility security threat group numbers
- Facility drug testing (previous quarter)
- Facility educational program numbers (program completion/enrollment)
- Approved volunteers (total)
- Facility PREA reports (past year/current, total of completed investigations)

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Ohio Administrative Rule 5120-9-31)

The DRC inmate grievance procedure is a three-step process which is governed by Ohio Administrative Code Section 5120-9-31. The goal of the process is to address inmate complaints related to institutional life which directly and personally affect the incarcerated person (IP), including those related to DRC policies and procedures, conditions of confinement or the actions of the institutional staff. Whenever possible, complaints should be resolved at the lowest step. Informal complaints must contain enough specificity to allow institutional staff to investigate and take corrective action, where necessary (e.g., the date, time, and place of the event, the name or names of personnel involved and witnesses). An IP may file a "John/Jane Doe" complaint if he or she does not know the identity of the personnel involved. Such complaints must still provide specific dates, times, places, and the physical description(s) of personnel, as well as the actions giving rise to the complaint.

The steps to the process are set forth below.

Step One: The filing of an informal complaint:

An IP must file an informal complaint within 14 calendar days of the event about which the complaint is being filed. The complaint shall be filed to the direct supervisor of the staff member or department most directly responsible for the subject matter of the complaint. Staff shall respond in writing within seven calendar days of receipt of the informal complaint, though the inspector may grant an additional four calendar days for response. The inspector of institutional services (IIS) is required to ensure that the IP's informal complaint is responded to within seven calendar days. If it is not, the informal complaint step is waived, and the IP may proceed to step two. Informal complaint responses must reflect an understanding of the inmate's complaint, be responsive to the issue, cite any relevant departmental or institutional rules or policies and specify the action taken, if any.

The IIS is responsible for monitoring compliance with the informal complaint process and reports any pattern of non-compliance to the warden for appropriate action. The IIS may also waive the informal complaint process (step one) if, among other reasons, he or she determines that there is a substantial risk of physical injury to the grievant. If an inmate does not meet policy requirements—such as failing to submit an Informal Complaint Resolution (ICR) within 14 calendar days of the

event or failing to include specific details, such as dates, times, locations, personnel descriptions, and relevant actions, the inspector will notify the IP that the grievance is denied.

Step Two: Filing a notification of grievance:

If the inmate is dissatisfied with the informal complaint response, or the informal complaint process has been waived, the inmate may file a notification of grievance with the IIS no later than 14 calendar days from the date of the informal complaint response or waiver of the informal complaint step. The IIS may waive this timeframe for good cause. Within 14 calendar days of receiving the grievance, the IIS shall provide a written response which summarizes the complaint, describes the steps taken to investigate it, and sets forth the IIS's findings and decision. The IIS may extend the response time, up to 14 days with notice to the inmate. If there is no disposition 28 days after the receipt of the grievance, it will be deemed unresolved, and the IP may proceed to step three of the process. Expedited responses shall be made to grievances that, as determined by the IIS, present a substantial risk of physical injury to the grievant or for other good cause.

Step Three: Filing an appeal of the disposition of grievance:

If an IP disagrees with the grievance resolution, he or she may appeal it to the office of the chief inspector. An appeal must be filed within 14 calendar days of the disposition, unless that time is waived by the chief inspector for good cause. The chief inspector, or his or her designee(s) shall provide a written response to the appeal within 30 days of receipt, unless that time is extended for good cause and with notice to the inmate. The chief inspector/designee's decision on the appeal is final.

Are the incarcerated issued tablets with access to the grievance procedure: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Are facility staff answering ICR's within policy: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

If issued tablets are not available, are there other measures in place to provide access to the grievance procedure (open office hours): ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Upon reviewing responses, are there any issues with timelines or lack of substance within the responses to the ICR's: ☐Yes ☒No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: While inspecting LOCI, CFIS focused on ensuring that the institution is systematically logging and tracking grievances in DRC's electronic grievance system, ViaPath, and that staff are responding to grievances within policy guidelines.

Of the 51 grievances filed from March 14, 2026 to April 14, 2026 CFIS staff reviewed ten. One grievance was referred to an investigation conducted by the Institutional Inspector; this involved an incident where staff removed an article from an IP's head. While the IP contested this as an unwarranted use of force and a violation of religious rights, the investigation was found unsubstantiated. It was determined the incident did not rise to the level of use of force, and the IP did not have a religious designation on file.

The review highlighted grievances related to staff conduct, medical services, and property. CFIS staff observed no indications of retaliation against IPs for filing grievances. Furthermore, a review of grievances and ICRs showed thorough staff responses that appropriately referenced DRC policies and administrative rules.

Complaints were logged and tracked electronically through the ViaPath system and were accessible on IPs' tablets. The LOCI grievance process is operating in accordance with administrative rule 5120-9-31.

FOOD SERVICE AREA INSPECTION (60-FSM-02)

The food service department was inspected to ensure compliance with DRC policy 60-FSM-02, Food Service Operations, and DRC 60-FSM-06, Safety and Health Protection for Staff and Incarcerated Individuals Assigned to Food Service.

Executive staff/supervisors conducting unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

A. SANITATION

Dining room(s) meet DRC policy for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Serving line(s) meet DRC policy: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Dish room area meets DRC policy for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Dish washer water temperature meets DRC policy: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Handwashing stations in working order: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Handwashing stations operate at a proper temperature: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Eye washing stations operate appropriately: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

B. FOOD SERVING & STORAGE COMPLIANCE

Appropriate food menus posted: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Food temperatures in compliance with DRC policy: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Food service workers wearing hairnets, gloves, etc.: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Serving utensils appear to be in good working order: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Freezer temperatures in compliance with DRC policy: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

C. CHEMICAL & TOOL CONTROL

Tools properly stored/ signed out/ accounted for: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Tools properly etched with an identifier: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Chemicals properly stored and inventoried: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: During the inspection, CFIS staff sampled a lunch meal consisting of a country patty (with a black bean patty offered as a meat substitute), potatoes, corn and carrot medley, bread with margarine, and pineapples. The meal featured appropriate portion sizes and met policy standards for taste, appearance, and temperature.

Aramark food service staff, IN2Work participants, and IP workers were appropriately dressed in clean, neat uniforms and protective clothing (hair/beard nets and rubber gloves). The food service area was orderly, and the daily menu was clearly posted.

Food items were properly labeled and dated. The dish room was clean, and water temperatures complied

with DRC policy 60-FSM-02. CFIS verified completion of sanitation and hygiene training for food service staff and IPs to ensure compliance with DRC policy 60-FSM-06. ServSafe certification was also verified. The food service area used DRC approved cleaning chemicals and disinfectants.

The back-dock area was clean and free of odor, and the vicinity of the trash compactor was free of debris. No signs of rodents or pests were observed in the food service area or on the dock. CFIS interviewed several Aramark staff members and the Food Service Manager. There were no reported concerns or issues constituting a violation of DRC policy.

In2Work Program: DRC and Aramark have partnered to provide the IN2Work program, which allows IPs to train for roles comparable to a food service manager. Participants must earn and maintain industry certifications, which remain available to them upon release. The program is designed to provide the skills necessary for a career in the culinary arts. CFIS spoke with several IN2Work participants who expressed high satisfaction with the program, noting the value of the experience for their future reentry. During the inspection, participants were observed actively engaged in meal preparation.

EDUCATION & REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS (57-EDU-01- 02)

The Ohio Central School System (OCSS), offers educational programs designed to meet the needs of IP throughout DRC, including LOCI. The programs include adult education courses, vocational training, and technical training, all of which incorporate technology into the programming. Collectively, the programs are designed to enhance the IP's employability upon release.

A. EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Does the facility have an education department for in-person learning? ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Programs offered: ☒GED ☒ACADEMIC ☒CAREER-TECH ☒APPRENTICESHIP
☒VOCATIONAL ☒DEGREE PROGRAMS/CERT.
☐OTHER: ☐N/A

Are there currently any vacant teaching/staff positions within the education dept.: ☐Yes ☒No ☐N/A

Does the facility have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does the education department area comply with DRC standards for cleanliness: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: The education department within LOCI was large with numerous classrooms. On the date of the inspection, LOCI's academic and rehabilitative programs included:

- Education:
 - Adult basic education (ABLE)
 - General educational development (GED)
 - High school English
 - High school math
 - High school PE/health

- High school science
- High school social studies
- Franklin University
- Career/Technical:
 - Auto technology
 - Barbering
 - HVAC
 - Interactive Media and Web design
- Apprenticeships:
 - Janitor
 - Material coordinator
 - Animal trainer
 - Carpenter
 - Electrical
 - Machine operator
 - Plumber

LOCI offer educational programming through traditional classroom instruction, face-to-face formats, hybrid courses, and digital learning platforms.

LOCI previously partnered with Sinclair Community College to provide courses for college credit. However, due to the college's recent budget constraints, it is discontinuing its partnership with the facility. LOCI has established a new partnership with Franklin University to continue offering post-secondary educational opportunities.

The facility's literacy, GED, and post-secondary programs were found to provide ample educational opportunities for IPs and to be aligned with their academic and vocational needs. Vocational training options were appropriate and responsive to current job-market demands. CFIS reviewed and verified instructors' qualifications, and no violations of DRC Policy 57-EDU-08, Education Staff Credentials, were observed or reported.

LOCI's educational materials and technology were current and well-maintained. Staff were appropriately recording and tracking enrollment and attendance. The facility also provides necessary accommodations for IPs with learning disabilities.

No violations of DRC policy were reported.

B. REHABILITATIVE / REENTRY PROGRAMS

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Please list the kind of rehabilitative/reentry programs that the facility offers: Intensive outpatient program (IOP), Starting Point / alcohol and other drug programs, Inter-Life Program, Shaping for Success Re-entry.

Does the facility have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does the reentry department inspected comply with DRC standards for cleanliness: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: CFIS toured and inspected the recovery service area, which has been housed in its current building since 2016. The facility is spacious and well-designed for varied needs, featuring two large rooms

for expansive programming and two smaller, private areas for intimate groups and meetings. Located directly above this hub is the C1 unit, which currently houses 202 IPs.

The overall services are guided by the Renaissance Program, a framework that assists IPs in recovering from mental illness and substance use disorders. The program empowers IPs to improve decision-making and symptom management while helping them identify and attain goals for independent living, employment, and wellness. Entry into the Renaissance program is highly structured. IPs are screened prior to arrival to determine eligibility. They are placed on a waitlist where they complete a 10-course pre-engagement program.

Staff at the LOCI recovery service emphasized a holistic, strength-based approach that focuses on the "human aspect" and family-oriented support. A cornerstone of this model is peer support; IPs can become certified peer supporters following a two-week training course. Currently, there are 12 certified peer support IPs on-site. Recovery service staff maintain a manageable ratio, with 15 IPs per caseload.

No policy violations were identified or documented during the CFIS inspection.

MEDICAL (68-MED-01)

A. MEDICAL SERVICES

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Services offered: Medical triage, mental health, dental care, chronic care follow-up, optometry, opioid treatment program.

Are there any staffing vacancies within the medical dept.: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the facility have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the medical department meet DRC policy standards for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Are there any maintenance issues that may hinder sufficient medical care: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Are there any ongoing hunger strikes, constant watches, dry-cells, or special supervision IPs in this area: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: CFIS conducted a tour and inspection of the medical department, engaging with staff during the process. Examination rooms are located within the infirmary area, and office space is available for medical personnel including physicians, administrators, and nurse practitioners. At the time of inspection, the medical department reported one vacancy for a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The facility is equipped to accommodate IPs requiring ongoing medical attention, follow-up, or observation. There are 6 cells, each are able to house two IPs, providing adequate space for both residential and medical needs. Additionally, LOCI's medical department includes two negative air flow rooms for those whose medical conditions necessitate specialized housing.

LOCI operate an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) in partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) and the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, offering comprehensive care for IPs diagnosed with opioid use disorders. Currently, 130 individuals are enrolled in this program.

No policy violations were identified or documented during the CFIS inspection.

RECREATION (77-REC-01)

A. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the facility have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Types of recreation programs offered: Pickleball, flag football, soccer, volleyball, softball, basketball, walking track, horseshoes, weight cage, arts and crafts, and music rooms.

Types of recreation: ☒ Indoor ☒ Outdoor ☐ N/A

Are equipment and facilities in working order: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the recreation department comply with DRC policy standards for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: The recreation area was clean and organized. It appeared to prioritize the IP's physical health and was well-maintained. IPs were actively engaged in physical activities. No maintenance issues were observed or reported, as toilets, water fountains, and sinks were in working condition.

No violations of DRC policy 77-REC-01, Recreation and Leisure Time Activities, were observed or reported.

LIBRARY (58-LIB-01)

A. LIBRARY

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the library provide access to LexisNexis: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the library have policies and procedures available: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the library have operation hours and information posted: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the library have a community partner to assist with services: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the library meet DRC policy standards for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: LOCI feature renovated library and law library facilities, both of which are clean and well organized. IPs may utilize Ohio Means Jobs resources within the library, offering specialized employment assistance, such as re-entry résumé support. The librarian works closely with the local library to process requests for available books. Computers are provided for access to LexisNexis research.

At the time of the inspection, LOCI was in the process of updating its library with new bookshelves and more comfortable seating for IPs.

No violations of DRC policy 58-LIB-01, Comprehensive Library Services, were observed or reported.

VISITATION (76-VIS-01)

A. VISITATION

Visitation hours: Tuesday through Sunday. Morning session: 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Evening session: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Visits allowed: ☒Contact ☒Non-contact ☐Semi-Contact

Does the visitation area provide adequate seating: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does visitation area provide food and drink options: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does the facility have appropriate signage/information posted: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does the visitation area meet DRC policy standards for cleanliness: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: On the day of inspection, LOCI's visitation area was observed to be orderly and well-maintained. The environment provided opportunities for IPs and their families to interact in a setting structured to promote positive engagement, particularly among children. Arcade games, card and board games, and children's books were accessible to facilitate family interaction during visitation hours. Vending machines offered snacks and beverages, and visitors had the option to order food from Aramark. There were no violations noted or reported regarding DRC policy 76-VIS-01, Incarcerated Person Visitation.

GENERALIZED HOUSING

A. GENERAL POPULATION HOUSING #1

Name/Identifier: A1

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does the unit have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does this housing unit offer programming: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Type of unit: ☒Open Dorm ☐Cells

Housing unit max capacity: 143

Are equipment and facilities in working order: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Does the housing unit meet DRC policy standards for cleanliness: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: CFIS inspected A1, a general population unit housing Level 1 & 2 IPs. The unit was observed to be clean and orderly. It is well-equipped with a microwave, ice machine, laundry room, and exercise equipment.

A notable feature of this unit is its dedicated dog program. IPs provide boarding and grooming services for staff-owned dogs, as well as care for foster dogs being prepared for adoption. To support these activities, the

unit features a specialized dog grooming room and a dedicated "dog-only" laundry room to ensure that items used for animal care are processed separately. Additionally, the unit houses a therapy dog specifically utilized to support IPs in mental health and recovery services.

No violation of DRC policy was identified or observed during the inspection.

SPECIALIZED HOUSING

A. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #1

Name /Identifier: Transitional Program Unit (TPU)

Type of Specialized Housing: ☒ Special Management Housing (55-SPC-02) ☐ RTU (67-MNH-23)
☐ Reception (52-RCP-01, 02, 06) ☐ Death Row (67-MNH-31, 52-RCP-02)
☐ Limited Privilege Housing ☐ Level 1/Outside Worker ☐ Nursery
☐ Dementia ☐ Protective Custody ☐ Other:

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the unit have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does this specialized housing offer programming: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Type of unit: ☐ Open Dorm ☒ Cells

Housing unit max capacity: 96

Are equipment and facilities in working order: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the housing unit inspected comply with DRC standards for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: The Transitional Program Unit (TPU) is a special management housing unit. Incarcerated adults had access to their tablets. A peer-support team were assigned to actively engage within the unit. Peer supporters are IPs who have received training provided by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health to assist other IPs who may be in crisis. Peer supporters use their training, and their shared experiences with mental health and/or substance use issues, to assist other IPs. Support occurs within the housing unit, outside the clinical setting and is meant to promote sustained recovery. Peer supporters also can become a certified peer supporter prior to release, enhancing employability opportunities.

CFIS inspectors reviewed the TPU's staff sign-in log DRC 6011, which indicated that rounds were being conducted by staff according to DRC policy 50-PAM-02, Incarcerated Person Communication and Weekly Rounds.

The CFIS team observed and reviewed multiple Restrictive Housing Individual Record Sheet (DRC 4118) documents, which documents each IP's essential daily functions, including acceptance or refusal of meals, personal hygiene, and recreation activities. Each DRC 4118 is signed or initials entered by the institutional staff as confirmation that these necessities have been provided to each IP. All reviewed DRC 4118s were completed appropriately, including dates, times, and staff initials to document the care provided.

The CFIS team reviewed several Restrictive Housing Daily Activity Log (DRC 4117) documents, which track staff delivery of services such as linen and clothing exchange, barbering, and mealtimes. CFIS reviewed each DRC 4117 for compliance and found no violations of DRC policy.

The TPU area was appropriately staffed. None of the IP interviewed reported any issues or concerns that would constitute a violation of DRC policy. The observed cells were clean, with no maintenance concerns. The toilets and sinks were in good working order, with showers located inside the cells.

Appropriate and approved DRC cleaning chemicals and supplies were secured. Religious and reading materials were available to the IPs. Indoor and outdoor recreation areas were available for the IPs in the TPU. No violation of DRC policy was observed.

B. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #2

Name /Identifier: B1

Type of Specialized Housing: ☐ Special Management Housing (55-SPC-02) ☐ RTU (67-MNH-23)
☐ Reception (52-RCP-01, 02, 06) ☐ Death Row (67-MNH-31, 52-RCP-02)
☐ Limited Privilege Housing ☐ Level 1/Outside Worker ☐ Nursery
☐ Dementia ☐ Protective Custody ☒ Other: Honor Block

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the unit have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does this specialized housing offer programming: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Type of unit: ☒ Open Dorm ☐ Cells

Housing unit max capacity: 216

Are equipment and facilities in working order: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the housing unit inspected comply with DRC standards for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: CFIS inspected B1, which is designated as an honor block for older, level 1& 2 visually impaired IPs. The unit was observed to be clean, orderly, and compliant with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) signage requirements. The unit is equipped with a microwave, ice machine, pool table, laundry room, and exercise equipment.

At the time of inspection, there were 17 blind IPs residing on the unit. Each is assigned an IP aid to provide navigation and daily assistance. To further support mobility, LOCI staff reported an upcoming floor project designed to provide tactile or visual guidance for blind IPs throughout the unit. There is a special tag on the IPs bunk that identifies them as visual impaired.

Specialized care is provided by a contracted therapist who visits every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to assess individual needs. In addition to therapeutic services, the therapist provides PREA signage and other relevant informational materials tailored for this population.

The unit also hosts a unique animal rehabilitation program for squirrels and turtles through the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Currently, 20 IPs participate in nursing abandoned wildlife to ensure they can be successfully released back into the wild.

No violation of DRC policy was observed.

C. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #3

Name /Identifier: B3

Type of Specialized Housing: ☐ Special Management Housing (55-SPC-02) ☐ RTU (67-MNH-23)
☐ Reception (52-RCP-01, 02, 06) ☐ Death Row (67-MNH-31, 52-RCP-02)
☐ Limited Privilege Housing ☒ Level 1/Outside Worker ☐ Nursery
☐ Dementia ☐ Protective Custody ☐ Other:

Executive staff/supervisors conduct unannounced rounds: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the unit have appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does this specialized housing offer programming: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Type of unit: ☒ Open Dorm ☐ Cells

Housing unit max capacity: 80

Are equipment and facilities in working order: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the housing unit inspected comply with DRC standards for cleanliness: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: CFIS inspected B3, which houses level 1 IPs and outside workers. The unit is equipped with a microwave, ice machine, pool table, laundry room, and exercise equipment. The housing unit consisted of five tiers, with IPs residing on each level. Each tier had its own refrigerator for the residents. Additionally, showers and toilets were located inside the cells.

No violation of DRC policy was observed.

ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM INSPECTION

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

PREA provides for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state, and local institutions. It provides information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect IPs from prison sexual assaults and rapes. PREA applies to all DRC institutions, including privately operated and juvenile correctional facilities.

As the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating criminal offenses inside correctional institutions, the Ohio State Highway Patrol tracks sexual assaults using the PREA incident system. CFIS staff interviewed the PREA coordinator who confirmed that LOCI has not had any substantiated PREA cases in the past 12 months. PREA signage and local rape crisis center information was appropriately posted.

In addition, LOCI has PREA victim support teams, made up of staff who can assist the victim with information and emotional support services. No violations of DRC policy 79-ISA-01, Prison Rape Elimination Act, were observed.

Staff Recruiting and Retention

On the date of the inspection, LOCI had a vacancy rate of 7.7%, which is well below the agency average of 10.04%. Information about hiring events and job openings was posted.

Naloxone (Narcan) Kits

LOCI offered Narcan kits to IPs on the day of their release. Each kit contained two doses of naloxone and ten fentanyl test strips. The kits are stored within a “Harm Reduction Vending Machine,” in a discrete area. LOCI complied with DRC policy 10-SAF-20, Naloxone Safety and Health Procedure.

Administrative Duty Officer Reports (ADO)

CFIS reviewed the ADO (50-PAM-02) reports from the week prior to the inspection, which were provided upon request. An ADO report is completed daily by the designated executive staff tasked with completing inspection rounds. The designated rounds cover food service, visitation, housing unit, recreation area, and any other area designated by the warden. Upon completion of the ADO rounds, a report documenting the rounds is provided to the warden’s office for review. The report includes the date and time of the rounds, areas visited, observations, concerns, and recommendations. After reviewing DRC 6011 (DRC sign-in logbook), staff appear to be conducting rounds according to policy, and the ADO reports reviewed were completed timely (50-PAM-02).

Security and Safety

LOCI housing units were appropriately staffed, and the units were clean and organized. Restrooms were clean with all showers, sinks, and toilets in good working conditions. Units had essential items such as ice machines, and water fountains. All were in working order. No maintenance issues reported or observed. Fire evacuation plans were posted in highly visible areas. Cleaning products and supplies were secured appropriately. After reviewing DRC 6011 (DRC Sign in logbook), staff appear to be conducting rounds according to DRC policy 50-PAM-02.

There were no security issues or DRC policy violations noted or observed during the inspection.

Drug Prevention and Testing

DRC has increased efforts towards contraband interdiction throughout all facilities statewide to assist in the reduction of contraband conveyance and unauthorized items being brought into the facilities. DRC canine teams are being formed to assist in contraband interdiction. In addition, DRC’s centralized Mail Processing Center (OMPC) located within Youngstown, Ohio receives, inspects, and scans all mail. Mail is then sent to the IPs via their tablets in accordance with DRC Policy 75-MAL-01, Incarcerated Population Mail. LOCI’s March 2026 drug testing results.

Test Category	Number of Tests	Results
Program testing	44	4 Suboxone positives
Random testing	117	5 Suboxone positives
For cause	20	5 Suboxone positives

During the reporting period of March 2026 to present day of inspection, the following drug-related contraband was seized: 114 pieces of synthetic drugs, 58 pieces of Suboxone, 3 grams of Marijuana and less than 1 gram of tobacco.

Security Threat Groups (STG)

Security Threat Groups (STG) are organized groups within correctional facilities that are often linked to gang activity/organized crime and pose significant risks to the safety and security of the facility. Classifying an individual as an STG member assists the facility, and the DRC, in proper tracking, housing, and monitoring of trends.

LOCI has identified 338 members belonging to 36 different STG groups. The top nine groups are: Bloods (95 members), Crip (42 members), White Supremacist (39 members), Folks (29 members), Unauthorized Group (20 members), Aryan Brotherhood (13 members), Cincinnati White Boys (13 members), Folks/Gangster Disciples (10 members), Konvicted Family (10 members).

Institutional Overtime

Correction Officer worked a total of 2,523.23 overtime hours in March 2026. No violations of DRC policy 35-PAY-01, Employee Pay, Timekeeping and Overtime Issues, were reported

Annual Evacuation Drills

CFIS verified that LOCI's health and safety coordinator conducts quarterly fire drills on all shifts in compliance with DRC policies and procedures 10-SAF-05, Fire Prevention and Safety Practices.

Special Events/Family Engagement Events

Over the past 12 months, LOCI has hosted at least 3 special events including but not limited to Fall graduation honoring Renaissance & Peer Support Completers, Franklin University Graduation, and a Recovery Services Graduation. Events were conducted in compliance with DRC policy 77-REC-01, Recreation and Leisure Time Activities.

CONCLUSION

The grievance process is essential for effective correctional operations. At LOCI, the grievance process appeared to promptly address issues and provide clear and policy-based solutions. On the day of inspection, the leadership team demonstrated both expertise and approachability in their interactions with CFIS. The housing units were clean and orderly.

Staff displayed comprehensive understanding of correctional practices and actively promoted constructive behavior among incarcerated individuals. Programs were designed to support successful re-entry. No violations of DRC policy were observed or reported during the inspection.

Overall, LOCI maintain high standards in correctional operations, as evidenced by the effectiveness of its grievance process and the professionalism of its leadership team. The facility provides a clean and orderly environment within its housing units, reflecting a commitment to safety and organization. Staff demonstrate a thorough understanding of correctional practices and actively encourage positive behavior among IPs, with programs in place to foster successful re-entry. Notably, no violations of DRC policy were observed or reported during the inspection. These findings indicate that LOCI is operating in alignment with departmental policies and is dedicated to creating a constructive and secure atmosphere for both staff and those in custody.



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