

REPORT ON THE
INSPECTION OF

OHIO REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN

INSPECTION DATE: MARCH 31, 2026



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Ohio Reformatory for Women

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Acronym: ORW
Address: 1479 Collins Ave. Marysville, Ohio 43040
Warden/Superintendent: Erin Maldonado
CFIS Team Members Present: J. Wesson / D. Drummond / B. Forrest / D. Thompson

FACILITY INFORMATION

Date Institution Opened: 1916
Population Type: ☐ Male ☒ Female
Security Level Type: ☒ Minimum
☒ Medium
☒ Special Management
☐ Restrictive Housing
☐ Death Row
☒ Juvenile
Total Acres: 258
Total Buildings On-Site: 20
Total Custody Staff: 263
Total Service Area Staff: 189
Total Staff: 452
Total Volunteers: 590

INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Current Count: 2,446
Total Available Capacity: 2,848
Incarcerated Person Age Range: 17 - 86
Incarcerated Person Average Age: 39.70

The Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) is one of three state operated adult female facilities. This institution is an open-dormitory and celled-style facility. ORW can house all security-level incarcerated females from reception/intake, juvenile to death row. This facility offers a residential treatment unit and has the largest mental health department within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (DRC).

RECENT INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AUDIT

ORW's most recent Internal Management Audit (IMA) was conducted on March 3-5, 2026. The IMA is an annual audit conducted by an independent auditor who reviews a facility's compliance with the American Correctional Association's (ACA) 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 ORW's rates of compliance for the previous three years:

IMA Audit Scores	2024	2025	2026
ACA Mandatory	100%	98%	98.6%
ACA Non-Mandatory	98%	96%	97.3%
Ohio Standards	88%	90%	85%

External Inspection Results	Date of Inspection	Violations	Violations Corrected
State Fire Marshal	11/4/2025	12	12
Health Department	10/7/2025	3	3
Annual Facility Safety and Sanitation Inspection	3/4/2026	0	0

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 ORW, CFIS also inspected the following areas:

- Recovery services
- Education
- Medical
- Library/law library
- Transitional programming unit (TPU)
- Residential treatment unit
- Mental health
- Visitation
- General population housing units
- Specialized housing units

In advance of arrival, CFIS inspectors requested staff produce copies of Administrative Duty Officer (ADO) (50-PAM-02) reports from the past seven days, the most recent 30 days of grievances, and the following:

- Current vacancy rates (total staff/custody/non-custody overtime report)
- Current facility incarcerated population count (racial breakdown, average age)
- Current facility fact book
- Current facility security threat group numbers
- Facility drug testing (previous quarter)
- Facility educational program numbers (program enrollment/completion)
- 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 the complaint and take corrective action where necessary (e.g., the date, time, and place of the event, and 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 descriptions of personnel as well as the actions giving rise to the complaint.

The steps of 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 with 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 the required seven-day timeline from the date of submission. 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 — then 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 after 28 days from 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 ORW, 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 in a timely manner, and that the grievance response is within policy guidelines.

CFIS reviewed 15 grievances from March 1 to March 31, 2026. CFIS did not observe any indication of retaliation against IPs for filing grievances.

During the review of grievances and ICRs, CFIS observed thorough responses from staff, which referenced DRC policies or administrative rules when appropriate. The ORW 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

Dishwasher 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 sampled a lunch meal that included pizza, noodles, carrots, salad with French dressing, a banana, and milk. The meal was appropriate in portion size, and met policy standards for taste, appearance, and temperature.

Aramark food service staff and IP workers were appropriately dressed in protective clothing (hair and beard nets, rubber gloves) within the food service department. Uniforms were neat and clean. The food service area was orderly.

Food was properly labeled and dated while being stored within the coolers, freezers, and dry storage. The dish room was clean, and dish cleaning water temperatures followed DRC policy 60-FSM-02. CFIS verified completion of sanitation and hygiene training for food service and incarcerated staff 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. The area surrounding the trash compactor was free of debris. No indication of rodents or pests were observed in the food service area or on the back dock. CFIS interviewed Aramark staff in food services, and none reported any DRC policy violations. The food service manager also noted no issues. There were no violations of DRC policy noted or observed during the inspection.

The food service area also prepares food for staff while they are working within the facility. This process was initiated six months ago. Staff can order and pay for available menu items via their work area desktop computer. Staff may either request to have their food delivered or they may pick it up from the food service area. This service was added to assist in retaining staff and following the initiative of taking care of their staff.

In2Work Program

DRC and Aramark have created a program in which IPs can be actively employed by Aramark and operate as food service managers. Prior to obtaining a position, the IP must receive the appropriate certifications and maintain them while participating. These certifications are available to the IP upon release. The In2Work program is designed to teach skills and provide certifications needed for careers in culinary arts. During the inspection, participants were observed actively preparing meals.

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

The Ohio Central School System (OCSS), offers educational programs designed to meet the needs of IPs throughout DRC, including ORW. 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 IPs 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 vacant teaching/staff positions in the education department: ☐Yes ☒No ☐N/A

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

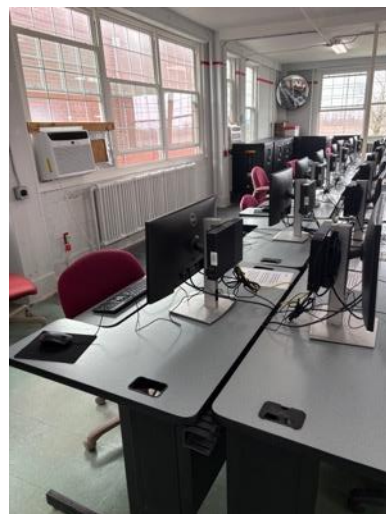
Does the education department comply with DRC standards for cleanliness: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: The education department was located within various areas throughout ORW. Education programs are facilitated within spacious classrooms or available program rooms. On the date of the inspection, ORW academic programs included the following:

- Literacy unit
- General educational development (GED)
- Pre-GED
- Career and college preparation
- Sinclair Community College
- The Ohio State University
- Optician
- Carpenter/maintenance
- Building maintenance/repair
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Animal trainer
- Horticulturist
- Nurse assistant
- Business operations service and support
- Cosmetology
- Interactive media and web design
- Construction technology

ORW delivers instruction through traditional classroom settings, face-to-face meetings, and hybrid and digital platforms. IPs were observed utilizing the hybrid learning model by completing assigned work on Microsoft Chromebooks within their housing units.

ORW collaborates with institutions such as Sinclair Community College and The Ohio State University to offer college credit courses. The facility's literacy, GED, and post-secondary educational programs provide comprehensive opportunities for IPs tailored to meet their needs. As of 2026, 22 IPs have obtained GED certification. Vocational training is designed to align with current job market demands. CFIS confirmed that instructor qualifications met all requirements, with no violations of DRC policy 57-EDU-08, Education Staff Credentials, noted or reported. Educational materials and technology at ORW remain current. Staff consistently record and monitor enrollment and attendance. The facility also accommodates IPs with learning disabilities.



Sinclair College Computer Lab

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:

Recovery, reentry, parenting skills, peer support, and self-awareness.

Does the area have appropriate signage/information displayed:

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does the reentry department comply with DRC standards for cleanliness:

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: The review of the rehabilitative and reentry programs at ORW demonstrated a decentralized approach to service delivery. Programming is purposefully incorporated throughout the facility, rather than limited to a single educational area, allowing for greater accessibility within the daily routines of IPs. At present, the institution offers 10 distinct programs focusing on behavioral health, vocational development, and family reunification. On the date of inspection, ORW's programs included:

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| • Reentry | • Kindway/Embark |
| • Tapestry Therapeutic Community (Arn-2) | • Achieving Baby Care Success (ABCS) |
| • Mom & Kids Day | • Military preparation program (MPP) |
| • Harmony Project | • Peer support |
| • Horizon Prison Initiative | • Circle Tail (dog program) |

Multipurpose program rooms located within housing units are utilized to promote high participation rates and reduce movement logistics. Specialized sessions are held in the religious services building, which features dedicated spaces for larger group activities and faith-based or community-driven initiatives.

The Tapestry Therapeutic Community (Arn-2) serves as a foundation of the facility's intensive recovery efforts, supported by peer support networks and the Horizon Prison Initiative that emphasize personal transformation and community-building skills.

ORW maintains its commitment to nurturing maternal bonds through ABCS and Mom & Kids Day events, addressing the distinct needs of incarcerated mothers. Strategic reentry preparation is managed by the reentry department with assistance from the organization Kindway/Embark.

Kindway/Embark is a faith-based organization that assists IPs for pre-release (planning, programming) and post-release (housing, transportation, viable employment, financial planning) preparation.

The MPP offers a structured environment for IPs pursuing service-related objectives.

Facility morale and vocational development in animal handling and the arts are promoted via the Harmony Project and Circle Tail, which both provide creative and service-oriented opportunities.

The Harmony Project is an organization dedicated to community service and the vocal arts with a particular focus on supporting the successful reentry of IPs. Circle Tail is a canine training program that partners with correctional institutions across Ohio to prepare dogs for service animal roles.

The allocation of programs across multiple housing units and the religious services building demonstrates an adaptive use of facility space. This decentralized model enables a variety of specialized services to function concurrently while meeting the diverse needs of the ORW population.



Recovery Services

MEDICAL (68-MED-01) & MENTAL HEALTH (67-MNH-15)

A. MEDICAL SERVICES

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

Services offered: Chronic care, acute triage, cancer care, reception/intake assessment, opioid treatment program, pregnancy care, dental, mammography, dietician, and optometry.

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

The primary medical department currently has vacancies for the following positions: one physician, one nurse practitioner, three registered nurses, and six licensed practical nurses.

Does the area 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 inspected the medical department, which consists of two distinct staffed facilities: the primary infirmary and the reception/intake area. The infirmary manages onsite appointments, medication administration, and clinical services for IPs at ORW. The reception/intake unit is responsible for intake health assessments, medication management, and opioid treatment services. It also provides dental care for both the incoming and general population. The inspection revealed no violations.

B. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

Services offered: Outpatient mental health, peer support, groups sessions, treatment team, and a mental health library.

Are there any staffing vacancies within the mental health department: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

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

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

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

Does the facility have sufficient space for staff to see patients for mental health care: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: ORW houses the largest mental health department within the DRC. The O'Reilly building, inaugurated in 2023, comprises three distinct housing units and dedicated areas for outpatient mental health services.

These housing units are designated for individuals requiring specialized treatment who are unable to function appropriately within the general population of the facility. Following an assessment by their mental health liaison, the individual will be placed in the recommended housing unit to support ongoing treatment.

The outpatient section of the building includes multiple rooms designed for group programming, individual therapy sessions, peer support meetings, as well as a healing garden outdoor area accessible to both staff and individuals participating in programs.

RECREATION (77-REC-01)

A. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

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

Types of recreation programs offered: Music therapy, yoga, softball, volleyball, cornhole, basketball, weight room, and running/walking tracks.

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: During the inspection of the recreation department, CFIS observed a music therapy session facilitated by an approved volunteer. A general activities therapist was also present in the area at the time of inspection. The current recreation schedule was clearly displayed within the facility. Recreation staff verified that the schedule is distributed to all personnel and posted in housing units for the reference of IPs.

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 meet DRC policy standards for cleanliness:

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Additional Notes: The library has undergone recent renovations to provide sufficient seating and designated areas for reading and studying. Computers are available for Ohio Means Jobs and LexisNexis access. The facility is accessible to the general population IPs during established operating hours.

The librarian manages requests from individuals housed in the TPU through the ViaPath kite system. Upon receipt of a book request, the librarian delivers the requested title, or comparable alternatives, to TPU residents.

For materials not held within the facility, the librarian collaborates with the local community library to obtain necessary titles.

No issues were reported or observed during the inspection of the library.



ORW Library

VISITATION (76-VIS-01)

A. VISITATION

Visitation hours: Wednesday-Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 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 area 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, the ORW Visitation area was closed. However, observations indicated that the visitation area is maintained in good condition. The space is designed to facilitate positive interactions between IPs and their families, with a particular emphasis on accommodating children through available books and a designated play area. Vending machines provide snacks and beverages for visitors, and food ordering via Aramark is also offered.

No violations of DRC policy 76-VIS-01, Incarcerated Person Visitation, were observed or reported.

GENERALIZED HOUSING

A. GENERAL POPULATION HOUSING #1

Name/Identifier: Wheeler

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

Total number housed: 282

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 the Wheeler unit, a general population area for preferred IPs with long sentences. The unit has a microwave, ice machine, coffee maker, and laundry facilities.

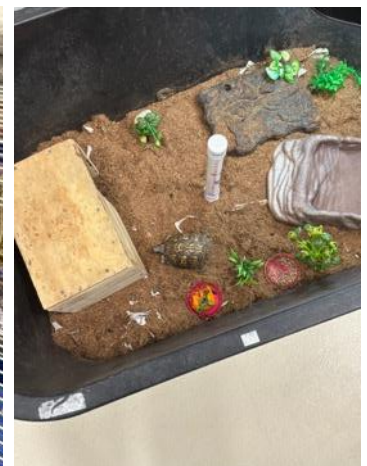
IPs can join programs such as Animal Care with the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Kindware, a jewelry initiative that is an extension of Kindway/Embark. Kindware produces a collection of handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces made by the incarcerated women within the facility. Proceeds from donations of these items provide resources to support the women of Kindway/Embark program on their journey from incarceration to independence. The unit also features an art room for making posters for facility events, and an outdoor space for IPs.



Wheeler Kindway Jewelry Room



Ohio Wildlife Foster Animals



B. GENERAL POPULATION HOUSING #2

Name/Identifier: JG

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

Total number housed: 118

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 conducted a tour and inspection of the JG unit, a general population area noted for its cleanliness, organization, and quiet atmosphere. The unit has an ice machine, coffee maker, water cooler, and laundry facilities. Of particular significance, the JG unit operates a dog program in collaboration with Circle Tail, a multifaceted nonprofit based in Pleasant Plain. At the time of inspection, eight dogs were present on the unit. Incarcerated participants provide grooming and training for Circle Tail dogs, which are prepared for roles as therapy, service, or emotional support animals, as well as boarding services for staff members' dogs. Each Circle Tail dog resides in the unit for approximately 10 weeks, with a designated dog grooming room available.

Additionally, the JG unit accommodates a 16-year-old incarcerated juvenile who occupies a private room and receives mentorship from an adult IP who began her incarceration at ORW as a juvenile. The juvenile is escorted by staff to school, recreation, the library, and meals, and is accompanied by her mentor to most locations. The juvenile is required to always have a staff member present.



JG Dog Care Grooming Room

SPECIALIZED HOUSING

A. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #1

Name/Identifier: Hope Nursery

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

Total number housed: 4

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

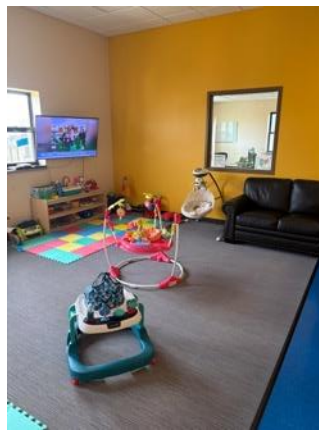
Additional Notes: CFIS conducted a tour and inspection of the Hope Nursery Unit. Established in 2001, this program transitioned to its current facility in 2018. The unit serves incarcerated mothers with less than 36 months remaining on their sentences; children housed in the unit must be three years old or younger. The unit is appropriately equipped for early childhood development, featuring a toddler-sized bathtub, assorted toys, and a dedicated changing station. Residents have access to several dayrooms furnished with televisions and play areas, as well as an outdoor area. At the time of inspection, three mothers were present in the unit, with one mother at an appointment.

The Hope Nursery is committed to supporting the comprehensive development of both mother and child. Mothers engage in extensive training and support services, including participation in WIC (USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), Head Start (a program assisting infants, toddlers, and pregnant women), CPR certification, and cooking classes designed for mothers to provide proper nutrition to their toddlers.

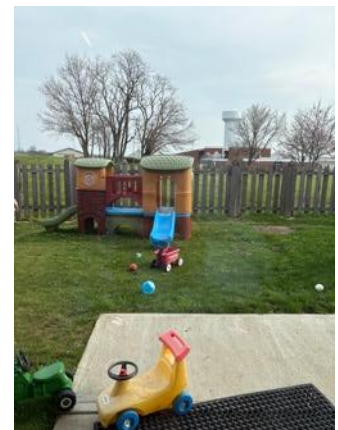
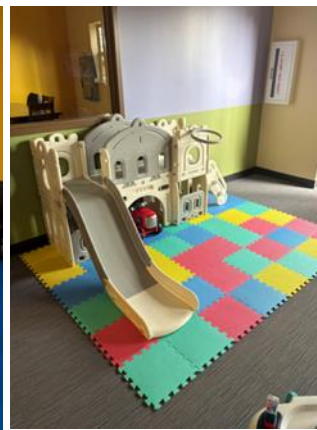
The program also assigns a "nanny," another incarcerated individual who completes the same admission procedures and training as mothers in order to assist with childcare. Nannies may reside within the unit, especially when mothers attend school or other mandatory programs.



Nursery



Nursery Playroom



Nursery Outdoor Play Area

B. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #2

Name/Identifier: Reilley-T

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: Day Treatment Program

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

Total number housed: 29

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: Reilley-T is one of three housing units in the Marguerite Reilley mental health building. IPs placed in this unit are managed by mental health staff and may integrate with the general population. This area serves as a transition from residential treatment back to mainstream housing. Each bed area features four beds each paired with its own dresser and shelves.

Staff for the unit include a corrections officer, a social worker, and a psychologist stationed onsite. Additional support is provided by a sergeant, a case manager, and a unit manager.

CFIS observed no violations or concerns during their inspection.

C. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #3

Name/Identifier: Arn-3

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: Normalcy Unit

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

Total number housed: 0

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 visited Arn-3, known as the normalcy unit. The unit was set to open later that day, starting with 60 IPs. After this first group settles in, the population will increase to 90 and eventually reach its full capacity of 120 residents.

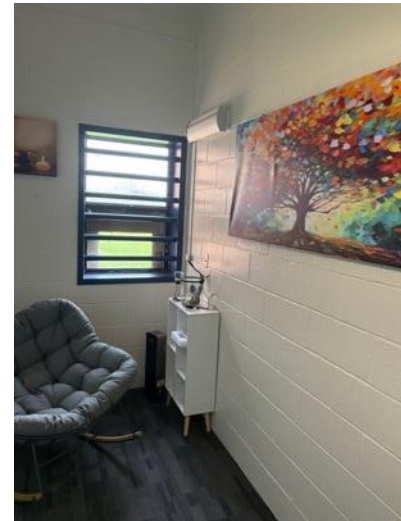
The bottom range offers single cells while the upper range has double-capacity options. IPs must have 36 months or less left on their sentence and are evaluated for conduct reports and other eligibility requirements prior to placement.

There are two kitchenettes in the unit, each equipped with refrigerators, coffee makers, and microwaves. Plans are in place to add an oven. The unit has a Zen Room which is a specialized space intended for meditation and calming activities; it features a fish tank, white noise machine, flowers, and a diffuser. The unit has a Career Center, which is a room with a computer for writing resumes and searching for jobs.

ORW staff highlighted key programs aimed at supporting transition and personal development. Key programs included Unit Management Core Programming, which allows residents from all security levels to build skills and overcome barriers to reentry into the community; Thinking for a Change, a cognitive-behavioral curriculum by the National Institute of Corrections focused on cognitive restructuring, social skills, and problem-solving; and the Currency Point System, an accountability program which allows residents employed within the facility to earn points that may be spent on snacks or special events like movie nights.



Normalcy Unit



Arn-3 Zen Room

D. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #4

Name/Identifier: Reilley-A/Reilly-B

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

Total number housed: 31

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: Reilley-A/Reilly-B is one of three units in the Marguerite Reilley mental health building, housing individuals needing further mental health treatment. Each IP bed area has four beds with dedicated dressers and shelves.

The unit is staffed by a corrections officer, a social worker, and a psychologist, with additional support from a sergeant, a case manager, and a unit manager.

CFIS noted no issues during inspection.

E. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #5

Name/Identifier: Reilley-C

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: Watch

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

Total number housed: 8

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: Reilley-C is the third and final housing unit within the Marguerite Reilley mental health facility. This unit consists of 16 cells, including eight watch status cells and eight single cells. Reilley-C serves as the special management housing area for individuals who have committed serious violations of conduct while housed in Reilley-A or Reilley-B. It is primarily designated for constant watch status of residents requiring continuous observation following evaluation by mental health professionals.

F. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #6

Name/Identifier: TPU

Type of Specialized Housing: ☐ Restrictive 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: Special Management

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

Total number housed: 49

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 conducted a tour and inspection of the TPU, confirming the unit is equipped with a functional ice machine and tables in the common area. Inspectors examined the staff sign-in log DRC 6011 and found that rounds are being performed in accordance with DRC Policy 50-PAM-02, Incarcerated Person Communication/Weekly Rounds. No sanitation concerns were identified or reported, and the inspected cells were determined to be in satisfactory condition.

CFIS reviewed multiple TPU DRC 4118 reports, which document each IP's essential daily functions, including acceptance or refusal of meals, personal hygiene, and recreation activities. Each DRC 4118 is signed, or initials are entered by 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. CFIS reviewed several DRC 4117s, Restrictive Housing Daily Activity Logs, which are documents used to track staff delivery of services such as linen and clothing exchange, barbering, and mealtimes. Staff examined each DRC 4117 for compliance with DRC policies, specifically verifying timely linen and clothing exchange, proper documentation of barbering services, and accurate recording of mealtimes. No violations of DRC policy were 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 interviewed the PREA coordinator, who confirmed that ORW reported three substantiated PREA cases in the past 12 months. PREA signage and local rape crisis center information was appropriately posted.

In addition, ORW has PREA victim support teams, made up of staff that 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, ORW had a vacancy rate of 13.2%, which is above the agency average of 10.4%. Information about hiring events and job openings was posted.

Naloxone (Narcan) Kits

ORW offered Narcan kits to IPs on the day of their release. Each kit contained two doses of naloxone and 10 fentanyl test strips. The kits are stored within a "harm reduction vending machine," which are located within a discrete area. ORW complied with DRC policy 10-SAF-20, Naloxone Safety and Health Procedures.

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. The ADO reports reviewed by CFIS were completed timely in accordance with policy.

Security and Safety

ORW 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. The units also had essential items such as ice machines and water fountains. ORW has the largest hearing-impaired IP population in the DRC and offers a hearing-impaired services department, along with TDD equipment for communication. No maintenance issues reported or observed. Fire evacuation plans were posted in conspicuous 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, Incarcerated Person Communication/Weekly Rounds.

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

Drug Prevention and Testing

DRC has increased efforts toward contraband interdiction throughout all facilities statewide to reduce unauthorized items brought into facilities. DRC canine teams have been formed to assist in drug interdiction statewide.

Additionally, DRC's centralized mail processing center (OMPC) in Youngstown receives, inspects, and scans all mail. Mail is then sent to IPs electronically via their tablets in accordance with DRC policy 75-MAL-01, Incarcerated Population Mail. This reduces the amount of paper at ORW, as paper (e.g. an envelope) can be soaked in illegal substances and ingested or smoked by IPs.

Test Category	Number of Tests	Results
Random Testing	282	38 Positive (Bupropion)
Program Testing	22	0
For-Cause Testing	15	0

During the current reporting period of February to the date of the inspection, the following drug-related contraband was seized at ORW: K2 (0.1 gram) and suboxone (one strip).

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 DRC, in proper tracking, housing, and monitoring of trends.

ORW has identified 40 STG members belonging to 17 different STG groups. The top five groups are: Bloods (nine members), Heartless Felons (six members), Aryan Brotherhood (seven members), Crips (four members), and Anarchists (two members).

Institutional Overtime

Corrections officers worked a total of 9,738.20 hours in February 2026. No violations of DRC policy 35-PAY-01, Employee Pay, Timekeeping and Overtime Issues, were reported.

Annual Evacuation Drills

CFIS verified that ORW'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, ORW has hosted at least 18 special events including, but not limited to: the Spooktacular Halloween Event, Muffins for Mom, academic graduations, nursery unit events, birthday parties, and holiday events. Events were conducted in compliance with DRC policy 77-REC-01, Recreation and Leisure Time Activities.

Ohio Penal Industries (OPI)

ORW's OPI consists of a flag shop, call center, and optical shop. The flag shop produces all U.S. and State of Ohio flags displayed at State of Ohio government buildings.

The optical shop produces prescription eyewear orders for all DRC and Department of Youth Services facilities. The shop fulfills approximately 800 glasses orders per month.

CONCLUSION

Based on CFIS's comprehensive inspection, ORW demonstrates adherence to all relevant DRC policies and procedures. The institution utilizes an effective grievance process to address concerns in a timely manner, reflecting a commitment to responsive and accountable operations. Staff exhibit thorough knowledge of humane correctional practices and actively foster positive behavior among incarcerated individuals, with programming designed to facilitate successful reentry into society. Throughout the inspection, no violations of DRC policy were observed or reported, underscoring ORW's dedication to maintaining high standards of safety, compliance, and rehabilitative support. The results show that ORW acts professionally and ethically, providing a safe and positive setting for those incarcerated at this facility.



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