

REPORT ON THE
INSPECTION OF

NORTHEAST OHIO CORRECTIONAL CENTER

INSPECTION DATE: JUNE 16, 2026



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Northeast Ohio Correctional Center

Inspection Date: June 16, 2026

Acronym: NEOCC
Address: 2240 Hubbard Rd. Youngstown, Ohio 44505
Warden/Superintendent: Kenneth Hoover
CFIS Team Members Present: J. Wesson / D. Drummond / B. Forrest / D. Thompson

INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Date Institution Opened: 1997
Population Type: ☒ Male ☐ Female
Security Level Type: ☒ Minimum
☒ Medium
☒ Max
☐ Reception
☒ Special Management
☐ Restrictive Housing
☐ Death Row
☐ Juvenile
Total Acres: 135
Total Buildings On Site: 1
Total Custody Staff: 190
Total Service Area Staff: 201
Total Staff: 391
Total Volunteers: 39

INCARCERATED PERSON (IP) INFORMATION

Current Count: 896
Total Available Capacity: 996
IP Age Range: 18 - 82
IP Average Age: 35.30

NEOCC is one of three privately operated adult male institutions in Ohio. The institution manages a medium- and maximum-security population in Youngstown, Ohio and is accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA). CoreCivic operates the institution under two contracts, one with the United States Marshals Service (USMS), which houses federal IPs, and the other with the Ohio Department of

Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), which houses levels 1, 2, and 3 state IPs. The institution maintains separation between USMS housing and DRC housing in order to abide by both federal and state regulations and ensure that federal IPs do not encounter state IPs. The institution has a maximum capacity of 996 IPs. On the date of the inspection, NEOCC reported a total occupancy of 896 IPs. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 109.39, CFIS inspected the areas where state IPs are held.

RECENT INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AUDIT

NEOCC's most recent Internal Management Audit (IMA) was conducted April 14-16, 2026. The IMA is an annual audit conducted by an independent auditor who reviews an institution's compliance with ACA'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 NEOCC's rates of compliance for the previous three years:

IMA Audit Scores	2024	2025	2026
ACA Mandatory	96.3%	98.3%	95%
ACA Non-Mandatory	99.1%	99.8%	99.3%
Ohio Standards	80%	82%	80%

External Inspection Results	Date of Inspection	Violations	Violations Corrected
State Fire Marshall	1/23/2026	5	3
Health Department	2/23/2026	1	1
Annual Safety & Sanitation Inspection	4/29/2025	0	0

OVERVIEW OF CFIS INSPECTION

On June 16, 2026, CFIS completed an initial inspection of NEOCC. Warden Kenneth Hoover was notified the day prior that CFIS would be arriving at 9 a.m. the following day to conduct the inspection. CFIS was on site at NEOCC for approximately four hours. The CFIS team consisted of James Wesson, Ph.D., chief of inspections; Deborah Drummond, chief inspector; Bryan Forrest, inspector; and Derek Thompson, inspector.

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, O.R.C. 109.39 empowers CFIS to inspect any other areas that it deems appropriate. While at NEOCC, CFIS also inspected the following areas:

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

In advance of arrival, CFIS requested copies of NEOCC'S Administrative Duty Officer (ADO) 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 institution IP count (racial breakdown, average age)
- Current institution security threat group numbers
- Institution drug testing (previous quarter)
- Institution educational program numbers (program enrollment/completion)
- Approved volunteers (total)
- Institution Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reports (past year/current, total of completed investigations)

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

The DRC IP 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 IP complaints related to institutional life which directly and personally affect the IPs, including those related to DRC policies and procedures, conditions of confinement, or the actions of 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, and the names 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 physical descriptions 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 of institutional services (IIS) may grant an additional four calendar days for response. The IIS is required to ensure that the IP's informal complaint is responded to within seven calendar days. If it is not, then the informal complaint step is waived and the IP may proceed to step two. Informal complaint responses must reflect an understanding of the IPs 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 IP 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 IIS will notify the IP that the grievance procedure is not appropriate and state why it was denied.

Step Two: The filing of the notification of grievance:

If the IP is dissatisfied with the informal complaint response, or the informal complaint process has been waived, the IP 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 IP. 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 causes.

Step Three: The filing of an appeal for 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 IP. The chief inspector/designee's decision on the appeal is final.

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

Are institutional staff answering ICRs 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 (e.g., 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 ICRs: ☐Yes ☒No ☐N/A

Additional Notes: While inspecting NEOCC, CFIS focused on ensuring that the institution systematically logs and tracks grievances in DRC's electronic system, ViaPath, and that staff respond to grievances within policy guidelines.

CFIS reviewed 15 ICRs and 25 grievances filed from May 16 through June 16, 2026. The inspection highlighted grievances related to medical services and staff accountability.

CFIS observed no indications of retaliation against IPs for filing grievances. A review of grievances and ICRs showed thorough staff responses that appropriately referenced DRC policies and administrative rules.

The NEOCC grievance process is currently being conducted in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 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 a country patty, carrots, corn, an apple, bread and butter, and mashed potatoes with gravy. The meal was appropriate in portion size, and met policy standards for taste, appearance, and temperature.

During the inspection, it was noted that an outdated menu for fall/winter was displayed in the food service area. Trinity food service staff stated they would obtain and post the spring/summer menu.

Food was properly labeled and dated. 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 IPs and staff in 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 the food service manager; there were no reported concerns or issues. No DRC policy violations were observed or reported during the inspection.

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 NEOCC. OCSS programs include adult education courses, vocational training, and technical training, all of which incorporate technology into the program. Collectively, the programs are designed to enhance IPs' employability upon release.

A. EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Does the institution 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

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 NEOCC has numerous classrooms available for an educational setting. On the date of the inspection, NEOCC's academic and rehabilitative programs included:

- Adult basic education
- Pre-GED
- GED
- Ashland University
- Maintenance apprenticeship

NEOCC offers classes in the traditional classroom, face-to-face formats, hybrid models and digital platforms. IPs can participate in classes within the education department. The institution accommodates individuals with learning disabilities to ensure equitable access.

NEOCC partners with Ashland University to offer college credit courses. The institution's literacy, GED, and post-secondary educational programs meet the needs of participants and provide ample opportunities.

Apprenticeship training is tailored to current job market demands.

The education department includes an Ohio Means Jobs site, offering specialized employment services such as job searching, interview preparation, and resume support for reentry.

CFIS verified the instructors' qualifications, confirming compliance. PCI's educational materials and technology are up to date.

Staff consistently log and track enrollment and attendance accurately.

During the inspection, 21 IPs were participating in a graduation ceremony for completing the GED program or receiving their degree from Ashland University. Approved family members were in attendance.

No violations of DRC 57-EDU-08, Education Staff Credentials, were noted or observed during inspection.

B. REHABILITATIVE/REENTRY PROGRAMS

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

Rehabilitative/reentry programs offered: Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), Treatment Readiness Program (TRP), Alcohol Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous, Brief Intervention Program (BIP), Starting Point, Residential Drug Alcohol Program, and Big Book.

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: NEOCC offers a comprehensive list of recovery services to support IPs with substance abuse intervention. Participation in recovery services programming is voluntary; interested IPs must submit a request via kite. Eligible IPs will be placed on a waiting list determined by their release date. To receive earned credit in accordance with DRC policy 80-INC-02, Earned Credit, IPs must attend and complete programming while maintaining a minimum score of 75%. Recovery services such as AA/NA and Big Book are peer-supported programs. The Big Book program is held every Monday for two hours, and it is a 12-step program that outlines twelve promises, and twelve traditions to assist IPs in finding long-lasting recovery from alcohol addiction.

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

A. MEDICAL SERVICES

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

Services offered: Dental services, optometry, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program, chronic care, routine physical, nurse sick call, and doctor sick call.

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

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: NEOCC's medical department is equipped with two rooms for triage and examinations. Beyond these exam rooms, the lower section of specialized housing unit Delta 9 (D-9) serves as the infirmary for ongoing care or continued observation following appointments. Delta 9 features two crisis watch status cells for individual monitoring. PREA posters are prominently displayed in the waiting area.

No violations of DRC policy 68-MED-01, Medical Services, were noted or observed during inspection

B. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

Services offered: Beyond Trauma, Beyond Violence, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Decision Points, BRIGHT Depression, illness management and recovery, Men's Trauma Recovery Empowerment, Mind Over Mood, seeking safety, and START NOW.

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

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

Additional Notes: NEOCC's mental health department provides a wide variety of programming for IPs. The department runs a rotating cycle of groups covering general services, criminal behavior, depression, and trauma. Additionally, the department offers open hours Monday through Friday from 12 to 4 p.m. CFIS met with a community linkage staff member, who highlighted their strong focus on connecting soon-to-be released IPs with community resources. At the time of the inspection, there was a vacancy for a psychiatrist within the department.

No violations of DRC policy 67-MNH-15, Mental Health Treatment, were noted or observed during inspection.

RECREATION (77-REC-01)

A. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒Yes ☐No ☐N/A

Types of recreation programs offered: Basketball, handball, ping-pong, cornhole, organized tournaments, and workout equipment.

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: NEOCC offers indoor and outdoor recreation for IPs in the morning, afternoon, and evening. The institution has three separate recreation yards. CFIS inspected the third recreation yard, which features an outdoor area with a basketball court and IP phones, and an indoor area equipped for basketball, ping-pong, workouts, and cornhole.

CFIS observed a urinal to be out of order in the restroom; however, the recreation supervisor stated that a work order is already in place for its repair.

The recreation department utilizes IP workers. CFIS interviewed one IP worker, who reported that he enjoys his job and noted that staff treat IPs professionally and with respect. Additionally, the recreation supervisor stated that the department provides incentives for IPs, including extra recreation time and access to a gaming system.

Rock City Church, a community-based organization, hosts events within the recreation department such as basketball tournaments and music festivals.

The recreation department was fully staffed at the time inspection.

No violations of DRC policy 77-REC-01, were noted or observed during inspection.



Outdoor recreation area



Indoor recreation area

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: NEOCC's recently renovated library was large and well organized. The library offered a comprehensive law library catalog and an Ohio Means Jobs site. The Ohio Means Jobs site provides specialized employment services, including job searching, interviewing skills, and reentry resume support. IPs also have access to legal resources through the library's nine computers dedicated to LexisNexis.

As part of the renovation, NEOCC has purchased new books that will soon be added to the existing collection. Reentry information is readily available, and operating hours were conspicuously posted.

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



Library/Ohio Means Jobs site

VISITATION (76-VIS-01)

A. VISITATION

Visitation hours: General population: Thursday-Sunday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

TPU population: Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., with approval.

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

Appropriate signage/information displayed: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

Additional Notes: On the day of the inspection, a graduation was being held in the visitation area. The visitation area was observed to be properly maintained. The institution provides contact visits. Contact visits allow visitors and IPs to physically interact, such as embracing or participating together in activities like games, meals, and coloring.

The area was structured to provide IPs and their families with an environment conducive to fostering positive interactions, particularly among children. Children's books were accessible for use during visits. Additionally, vending machines and a food-ordering service were available to visitors for the purchase of snacks and beverages. Video visits may also be conducted using ViaPath tablets within authorized designated areas of the institution.

CFIS informed NEOCC staff that some of food in the vending machines was expired, and NEOCC staff quickly removed the expired items.

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

GENERALIZED HOUSING

A. GENERAL POPULATION HOUSING #1

Name/Identifier: C-12

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

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: 40

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: C-12 is a general population housing unit. The unit is staffed by two corrections officers and a case manager, sergeant, and unit manager. The unit was clean, organized, and quiet. Programming is held within this unit. Due to the security level of the institution, IPs are escorted from their housing units.

Appropriate signage containing the mailing information for CFIS was absent from the unit due to an ongoing painting project. CFIS also observed that the communal sink was not operating properly. NEOCC reported they have a work order completed to address the communal sink issue.

No violations of DRC policy were noted or observed during inspection.

B. GENERAL POPULATION HOUSING #2

Name/Identifier: D-7

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

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: 40

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: D-7 is a Level 2 housing unit. PREA posters were conspicuously posted in the unit. The unit was equipped with TVs, a gaming system, tables, phones, and workout equipment. Most IPs within the unit have jobs within the institution, such as food service workers and painters. The unit provides anger management and Ready to Rent, a financial program. CFIS interviewed an IP who spoke highly of the administration's interaction with IPs and creation of incentives for the unit.

CFIS reviewed the staff sign-in log (DRC 6011), which confirmed that rounds are being conducted in accordance with DRC policy 50-PAM-02, Incarcerated Person Communication/Weekly Rounds.

No violations of DRC policy were noted 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

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: 40

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: TPU is a special management housing unit. The unit was appropriately staffed: four corrections officers were assigned to the first and second shifts and two corrections officers were assigned to the third shift.

PREA posters were conspicuously posted within the unit. CFIS reviewed the DRC 6011 for TPU, which confirmed that rounds are being conducted in accordance with DRC policy 50-PAM-02.

CFIS reviewed multiple restrictive housing individual record sheets (DRC 4118). These documents track each IP's essential daily functions, including meal acceptance/refusal, personal hygiene, and recreation. Each DRC 4118 was appropriately completed with dates, times, and staff initials, confirming that mandated services were provided.

Additionally, several restrictive housing daily activity logs (DRC 4117) were reviewed. These logs track service delivery, such as linen/clothing exchange and barbering. CFIS found these logs were not being properly filled out. Staff reported to CFIS that there had been a plan of action recently established to ensure that this form is accurately completed going forward.

No violations of DRC policy were noted or observed during inspection.

B. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #2

Name/Identifier: D-9

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: Infirmary

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

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: 40

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: D-9 is designated as the infirmary housing unit. The unit houses IPs requiring extended care until they are eligible to return to the general population. The unit was equipped with a microwave, ice cooler, phones, and workout equipment. PREA posters were conspicuously posted in the unit. CFIS reviewed the DRC 6011, which confirmed that rounds are being conducted in accordance with DRC policy 50-PAM-02. The unit housed 13 IPs at the time of the inspection. No violations of DRC policy were noted or observed during inspection.

C. SPECIALIZED HOUSING #3

Name/Identifier: C-6

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

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: 40

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: C-6 is limited privilege housing, meaning IPs have reduced privileges, more controlled movement, and restricted access with some reasonable limitations to prison privileges. While movement and privileges are appropriately restricted, the unit successfully maintains a general population-like environment by providing essential services and meaningful engagement through education and institution work assignments. IPs assigned to C-6 assist with job duties throughout the institution. The unit consists of two beds per cell and provides access to a microwave and day room.

CFIS noted the unit lacked appropriate signage for local rape crisis centers and CFIS mailing information.

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. PREA 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 NEOCC has not had any substantiated PREA cases in the past 12 months. PREA signage and local rape crisis center information were not conspicuously posted. However, as noted within the report, signage was removed due to a painting project within the units.

In addition, NEOCC has PREA victim support teams, made up of staff that can assist victims with information and emotional support services.

No violations of DRC policy 79-ISA-01, Prison Rape Elimination Act, were noted or observed during inspection.

Staff Recruiting and Retention

On the date of the inspection, NEOCC had a vacancy rate of 27.4%, which is well above the agency average of 12.6%. Information about hiring events and job openings was posted.

Naloxone (Narcan) Kits

NEOCC 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 is located within a discrete area. NEOCC 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 between June 7-14, 2026. An ADO report is completed daily by the designated executive staff tasked with completing inspection rounds. The designated rounds cover food service, visitation, housing, recreation, 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 DRC policy.

Security and Safety

NEOCC's housing units were appropriately staffed. Restrooms were clean with all showers, sinks, and toilets in good working order or in the process of repair. Units had essential items such as ice machines and water fountains. All essential items were in working order. No maintenance issues were reported or observed. Fire evacuation plans were conspicuously posted in all areas. Cleaning products and supplies were secured appropriately. A review of the DRC 6011 confirmed staff were conducting rounds according to DRC policy 50-PAM-02.

No security issues or DRC policy violations were noted or observed during 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. Additional DRC canine teams are being formed to assist in contraband interdiction.

In addition, DRC's centralized Offender Mail Processing Center located in Youngstown receives, inspects, and scans all mail. Mail is then sent to IPs electronically via their tablets per DRC policy 75-MAL-01, Incarcerated Population Mail. NEOCC's May 2026 drug testing results are as follows:

Test Category	Number of Tests	Results
Random testing	42	1 AMP positive, 1 K2 positive, 4 MET positives, 3 THC positives
For-cause	10	1 AMP positive, 2 BUP positives, 2 MET positives
Program testing	0	0 positives

During the reporting period from May 2026 to the date of the inspection, NEOCC did not seize any drug-related contraband.

Security Threat Groups (STG)

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 institution. Classifying an individual as an STG member assists the institution, and DRC, in proper tracking, housing, and monitoring of trends. NEOCC has a total of 423 STG members belonging to 51 different STG groups. The top 10 groups are: Folks (14 members), Bloods (64 members), Cincinnati White Boys (11 members), Crips (46 members), Heartless Felons (91 members), White Supremacists (10 members), Konvicted Family (25 members), Aryan Brotherhood (12 members), Folks/Gangster Disciples (29), and Unauthorized Group (29 members).

Institutional Overtime

Corrections officers worked a total of 11,722.92 overtime hours during pay periods from May 17 through June 15, 2026. No violations of DRC policy 35-PAY-01, Employee Pay, Timekeeping and Overtime Issues, were reported.

Annual Evacuation Drills

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

Special Events/Family Engagement Events

Over the past 12 months, NEOCC has hosted at least nine events, including a family worship day, family Christmas party, The Mental Health Eye Opener, graduation events, and a Father's Day event. No violations of DRC policy 77-REC-01 were noted or observed.

CONCLUSION

At the time of inspection, the DRC side of NEOCC presented as a well-managed correctional institution with high operational standards. Staff maintain a clean, organized environment and ensure safety, humane treatment, and effective policy implementation. A painting project temporarily affected mailing signage to CFIS, which is being resolved; a communal sink issue was also addressed via work order.

The grievance process efficiently resolves concerns and provides policy-based solutions. Leadership was approachable during meetings with CFIS. The institution's cleanliness and professionalism stood out, and staff took pride in managing multiple security levels. Food service workers are addressing menu requirements and equipment repairs. The institution maintains peace and order, and recreational activities are valued by IPs.

Leadership and staff promote a positive atmosphere for both staff and IPs. NEOCC manages security groups, overtime control, safety procedures, and special events efficiently. The institution follows DRC policies, provides structured programs, and supervises responsibly. Leadership and staff maintain safe, humane, policy-based practices.



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