

TO: Board Of Correction
From: Correction Officer Green-Hunt

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My name is Green-Hunt, L and I am a Correction Officer at Rikers Island and I have worked in a variety of a company where the atmosphere was a little different than what I have experience here at Rikers Island. When I started in 2014 at the Department of Correction I said to myself what did I get myself into, because I saw something different than what is portrayed on the outside. I understand that both side, the inmates and the officers claim both abuses each other. What I see is there is cameras in the facilities and we have seen and heard of all the uses of force that has occurred between the Officers and the inmates.

There is a mindset in the inmates mind that once they come into the facility they believe they can say and do whatever they want without understanding that there is a process when they come in. ex. They have to be seen by the medical staff and other due process that might have to come from other department areas. Some would disrespect or threatening the medical staff and officers if they are not seen right away or get their way, Some doing it intentionally for attention.

1. I believe that as officers we have to learn to understand and communicate with people of different cultures and backgrounds and most of all those that has mental ailment and to know the one that has a more serious mental issues verses the one that uses the system for their devices act.
2. Inmates should know that there are consequences for assaulting officers in any form or fashion. When they know there is no accountability, that gives them a pass to continue in their divisive act.

I heart an inmate say while I was touring in the housing area, that he if he assault the Officer the charges would be dropped to a minor charge.

My comments to the Board of Correction is you are going to have both side comment of what they think is the best solution for the inmates in regards to accountability and it might get emotional with each testimonies. If the same family member is the one that's causing harm inside the facility and the family have no way of controlling them, should we take the abuse because they don't know how to deal with them. I think is unfair that we have to carry the burden

I leave this scripture with you, Proverbs 3:12, for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighted.

Most people don't like to be corrected but if we care about each individual inmates in the facility they should know that when they do wrong there is consequences for their actions.

I hope this comment is not taken out of context because as a child of God I love everyone and I believe they will thank you in the future. Because you can help some from the path of destruction when they can correct their behavior by knowing they have done wrong or rewarded when they do the right thing. Have a bless one and I will pray that the decision you make it would be helpful for both side whether we agree or not.