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*Every night gets harder, Because every night I miss you more... I love you*



Re: DIXON Correctional Center

« Reply #100 on: August 31, 2009, 11:47:13 PM »



Does anyone know if Dixon is not a good place for my L/O to be transfer to? I called and talked to my L/O counselor and he told me that many people were on medication stating this like it was not a wise idea. My L/O wanted to be transfer to be closer to me but i do not want him to get into a situation that would get him in trouble. Any infor would be appreciated. Thanks

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Re: DIXON Correctional Center

« Reply #101 on: September 01, 2009, 01:52:24 PM »

According to inmates who have been to a lot of different prisons in idoc, dixon is the best. I'm not sure how long they are in there cells for but they used to be out almost all day. But things change. I think dixon is the biggest prison in idoc as far as size. It is supposed to be like a college campus. Where is your l/o at now?

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Re: DIXON Correctional Center

« Reply #102 on: September 02, 2009, 03:43:54 AM »

Dixon has a psych unit within the prison. However, there is a huge prison population that is not on meds or has anything to do with the mental health unit. It's probably the best prison in Illinois to go to, besides a minimum facility.

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #103 on:** September 02, 2009, 10:07:14 PM »

**Quote from: kamiller on September 01, 2009, 01:52:24 PM**

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Thanks, That helps. He is at Hill right now and we are seeing what we can do to get him transferred to Dixon to be closer to the family.

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #104 on:** January 31, 2010, 03:49:28 AM »

I am new to this my loved one is at dixon but he is wheelchair bound...does anyone know how they handle situations like this?? do they have the facilities to take care of him???

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #105 on:** January 31, 2010, 04:08:07 AM »

Hello Waiting\_2013,

I have seen inmates using wheelchairs in Dixon so I'm sure your loved one will be fine. I believe they have inmates that wheel them around when needed. Call his counselor and see what information they have in reference to your concerns.



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being married  
to your best  
friend."

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**





« **Reply #106 on:** January 31, 2010, 04:42:44 PM »

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how do i know who is counselor is?? do just call as give them his name and they will tell me who his counselor is?? I am very new to this so i am clueless on everything!!!!!!!!!!

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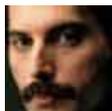
### Re: DIXON Correctional Center

« **Reply #107 on:** January 31, 2010, 08:54:21 PM »

Yes, call Dixon and ask to speak with a counselor. Once you give them his name, they will direct you to his counselor.

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### Re: DIXON Correctional Center

« **Reply #108 on:** March 08, 2010, 11:05:15 PM »

I just saw on the IDOC website that DIXON is on LOCKDOWN. Does anyone have information regarding this lockdown?

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### Favored23

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### Re: DIXON Correctional Center

« **Reply #109 on:** March 09, 2010, 08:44:57 AM »

HUM.... I wonder what time this happened? I was on the phone with my husband last night until the phones went off (9:16 p.m.).

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Thank you  
Lord!

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #110 on:** March 09, 2010, 12:00:17 PM »

I called Dixon - just ONE building and only part of it. I forgot to ask the Level.

The CO that answered was apprehensive in confirming the lockdown. He finally said ONE building is on lockdown; and he would not tell me which one. Then he abruptly transferred me to the operator/receptionist where she confirmed the lockdown is just one building and only part of it. She would not say which building number. She did check the inmate number and confirmed he was not part of the lockdown. This woman is always pleasant and helpful.

Now I know he's fine though I wonder does he truly know what all this does to me; my anxiety is still off the chart.

Previously, I was told that lockdowns don't happen often at Dixon; is this correct?

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #111 on:** March 09, 2010, 01:11:00 PM »

When my guy got to Stateville R/C he went through the whole process, etc. and was going to Dixon based on need, per Dr. at Stateville which was determined upon reviewing the reports, eval he has with him; supporting the need. He was told by Stateville they are sending him to Dixon STU (program and physical therapy) and after he completes the 30/90 day program he will then go to General Pop. at DIXON.

Does the transfer papers (in this case from Stateville) state why they chose to send them to that specific facility, etc.?

He got to Dixon, they did their Q&A which was completely non-related to his being at Dixon. (20minutes of Dr. telling my guy how our last name should be pronounced and, explaining how it's OK for Parole Agents to set the parolees up to fail.) Not ONE person, Dr., Psych, etc. read any of the documents he has (evals, reports, medical, etc). He had even told the Psych that he has papers he should look at can he go get them. Regarding Physical therapy - that Dr. confirmed though still has not gotten it all started.

He wasn't there for even a month - treatment hadn't even began. Administration called him in and said he's being transferred to another facility. NO REASON based on his FACTS. Just the "over crowded" issue because all the parole violators coming in and then getting shipped to other facilities; which in turn, is over crowding all the facilities. AND since that meeting, each person has told him he's going to a different facility. Is there FACT to anything they tell these guys?

Anything I can do . . . WITHOUT making it harder for him? Obviously, I want to see him get what Stateville stated; as it is what he needs - staying at Dixon, completing treatment, etc.

But, if unequivocally ignorance decides; how do I get a straight answer as to where he's being transferred.

IDOC's mantra: their GOAL is POSITIVE REHABILITATION and SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY!

I take issue with IDOC's mantra - i don't see how it is being achieved.

NOT giving them the necessary treatment recommended, there being a huge



difference between wanting the help and using the system. Administration must be able to filter out those situations. There are guys that are not just numbers in a system of concrete and bars.

There's no room to put the parole violators that are coming back in from early release so transfer out others?

R&C parole violator and transfer them; you got their paperwork right there. Why transfer the current inmate? Doesn't make sense. That's double paperwork. Info from Admin is most those short terms will be released within months/days of coming in.

Successful Re-Entry - some Parole Officers are on a major authority kick. Yes, they have to implement guidelines, rules, etc. BUT they are also suppose to assist these guys. No, not make it easy but certainly not setting them up to fail so they get their "authority high".

Ex-felons have a difficult time finding employment and most jobs are physical labor. I don't know many that get desk jobs. Successful Re-Entry is NOT possible if you now have physical limitations due to not receiving treatment for an injury or even for an on-going physical condition.

In theory, Recidivism rates would drop IF the state actually does what they say, provides the programs/treatments listed under each facility as having available. Interesting to know, of those stated, which are truly available and implemented? I would rather see him get what treatment/programs are necessary for the positive re-entry, successful rehabilitation then some of the "comforts" of commissary. Tough love - he did leave me struggling, no comfort, at home.

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #112 on:** March 29, 2010, 01:12:47 AM »

DIXON - Staff interactions is positive, still have the CO's you need to avoid.

DIXON - sick call, medical, and administration is VERY SLOW, unless they want to transfer you!

It took days before he received his requested pass. The slowness is caused by being overpopulated, staff is inundated with sick/medical needs.

DIXON - count time is no more than 30 minutes and if you are visiting during count; you don't leave visiting, CO takes the count for the visiting room. If you arrive to visit 30 minutes before count, you will have to wait until count is completed (approx. 45 minutes)

DIXON - Gatehouse CO's answer all your questions, including when you call asking if the visitor list is down there but, they will NOT say who is on the visitor list (understandably). You walk into the building, sign in, shook down, etc. Within 15-20mins you are sitting at a table in the visiting room, waiting for your guy. If you arrive too close to count then you wait till count is completed to enter the visiting room. Visiting room CO's we never had an issue with and I never saw them "warn" anyone of any actions. Also, I had a specific request because I have hearing in only one ear so I needed to sit where no one was on my right. Otherwise when the room was full; I could not hear ourselves. NOT one CO took issue with my request, and if



they saw me previously - they remembered! When visiting hours were over there were 2 male CO's which called it 5mins prior and allowed that time for hugs and kisses. I did not hear anyone being reprimanded for being inappropriate, etc. CO said it leaves the inmates more positive and less reactive; they need their loved ones, too.

There's an enclosed kids playroom which you get individually for a specific time period and multiple times based on how many visits are with kids! Dad's are allowed to play with their kids. Outside the room I have seen fathers allowed to hold and feed their babies, have a lot of interaction. Kids will be kids and the CO's seem to understand without having unattainable requirements.

Vending Machines are NEVER full and most are always broken. I truly believe they are filled only on Friday mornings!

There is a 2nd shift female CO (short brown hair) which LOVES reminding everyone that she's in charge, very condescending, and don't expect her to be helpful whether you are a first-timer or a regular visitor. She's also the one that reads inmate magazines and purposely delays their receipt of same because she isn't done reading that People magazine. DIXON - Staff is more humane, still have the CO's you need to avoid.

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The first shift female CO (blonde) is very nice, accommodating, helpful. She certainly made visiting less intimidating. There is a 2nd shift female CO (short brown hair) which LOVES reminding everyone that she's in charge and is condescending and don't expect her to be helpful. She is the one that reads the inmate's magazines and delays their receipt of same because she's not done reading their People magazine. That was very aggravating! (But, I seriously would rather deal with her than EMCC's gatehouse's heartless witch!)

DIXON mail is **extremely** quick. He would send it and I got it the next day / no later than the 2nd day. My mail TO him; he would receive the next day (I sent it on Wednesday; he received it in his hand on Thursday!)

Inmates have to request passes to go to sick/ administration, etc. Inmates are treated as human beings. Of course, there are some CO's that aren't of that thinking but, most CO he encountered are respectful.

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Re: DIXON Correctional Center  
« Reply #113 on: March 29, 2010, 07:38:33 AM »





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Thank you  
 Lord!

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CORRECTION-

Count time is 1 hour, not 30 or 45 minutes. You have count at 7 a.m. (I believe) and at 4 p.m. and its 1 hour. They did away with the 11 a.m. count.

Vending Machines are usually full of food. They do not come anymore on Sat. or Sun. so you might have a problem with food.

Broken down vending machines are more frequent now. Not sure what is going on with the company. We call and they say they come 7 days a week, but they only come Mon. - Fri.

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Psalm 146:7 (NIV)

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 and gives food to the hungry.  
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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #114 on:** March 29, 2010, 12:55:33 PM »

The count referred to was the 4pm count which is during visiting hours. CO's at the visiting desk (and there is a sign to the left) tell you to sign in and be processed before 3:30 so you are in the visiting room before the 4pm and hopefully the inmate will get there before 4pm count also. Otherwise you will enter the visiting room after count, at 4:30; as will the inmate.

We found Fridays AM was the only time machines were completely full. We visited on other days during the week and we were told Friday is the day it is stocked? Just sharing what was told. First two weeks in March the microwaves were either not working or overheating and there has always been one vending machine not stocked and one fully stock but not working.

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Thank you  
 Lord!



**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #115 on:** March 29, 2010, 01:05:42 PM »

That is correct they can process you, but count is still from 4 to 5 p.m. (1 hour) and the guys do not get up there until 5 p.m. or thereafter.

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« **Reply #116 on:** April 07, 2010, 03:27:24 PM »

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i just found out my lo is being transferred, is there anything/anyone i can call to make sure he doesn't get transferred, He needs medical attention on a daily bases and based on what I have read Dixon is the only place that can fully take care of him and his needs, plus, I have come atatched to dixon and how nice the front desk, and visitin room co's are to the me, I just pray he can stay at dixon, please if anyone knows anything I can do, I need your help!!! thanks

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« Reply #117 on: April 07, 2010, 04:57:57 PM »

Have you asked his counselor why he's being transferred? If he doesn't need intense medical care most other prisons have a medical unit. Has he had any disciplinary problems? Unless you have connections with the IDOC the next best thing would be to contact your state representative and ask him to intervene...although you should have a good excuse and he better have a clean record of discipline.



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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« Reply #118 on: April 07, 2010, 05:47:52 PM »

he is being transferred to pinkneyville...and I have already tried the state rep, got no call back from him. according to my lo he has not had any problems with anyone/ nor has he every gotten into trouble. Dixon was just his reception he said, but he has heard from other inmates that pinkneyville is not a good place

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**Re: DIXON Correctional Center**

« Reply #119 on: April 13, 2010, 08:24:58 PM »

my ex was in pickneyville about 5 yrs ago, he never had any problems there...he only did 61 days tho

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