



What's New at DOCCS? May 22, 2014

Visitor Processing and Identification System:

A pilot program at Great Meadow Correctional Facility went live in March and rollout statewide started in April 2014. DOCCS has updated the Visitor Processing and Identification System to facilitate visitor information and validation using facial recognition software, to provide the ability to enforce sanctions across the state based upon the Department's visitation rules, and to modify the legacy inmate disciplinary system to support various losses of visitation restrictions as defined by legislation.

NYCLU SHU Stipulation:

As part of the NYCLU SHU stipulation agreement, Sullivan Correctional Facility began the implementation of the Correctional Alternative Rehabilitation (CAR) program on May 1, 2014. The CAR program will house inmates with significant limited intellectual capabilities and/or adaptive functioning and coping skills, and who received SHU confinement sanctions exceeding 30 days. The goal is to assist in the development of necessary skills, and to provide the appropriate support, that will facilitate integration, upon completion of SHU sanctions, into the general prison population or special program.

Mohawk Food Production Center:

A secure pedestrian sally port has been constructed between Mohawk Correctional Facility and the existing Food Production Center (FPC). The goal of the project was to increase production capabilities of the FPC by enabling a greater number of Mohawk inmates to work in the FPC without leaving the confines of the secure perimeter. More information on the [Cook/Chill Program](#) and FPC can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events at DOCCS:

- Bard Prison Initiative's college program graduation ceremony is taking place at Woodbourne Correctional Facility on May 31, 2014.
- The Annual Medals/Memorial Service at the NYS Training Academy is being held on June 12, 2014.
- The first Hudson Link college program graduation at Sullivan C.F is being held on June 18th.
- The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and DOCCS are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Second Chances Farm at Walkkill Correctional Facility on June 19, 2014
- Cardinal Dolan will be visiting Eastern Correctional Facility for the Golden Anniversary of the Dedication of the Catholic Chapel on June 20, 2014.
- June 2014, marks the 25th Anniversary of the Shock Program at Moriah Correctional Facility. The facility will be conducting an open house on June 26, 2014.