

# Solitary Confinement Transformation Plan



## What's the Vision?

Working with staff, incarcerated individuals and stakeholders to be humane in corrections by safely increasing meaningful time out of cell.

## What's in it for you?

By treating the Solitary Confinement risk factors of incarcerated individuals early on, we can positively change the behaviors that result in violence, which directly impacts the prison work environment in a positive way and increases safety inside prisons and beyond.

## Key Definitions

**Restrictive Housing** is defined as a housing assignment for individuals whose presence in general population is deemed to present a danger to self, others, or facility security.

**Solitary Confinement** is measured and defined as an operational status in restrictive housing where the individual is confined to a single-occupancy cell for more than 20 hours a day without meaningful human contact, out-of-cell activities, or opportunities to congregate.

## What's not changing

- The use of Restrictive Housing as a tool to maintain facility safety
- The process and policies for referring an incarcerated individual to Administrative Segregation and Maximum Custody

## What's changing or new?

- **Improved staff training** and staffing ratios to enable plan requirements
- **Expanded** access to risk-reduction **programming** in general population for all incarcerated individuals
- Enhanced options and **alternatives** to placement in **solitary confinement** conditions following incident responses in general population settings
- **Greater efficiency of movement** through the restrictive housing system, including increased opportunities for diversion, access to out-of-cell programs, and step-down models for gradual re-entry back into general population
- **Increased** opportunities for **out-of-cell time** in restrictive housing areas, including **meaningful congregate activity**, through operational changes, bolstered staffing, and a series of capital projects

## When is this happening?

- **September 2023** – SCTP Plan submitted by ISG/Falcon to DOC
- **October 2023** – Plan released publicly. Decision Package submitted to legislature
- **Spring 2024** – Decision received from Legislature
- **Spring 2024** – Facility specific implementation planning to begin

## What to expect next?

- Additional facility site visits to continue conversations with staff
- Project meetings and newsletters to communicate timeline, progress, and plan details
- Requests for input and feedback by the project team for future planning

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