

## OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The providers were equally concerned regarding the negative conditions within the downtown jail, including:
  - a. The deplorable conditions within the facility.
  - b. The disparate gender treatment; i.e. primary use of the downtown to hold females and special need inmates (with limited programs), while male inmates are held in the newer satellite jail (with programs and better conditions of confinement),
  - c. The need for additional programs for females within the downtown jail, knowing that a number of small group programs could be held within the jail's Dayroom spaces.
  - d. The limited artificial and natural light and dingy colors found within the jail, making the ambience depressing for staff and inmates alike.
  - e. The amount of problems with debilitated plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and security systems.

The providers note that inmates who are kept in these conditions regress mentally and after fashion assume a state of physical and mental malady that have significant negative impact on their lives for years to come.

**While the female inmates and those with special needs should be moved to the satellite jail {as soon as possible} the providers (at minimum) recommend that**

