

STRUCTURED INTERVENTION UNITS

Understanding our federal correctional system

Correctional Service Canada (CSC) is responsible for keeping Canadians safe and assisting in rehabilitating inmates so most can eventually return to the community and be contributing, productive members of society.

The health and safety of our employees and those in our care and custody is our top priority. CSC transfers inmates to **Structured Intervention Units (SIUs)** only when they cannot be safely managed in the mainstream inmate population because of risks to their own safety or the risk they pose to others.

In 2019, CSC abolished administrative segregation. Since then, SIUs have been implemented at 15 correctional institutions across the country. They help inmates adopt more positive behaviours through targeted interventions, activities and programs.

Learn more about SIUs by visiting: canada.ca/correctional-service

SIUs ARE MEANT TO:

- ✓ **be proactive and constructive** (such as essential health services and mental health support)
- ✓ **provide targeted interventions** (such as culturally appropriate programming for Indigenous and ethnocultural inmates) to help with their individual rehabilitation needs
- ✓ **provide transition and safe reintegration** back into a mainstream inmate population



LIVING CONDITIONS:

- ✓ SIU cells are similar to regular cells
- ✓ inmates have yard access, shower, personal items
- ✓ health care professionals assess the health of inmates in SIUs within 24 hours of their transfer, and daily from then on



TIME OUT OF CELL OFFERED:

- ✓ **4 hours minimum** each day outside their cell for programs, coaching sessions and other activities
- ✓ **2 hours minimum** each day of that is meaningful human contact such as: interventions or culturally appropriate programming or engagement with community partners such as volunteers



A TYPICAL DAY:

- ✓ work with a parole officer and engage with health care staff
- ✓ participate in correctional programs and interventions
- ✓ participate in coaching sessions with an Indigenous Elder, Spiritual Advisor or Chaplain



3 INDEPENDENT, EXTERNAL BODIES FOR REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT:

- ✓ **Independent External Decision-Makers (IEDMs):** a diverse group of professionals from administrative law, criminal law, human rights and freedoms, public international law, Indigenous law, criminology and public safety who review cases of inmates in the SIU
- ✓ **Implementation Advisory Panel (IAP):** monitors and assesses the implementation of SIUs and advises the Minister of Public Safety of any issues or concerns
- ✓ **Office of the Correctional Investigator:** investigates and brings resolution to individual inmate complaints

