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SB1120

The environment at CCCF causes physical, psychological, and emotional harm to women. Some of the many harms identified in the GIPA report are:

Worsening mental health issues.

- Sexual abuse and sexual harassment frequently reported
- Retaliation by staff against women who have reported sexual misconduct.
- “Harmful, discriminatory and harassing behaviors” reportedly engaged in by many staff.
- High rates of suicide attempts and self-injury by women.
- Women on suicide watch being “‘stripped down’ and placed in isolation.”
- Shackling of pregnant women and a lack of pre-natal and post-natal support
- Delays in medical care that worsened conditions and long wait times or denials of surgery.”
- Women and their children prevented from keeping in touch.
- Lack of comprehensive case or reentry plans for the majority of women, placing them at greater risk of harm and recidivism upon release.

YES on SB 1120, please!