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Where do I even start.

First off my name is Bernard Punter, I'm a Corrections Officer at Manson Youth facility. It's a great place with great people but we have a lot of issues that I don't understand why these issues can't be fixed. The ventilation system I'm pretty sure in every facility is silently killing us, it's never been cleaned I'm pretty sure in decades if that. I remember being in Garner facility and the radon levels were very high. I remember officers filling out packets just in case anything happens as far as their health and those packets mysteriously disappeared. Facilities definitely need better upkeep. Inmates being able to have more recreation time out there cells is very unsafe. I get at MYI we are dealing with kids but people forget a lot of these kids have committed dangerous crimes. The disrespect I've seen in inmates and even parents give officers needs to stop. Esp at MYI. I've seen lobby officers get cursed out by parents and those parents are still able to get in for a visit. There's times where the facility should be on lockdown and it's run on normal operations. There's a lot of issues but for me it's the not being safe and the disrespect we get in our facilities and there's nothing we can do about it esp at MYI. There's no consequence for these kids. Also the fact an inmate or parent can look us up on the state's website, hell they can even look up our salaries which is just ridiculous.