

Developmental Center problems keep growing

I am a mid-level supervisor at Staten Island Developmental Center, formerly (Willowbrook). The name has changed but unfortunately little else has.

There is currently a move by the administration to shuffle supervisors so that each building will be appropriately staffed. Each of us received a letter from personnel, in which we were to pick out the five buildings we would like working in, and list each in order. However, we were also notified that a person with more seniority would have first preference if the selection were unfortunately the same as ours. That includes leaving our current work assignments.

What this has led to is mass confusion. Many supervisors have filed grievances with the union because they feel they are being unfairly removed from their present work locations. Many supervisors have received change of assignments, and for many more of us, we are patiently awaiting our fate. What makes it worse, some people are getting choice assignments while others are being overlooked, regardless of their seniority date.

This will be a traumatic experience for me personally as it is with many of my coworkers. I have worked at the center seven years, and in the seven years in five buildings. Now I face the dismal prospect of reporting to building 6. Supervisors need support and stability. We get neither at S.I.D.S. We have very little say about what goes on at this institution...

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