The United Nations Defines Solitary as:

“the confinement of prisoners for 22 hours or more a day without meaningful human contact”

...and,

“‘prolonged’ solitary confinement of more than 15 consecutive days is regarded as a form of torture.”
The Problem

• The Department of Correction routinely holds people in solitary confinement, calling it other names like “administrative segregation.”

• Although Black and Brown people make up 26.5% of CT’s population, they account for 72% of people in D.O.C. facilities, and 87% of people at Northern C.I.

• The D.O.C., unlike in most other states, is subject to almost no external oversight.

The Strategy

Stop Solitary CT is a diverse coalition: faith leaders, former corrections officials, directly impacted people, and community organizers. We firmly believe those who are closest to the problem are closest to the solution. Our strategy is to:

1) Codify our goals through passing the PROTECT Act.

2) Adapt advocacy to include the emerging needs of incarcerated people and their families.

3) Educate the general public about the harms of solitary and our vision of transformative justice.

The Goals

• Shut down Northern, Connecticut’s supermax prison that subjects people to prolonged solitary confinement and can cost taxpayers more than $17.5 million per year.*

• Ban Solitary Confinement by adopting trauma informed and equity centered standards that explicitly prohibit long-term isolation.

• Require D.O.C. Oversight by legislating meaningful, community-centered accountability.

* Figures as of FY 18/19