Record Nr. UNINA9910806856103321 Autore Abrams Laura S Titolo Compassionate confinement [[electronic resource]]: a year in the life of Unit C / / Laura S. Abrams, Ben Anderson-Nathe New Brunswick, N.J., : Rutgers University Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-87214-5 0-8135-5414-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (188 p.) Collana Critical Issues in Crime and Society Critical issues in crime and society Altri autori (Persone) Anderson-NatheBen Disciplina 365/.420973 Soggetti Juvenile corrections - United States Juvenile detention homes - United States Juvenile delinquents - Rehabilitation - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto History and current tensions in juvenile corrections -- The setting --Mixed messages: "Therapy speak" in a correctional milieu -- "Take it like a man": masculinities, treatment, and crime -- "Jumping through hoops": identity, self-preservation, and change -- On the outs --Rehabilitating rehabilitation: what we learned from Unit C. Sommario/riassunto To date, knowledge of the everyday world of the juvenile correction institution has been extremely sparse. Compassionate Confinement brings to light the challenges and complexities inherent in the U.S. system of juvenile corrections. Building on over a year of field work at a boys' residential facility, Laura S. Abrams and Ben Anderson-Nathe provide a context for contemporary institutions and highlight some of the system's most troubling tensions. This ethnographic text utilizes narratives, observations, and case examples to illustrate the strain between treatment and correctional paradigms and the mixed messages regarding gender identity and masculinity that the youths are expected to navigate. Within this context, the authors use the boys'

stories to show various and unexpected pathways toward behavior change. While some residents clearly seized opportunities for self-transformation, others manipulated their way toward release, and faced

substantial challenges when they returned home. Compassionate Confinement concludes with recommendations for rehabilitating this notoriously troubled system in light of the experiences of its most vulnerable stakeholders.