



**Prison Rape Elimination Act
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2018
December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018**

Introduction

The federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires that each state prepare an annual report on the effectiveness of its efforts to reduce sexual abuse in any program, facility, or institution utilized for the confinement of youth and adults. The following information details the Douglas County Youth Center's compliance with the standards proscribed by the PREA Act. These standards are outlined in the PREA Standards for Juvenile Facilities. 115.387, 115.388, and 115.389

Purpose:

In 2003, a federal law was passed called the Prison Rape Elimination Act or better known as PREA. PREA requires that every state comply with a set of standards that attempts to eliminate the sexual abuse of youth and inmates in correctional settings. The Douglas County Youth Center is required to complete an audit by a certified Department of Justice (DOJ) auditor. The Douglas County Youth Center is committed to complying with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) through effective programming and training. This report provides an analysis of the incidents that have happened with the fiscal year 2018 starting December 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018.

General Definitions as defined by the PREA Standard 115.5

Substantiated allegation - means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded allegation - means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation - means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Definitions related to SEXUAL ABUSE as defined by PREA Standard 115.6

Sexual abuse of a (youth) resident by another (youth) resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- 1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- 2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- 3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand,
- 4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- a) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- b) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- c) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- d) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- e) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- f) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) of this section;
- g) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- h) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Definitions related to SEXUAL HARASSMENT as defined by PREA Standard 115.6

1) Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one resident directed toward another; and

2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

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Reported incidents of sexual abuse December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018

	Youth on Youth Allegations			
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (sub section 1)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section 2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section 3)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section 4)	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0

	Staff on Youth Allegations			
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (sub section a)	0	0	0	0

Sexual Abuse (sub section b)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section c)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section d)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section e)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section f)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section g)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (sub section h)	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0

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Reported incidents of sexual harassment December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018

	Youth on Youth Allegations			
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Harassment (sub section 1)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment (sub section 2)	0	0	0	0

The Douglas County Youth Center received 0 allegation of youth on youth sexual harassment during the calendar year 2018 reported from December 1, 2017 until December 31 2018 and no staff on youth allegations. The reason for the extra month in this report of December 1 thru the 31st of 2017 was that we needed the 2017 report for the FTA (Field Training Audit) which was conducted in February 22 to March 2 2018. This report was submitted as part of the PAQ for the field auditor. The onsite phase of the Prison Rape Elimination Action (PREA) audit of the

Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC) in Omaha, Nebraska was conducted from 2/26/2018 to 3/2/2018. This audit was part of a field training audit conducted under the direct oversight of the PREA Resource Center's (PRC) Field Training Program. Reportedly, this field training audit represented the DCYC's first formal PREA audit experience and was part of the agency's process of preparing for a PREA compliance audit at some point in the future.

The Douglas County Youth Center received no allegations of youth on youth sexual assault during the calendar year 2018 reported from December 1, 2017 until December 31 2018. This report of no instances of allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault is attributed to the implementation of our PREA education programs and training of all of our staff on PREA Standards. With having the FTA audit in March of this year was also a factor in this stat also.

Conclusion

The Douglas County Youth Center is committed to providing for the safety of and well-being of the youth we serve. As we progress, we remain committed to this important initiative as evidenced in the resources we have invested to educate our youth and staff, the operating procedures that we have modified to ensure strong policy and procedure, and the upgrades that have occurred to our camera monitoring technology. The prevention, detection, reporting, and investigating of all forms of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment remain a priority for our facility. Continued growth and support in this area is anticipated in the coming year.

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