

## Human Service Center-Residential Reentry Center

### 2021 Annual PREA Report

This annual report is based on data collection processes that are performed to comply with the mandates of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). Monthly collection and monitoring of official data collected to compile this report were collected from the HSC-RRC located at 1005 N. E. Jefferson Ave., Peoria, Illinois from January 2021 through December 2021. This report can be accessed on the UnityPlace website at <http://www.unityplace.org>.

Each incident of allegations of sexual victimization is classified by the perpetrator who was identified to have carried out the act (resident or staff member). And the type of act alleged to have been perpetrated. Data is compiled monthly on each case of sexual victimization; inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts, inmate-on-inmate abusive sexual contacts, staff sexual misconduct and staff sexual harassment. For each type of victimization, the Facility Director reports how many of the allegations were substantiated (determined to have occurred), unsubstantiated (insufficient evidence to make a final determination), and unfounded (determined not to have occurred). Separate reports for each substantiated allegation provide details about the victim, perpetrator, and circumstances surrounding the incident.

The definition of “sexual victimization” under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 classifies each sexual act by the perpetrator who carried out the incident (inmate or staff) and the type of act perpetrated. Inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization involves sexual contacts with a victim without his or her consent or with a victim who cannot consent or refuse.

Serious nonconsensual sexual act incidents include contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and anus including penetration, however slight, or contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus, or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by a hand, finger, or other object.

Less serious abusive sexual act incidents include intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person, and incidents in which the intention is to sexually exploit rather than to harm or debilitate.

Staff-on inmate sexual victimization includes consensual or nonconsensual acts perpetrated on an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative. (Family, friends, and other visitors are excluded). Staff sexual misconduct includes any sexual behavior or act directed toward an inmate by staff, including romantic relationships. Such acts include intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thighs, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire, or occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for curiosity and/or sexual gratification.



The official total PREA classified allegations made by or on behalf of residents at the Human Service Center – Residential Re-entry Center for calendar year 2021 was one (1). The number of allegations did increase from zero (0) in calendar year 2020 to one (1) on 2021. The allegation in calendar year 2021 was a sexual harassment allegation (staff on inmate), which was substantiated. Training of staff was modified following the 2021 allegation to stress the importance of further investigation if a resident voices any concerns (sexual or otherwise) related to specific staff persons. Training to address transgender population concerns was also increased, with specific focus on searches, UA acquisition and pronoun usage with residents.

The HSC-RRC reviews collected and aggregated data from every allegation of sexual abuse using a standardized instrument compliant with the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of our sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies and training. Aggregate data collection and compilation supports identification of problem areas, taking corrective action on an ongoing basis, and preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and corrective actions. This annual report is used as a tool to assess the HSC-RRC's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The HSC-RRC is committed to monitoring policy and procedures to meet PREA standards and to educate residents, staff, volunteers, and contractors to ensure all participants are free from sexual abuse and sexual assault in an environment committed to zero tolerance.