

Fourth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services



2020 Annual Report per PREA § 115.288

Date: January 17, 2021

Facilities: Residential Correctional Facility
900 9th Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Residential Treatment Center
1102 9th Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

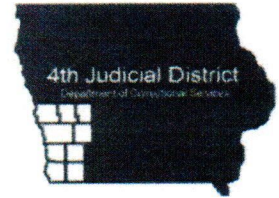
Investigation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	1	0	0	0	1
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Offender on Offender Precursor Behavior	1	3	0	0	4
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	0	2
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Total PREA Investigations	2	4	1	0	7
Offender on Offender Consensual Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
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Total PREA Investigations	3	0	1	0	4
Offender on Offender Consensual Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
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Comparison of Data for current and previous time periods:

In calendar year 2019, there were four (4) investigations. Three of the investigations originated at the RTC and had either Council Bluffs Police Department and/or Pottawattamie County Attorney's Office involvement due to the allegations. One report was received from an offender at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Institution about an incident alleged to have occurred when he was housed at the RCF. After investigation, that report was determined to be unfounded. There were no offender reports of incidents occurring at correctional institutions outside of the Department.

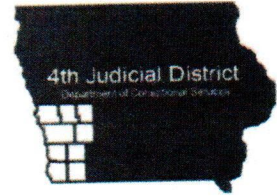
In calendar year 2020, there were seven (7) total investigations. Five of the investigations were at the RTC and all of them spawned out of allegations made by one offender. The RTC houses sex offenders, and all the cases involved sex offenders. The RCF had two cases, both of which were allegations of staff-on-offender sexual harassment. The cases involved different staff members. One of the allegations was unsubstantiated and the other was unfounded. One of the allegations was reported while the offender was housed at the Pottawattamie County Jail; there were no offender reports of incidents occurring at correctional institutions outside of the Department.

The Residential Table of Organization illustrates the current staff, who work interchangeably at both facilities.

Problem Areas Identified:

- Sexual Abuse Prevention Efforts: All offenders are educated on PREA reporting procedures at the time of intake and PREA reporting mechanisms are posted throughout the facility. The offenders are also given PREA information and reporting avenues in the rulebook. There is extensive PREA information on the Department website: www.fourthdcs.com
- Sexual Abuse Detection: Offenders know who to report to and reporting methods. Camera coverage at both facilities is sufficient.
- Sexual Abuse Response Policies: The PREA policies regarding sexual response were reviewed and revised, with changes effective November 25, 2019. The next review period is November, 2021. The policies are available at all times on the computer and on the Department website: www.fourthdcs.com.
- Sexual Abuse Practices Policies: The PREA policies regarding sexual response were reviewed and revised, with changes effective November 25, 2019. The next review period is November, 2021. The policies are available at all times on the computer and on the Department website: www.fourthdcs.com.

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- Training on Sexual Abuse: Staff receive annual training on PREA, sexual abuse reporting, first responder duties, victim advocacy referral and evidence collection procedures. Volunteer and contractor training materials and resources are located on the Department website: www.fourthdcs.com

Corrective Action Taken (include comparison of this year to previous):

The Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews recommended no corrective action as a result of the above cases.


Assessment of Progress in Addressing Sexual Abuse:

The PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Manager meet regularly to discuss PREA compliance efforts, investigations, enhancing compliance with the standards, retaliation monitoring, PREA education of staff and preparation of PREA audits.

Staff continue to be vigilant in monitoring offender behavior and responding appropriately when situations arise.


Kevin Coughlin, Executive Officer
PREA Compliance Manager

2/17/21
Date


Jen Foltz, Executive Officer
PREA Coordinator

1-17-2021
Date


Kip Shanks, District Director

1-17-2021
Date