

PREA Annual Report—2019

The following information is provided in accordance with PREA Standards 115.287, 115.288, and 115.289.

1. Uniform data from all sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, or sexual abuse allegations which occurred in 8th District DCS Residential Facilities.

8th District					
January 1 - December 31, 2019					
Investigation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	2	1	0	0	3
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Offender on Offender Precursor Behavior	1	0	0	0	1
Offender on Offender Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Offender on Offender Other PREA	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Total PREA Investigations	3	1	0	0	4

2. The data, as noted above, has been reviewed to assess and improve the effectiveness of the Department’s sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. This review included the following:

- A. Identification of problem areas—**Burlington Residential Facility**— **There was a need to replace the DVR that records video footage from facility cameras.**

Ottumwa Facility-The facility still struggles being a co-ed facility which leads to some difficulty with ensuring same gender staffing on all shifts. There has been some significant staff turnover this past year and when positions are posted a review of staffing patterns is done to determine if it needs to be a gender specific posting. When staffing plans are unable to be followed, those instances are noted when they happen. The facility alarm system on windows and doors has remained inoperable for part of the year, thus leading to opportunities for clients to “sneak” to locations they are not allowed.

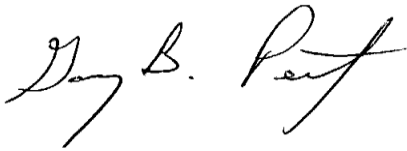
- B. Any corrective action taken for each facility and the Department as a whole—**The Ottumwa Facility leadership continues to review staffing patterns that tries to ensure same sex staff on all shifts when possible. Staff continue to try to conduct extra rounds to monitor client movements. The security alarm system has now been repaired and is fully operational again, however extra rounds have continued.**

The Burlington Facility has now replaced the camera system server and the cameras and data download capabilities are again operational.

All staff will be required to complete PREA Training (refresher) in Fiscal Year 2020.

- C. Comparison of current data to data collected in previous years—**This is the seventh year of compiling this report as part of the PREA Standards. We note that reports of incidents of sexual abuse/sexual harassment have decreased significantly this calendar year as compared to previous years. The department believes that our continued efforts at PREA education and appropriate staff interactions with clients allow for clients understanding the departments zero tolerance policy for sexual misconduct.**
- D. An assessment of the Department’s progress in addressing sexual abuse—**The Department will begin our third cycle of PREA audits of our facilities in 2020 with the Ottumwa facility scheduled to be audited May 6-7, 2020. Both the Ottumwa and Burlington facilities continue to work diligently on detecting and preventing sexual violence. We believe that the preventative measures we have taken has greatly reduced the number of complaints this past year as compared to previous years.**

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