

## PREA Annual Report—2022

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 8<sup>th</sup> District DCS Residential Facilities.

<b>8th District</b>					
<b>January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022</b>					
<b>Investigation Type</b>	<b>Substantiated</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	1	0	1	0	2
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Offender on Offender Precursor Behavior	2	2	0	0	4
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	1	1	0	0	2
Staff Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total PREA Investigations</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

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. Our last PREA audit site visit in Ottumwa in 2020, auditors recommended adding cameras in the hallway. Our last Burlington facility audit was in 2021.**

**Ottumwa and Burlington Facility-** The Ottumwa 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 added 7 new cameras as a result of the 2020 PREA audit site visit. A main door leading to the staff office is now secured with a key fob locking system after a client was assaulted by another client. 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.**

**All staff will be required to complete PREA Training (refresher) in Fiscal Year 2023.**

- 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 fourth cycle of PREA audits of our facilities in 2022 with the Ottumwa facility scheduled to be audited June 19-20, 2023. 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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