

PREA Annual Report – 2020

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 the Fifth Judicial District, Department of Correctional Services, and Residential Facilities.

Fifth Judicial District

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 through DIS 14

Investigation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	0	0	0	0	0
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Offender-on-Offender Precursor Behavior	0	0	0	0	0
Offender-on-Offender Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	1	0	1
Staff Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	1	0	1

2. The data, as noted, 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: Fort Des Moines Men’s Residential Facility and Women’s Fresh Start Center. This was completed by an annually scheduled walk through of the facilities, and also when situations occurred that required attention.
 - b. Any corrective action taken for each facility and the Department as a whole: no corrective action taken as a result of reported incidents, however, changes such as mirrors/cameras were added (to Fresh Start) due to walk-throughs of the facility by management staff at various times.
 - c. Comparison of current data to data collected in previous years: although there were three recorded offender PREA incidents in 2019 (one substantiated, one unsubstantiated, one unfounded,) there was one unfounded staff PREA incident in 2020. Staff and offenders reported what they believed to be PREA related, however, all did not meet the definition of PREA. This shows a strong reporting culture in the Fifth Judicial District. Staff misconduct reports decreased.
 - d. An assessment of the Department’s progress in addressing sexual abuse: The PREA Coordinator reviewed all PREA policies. All residential staff continue to show and display an increased awareness and reporting of sexual related incidents. All Fifth Judicial District Staff continue to take annual Sexual Violence Training via eLearning. It is evident that staff and offenders have a better understanding of the Prison Rape as offender complaints have again been low. This demonstrates continued training and prevention education to all residential staff and offenders.