

PREA Annual Report—2013

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, 2013					
Investigation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	2	0	0	0	2
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	1	0	0	0	1
Offender on Offender Precursor Behavior	0	1	1	0	2
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0	1
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	1	0	0
Total PREA Investigations	3	1	2	0	6

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—additional cameras needed. Ottumwa Residential Facility staffing pattern allowed for times of evenings that offenders knew staff would not be making rounds.**
 - B. Any corrective action taken for each facility and the Department as a whole—**The Ottumwa facility has shifted the hours of newly acquired positions to allow for additional staff during times of concern. All staff will be required to complete PREA Training (refresher) in Fiscal Year 2014. All newly hired facility staff must review PREA training CD prior to offender contact. Four DCS staff completed PREA Investigator Trainings in 2013.**
 - C. Comparison of current data to data collected in previous years—**This is the second year of compiling this report as part of the PREA Standards. There were five reported incidents in 2012 and six reported incidents in 2013. We feel that the focus on staff and offender trainings has been effective in facilitating reporting.**
 - D. An assessment of the Department's progress in addressing sexual abuse—**The Department has updated numerous policies to be compliant with the PREA Standards. Staff and offender trainings have increased awareness on reporting which we feel ultimately increases safety for the offenders in our facilities. It is also believed that staff and offenders have a better understanding of the Prison Rape Elimination Act and its application in our District. The District is preparing for PREA Audits to be conducted in 2014 which should assist the district in taking a closer internal look at improvements that can be made. When funding becomes available we need to look at adding cameras in the Burlington Facility.**

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