

PREA Annual Report—2018

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, 2018					
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	2	2	3	0	7
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	4	3	3	0	10

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 were some issues with the facility camera system, specifically the server record capabilities, when staff tried to retrieve footage during investigations.**

Ottumwa Facility-The facility still struggles being a co-ed facility which leads to some difficulty with ensuring same gender staffing on all shifts. Those instances are noted when they happen. The facility alarm system on windows and doors has become inoperable 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. Bids are being gathered to replace the current server for the security alarms.**

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 2019.

- C. Comparison of current data to data collected in previous years—**This is the sixth year of compiling this report as part of the PREA Standards. We note that reports of incidents of sexual abuse/sexual harassment have increased a bit this calendar year compared to last, however, is somewhat comparable to previous years. The department believes that our continued efforts at PREA education and appropriate staff interactions with clients allow for clients being comfortable to report issues.**
- D. An assessment of the Department’s progress in addressing sexual abuse—**The Department has completed the second cycle of PREA audits of our facilities. The Burlington facility was audited May 22-23, 2018. The facility was found to be in compliance with all applicable standards. A full report of that audit can be reviewed on the department’s web site. Both the Ottumwa and Burlington facilities continue to work diligently on detecting and preventing sexual violence. As shown again in this audit cycle the facilities are in compliance with all applicable standards.**

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