

PREA Annual Report—2017

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, 2017					
Investigation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	1	3	0	0	4
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	1	0	1
Offender on Offender Precursor Behavior	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	3	1	0	5

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**— **Again this year the facility struggled with housing assignments of convicted sex offenders that led to the one sexual assault complaint this calendar year at that facility.**

Ottumwa Facility-Being a co-ed facility still leads to some difficulty with ensuring same gender staffing on all shifts. The co-ed issue also creates opportunities for clients to “hook up” with each other. While most of the issues are those of a consensual nature, there have also been some instances of reports of non-consensual issues that have been investigated.

- B. Any corrective action taken for each facility and the Department as a whole—**The Ottumwa Facility leadership continues to work on staffing patterns that tries to ensure same sex staff on all shifts when possible. The staff also do a very good job of trying to monitor clients who may be trying to develop relationships.**

The Burlington Facility has now completed a review of their housing practices and have moved away from the practice of housing sex offenders in one area of the building.

All staff will be required to complete PREA Training (refresher) in Fiscal Year 2018.

- C. Comparison of current data to data collected in previous years—**This is the fifth year of compiling this report as part of the PREA Standards. We note that reports of incidents of sexual abuse/sexual harassment have decreased this calendar year. The department believes that our continued efforts at PREA education are therefore paying off.**
- D. An assessment of the Department’s progress in addressing sexual abuse—**The Department has started the second cycle of PREA audits of our facilities. The Ottumwa facility was audited May 9-10, 2017. 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. We believe that the department continues to send a clear message to all staff and offenders that sexual harassment and sexual abuse will not be tolerated. We note that reports of incidents of sexual abuse or harassment are down this calendar year and feel that is a result of our prevention efforts. We look forward to the scheduled audit of the Burlington facility in May 2018. Both facilities continue to review practices and physical facility makeup to ensure compliance with PREA standards.**

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