

Prison Rape Elimination Act:

2020 Annual Report



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The Johnson County Department of Corrections (JCDOC) is committed to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 and enhancing the safety and security for JCDOC clients as a result thereof. This report is a summary of the agency's efforts in PREA compliance. In 2015, and again in 2018, the Adult Residential Center (ARC) was audited and was in 100% compliance with PREA standards. By examining the collection of agency data, the JCDOC is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of sexual abuse detection, reporting, prevention, and response.

Purpose:

This report serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, reporting, detection, and response policies, practices, and training within Johnson County Department of Corrections pursuant to national PREA standards. As required the department shall:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually in order to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, reporting, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include:
 - a. Identifying problem areas,
 - b. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis; and
 - c. Preparing an annual report of its findings.
2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. Publish the annual report on the JCDOC website of its findings and corrective actions for the facility, as well as for the agency as a whole.

Aggregated Data:

The JCDOC collects data from the referrals for an investigation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment categorized as client-on-client, staff-on-client, and community-on-client. The results of the investigations are defined as:

- Substantiated – allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred,
- Unsubstantiated – allegation that was investigated and produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred, or
- Unfounded – allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

The report contains aggregated data as well as a comparison between calendar year 2019 and 2020.

Comparative Data Analysis:

The following information represents the total of PREA Incident Reports within the Johnson County Department of Corrections and a breakdown of incidents within the adult division and juvenile division. The first section, "2020 Total PREA Incidents Reports", is based on all reports received, irrespective of case dispositions. The last two sections, "2020 PREA Breakdown – Adult Residential Center" and "2019/2020 Comparison" are based on the categorization of cases pursuant to the definitions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics Survey of Sexual Violence and as outlined in the final PREA standards. In an effort to implement best practice, the JCDOC also includes a category of community-client for sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment in addressing incidents occurring in the community for residential, work release, state work release, and Therapeutic Community clients during employment, job searching, external appointments, etc.

2020 Total PREA Incidents Reports

Adult Residential Center: 10

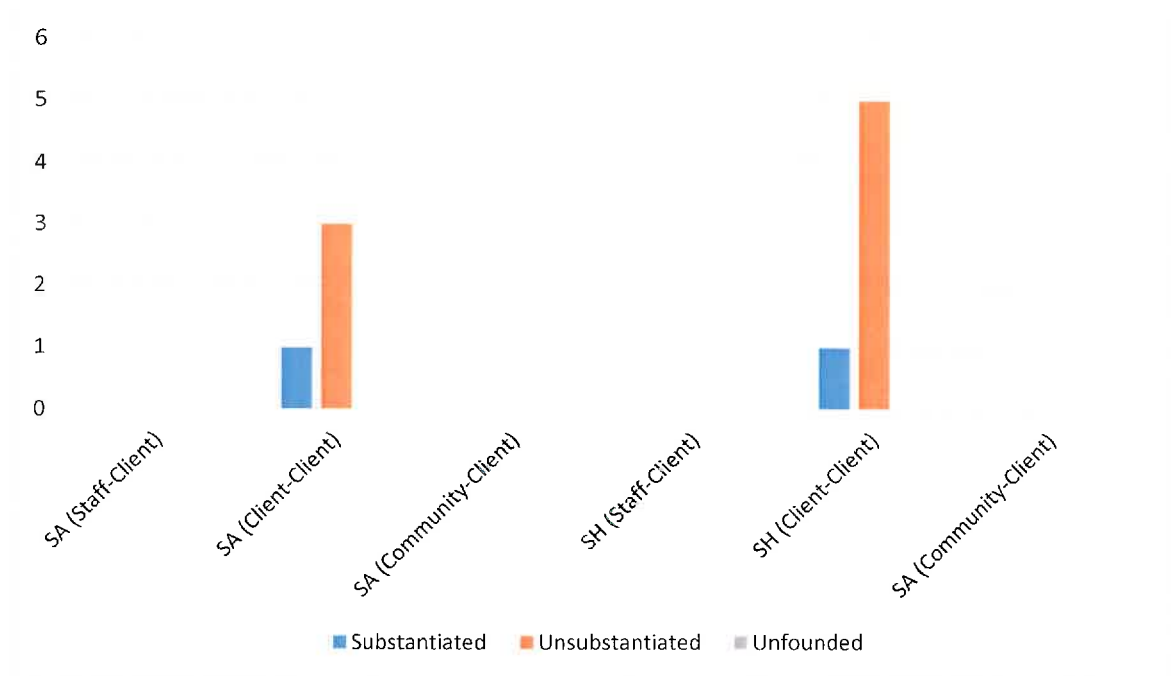
Sexual Assault – 4

(1 substantiated, 3 unsubstantiated)

Sexual Harassment – 6

(1 substantiated, 5 unsubstantiated)

2020 PREA Case Breakdown – Adult Residential Center



2019/2020 COMPARISON

2019

2020

Adult Residential Center

Total Incidents: 7 10

Sexual Harassment

Substantiated 1 1

Unsubstantiated 6 5

Unfounded 0 0

Sexual Assault

Substantiated 0 1

Unsubstantiated 0 3

Unfounded 0 0

Corrective Actions:

The JCDOC continues to implement best practices and the requirements of the PREA standards in order to address allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of clients. Leadership of the JCDOC is dedicated to ongoing monitoring and corrective action in order to reach full PREA compliance, and most importantly, to maximize the sexual safety of clients served by the JCDOC. The JCDOC will continue to make progress towards systemic changes that fully integrate the intent of the PREA standards and the highest level of sexual safety.

The following are corrective actions completed at the agency level:

- Annual review/revision of policies to enhance PREA policy and practice.
- Enhanced education for staff and clients with annual training and intake training.
- Staff training curriculum reviewed annually.
- Continue Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews.
- Continue working relationships with community service providers related to sexual assault incidents.

The following are corrective actions completed by the JCDOC correctional facility to meet the intent of PREA standards:

- Continue the upgrading and addition of surveillance cameras.
- Continue to implement any recommendations from Sexual Abuse Reviews.
- Continue the usage of an objective screening tool at the time of intake and within 30 days.
- Continue sexual abuse/sexual harassment training into client orientation and annual refresher training for all staff.
- Added PREA reporting option to client kiosks allowing an additional private method of reporting.

The Johnson County Department of Corrections is committed to continual and progressive culture change and continues to implement the requirements of the PREA standards and make adjustments on an ongoing basis. In doing so, the JCDOC is eager to raise the bar in the confidence and integrity of our system statewide.



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