Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Annual Report 2021



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Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), a federal law enacted in 2003, was created with the purpose to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement. The PREA legislation mandated federal funding for research, programming, training, and technical assistance to address related issues.

PREA was signed into federal law in September 2003, and the final rules and standards were published on August 20, 2012. Extensive research and collaboration took place to identify the extent of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment taking place in federal, state, county, city and tribal confinement facilities for both adults and juveniles. The research identified the scope of the issue, and standards were developed to guide facilities to adopt a "zero-tolerance policy" toward sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The established standards provide a way to measure the zero tolerance policy through strategies to improve prevention, detection, responsiveness and data collection of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment incidents.

The Northwest Regional Re-Entry Center (NWRRC) falls under the PREA standard of Community Confinement facilities 115.5. Further details can be acquired on the PREA Resource Center web page, www.prearesourcecenter.org.

Response by NWRRC:

Over the past year, NWRRC has continued to maintain a zero tolerance policy for PREA violations while prioritizing the safety and security of all residents, staff, volunteers and visitors. Therefore, the agency conducts ongoing annual evaluations of our PREA program with a focus on how to improve.

The 2021 NWRRC evaluation of our processes presented areas where our facility could enhance safety and security for residents and staff. The 2021 physical improvements included the installation of three additional security cameras to allow us to clearly monitor the resident retreat area, detox room and second floor resident clothing closet.

DATA:

PREA standards require that each community facility be audited every three years. NWRRC received audits in 2016 and 2019 and we were found to be in compliance with all PREA standards. The annual PREA reports are posted on NWRRC's website. Our next audit is scheduled to occur in 2022.

2021 NWRRC PREA Reports

Date	Type of Report*	Location (Facility)	Type of Investigation	Date Completed	Outcome
2/18	S:R SAB	FCI Sheridan	Administrative	03/03/21	Unknown
3/17	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	03/18/21	Unfounded
4/13	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	04/14/21	Unsubstantiated
5/6	R:R SA	County Jail	Administrative	05/12/21	Unknown
8/15	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	08/16/21	Unsubstantiated
9/5	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	09/06/21	Unsubstantiated
9/12	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	09/13/21	Unfounded
10/5	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	10/05/21	Unfounded
11/20	S:R SH	NWRRC	Administrative	11/23/21	Unfounded
12/21	S:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	12/24/21	Unfounded

Code	Meaning
R:R	Resident on Resident
S:R	Staff on Resident
SH	Sexual Harassment
SAB	Sexual Abuse
SA	Sexual Assault
SSM	Staff Sexual Misconduct

Total PREA Reports by Year, 2014–2021

Year	Total PREA Reports	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other
2014	2	Both occurred at other facilities. Referred for investigations			2
2015	9*	4	2		3
2016	5	2	2	1	
2017	3		2	1	
2018	6 **	2	1	2	1
2019	10	3	5	2	
2020	9 ***	2	3	2	2
2021	10 ***	0	3	5	2

*Three referred to other institutions for investigations. Outcome unknown

**One referred to Sheridan for investigation. Outcome unknown

*** Two referred to other institutions for investigations. Outcome unknown