

Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services

Annual Report 2021

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 the Sixth Judicial District Department of Corrections

Report For Date range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 for 6th

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED THROUGH DIS 15					
1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021					
Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	0	0	0	0	0
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Offender-on-Offender Precursor Behavior	1	0	0	0	1
Offender-on-Offender Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Offender-on-Offender Other PREA	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0	1
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	1	0	2

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.
 - A. Identify problem areas: The District conducts an Incident Review for any incident that requires a review. Developing a culture of zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment is an on-going process. We continue to encourage staff to be mindful of potential areas of concern.
 - B. Any corrective action taken for each facility and the Department as a whole is determined on a continuous basis and as deemed necessary from an Incident Review.
 - C. Comparison of current data collected to previous years: 2016 there were 9 incidents that lead to sexual abuse/sexual harassment investigations, 2017 there were 7, 2018 there were 12, 2019 there were 5, in 2020 and 2021 respectively there were 2. The decreasing PREA

incident reports over the years may be attributed to the moving females out of the Hinzman Center and re-purposing the all-male dual diagnosis Anchor Center for use as a gender-responsive female facility now being operated as Anchor Center for Women. The decreasing PREA reports and investigations can also be attributed to the zero tolerance environment for sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the Sixth Judicial District Correctional facilities. Additionally, the Covid 19 pandemic which began in 2020 resulted in the Sixth District decreasing residential correctional facility populations as a mitigation strategy to allow for safer social distancing. The smaller facility population allowed for less contact among residents which may have been a catalyst for fewer sexual abuse/sexual harassment reports and investigations.

- D. An assessment of the Department's progress in addressing sexual abuse: We continue to educate all new staff, veteran staff, contractors and volunteers about how to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment and the importance of adhering to the PREA standards. The Department has doubled our amount of PREA investigators from 6 to 12 to enhance our ability to respond to PREA complaints in a timely and efficient manner. All residential facilities in the Sixth Judicial District have successfully passed their PREA audits.

Approved by:



Bruce Vander Sanden, District Director

2/14/22

Date