



PREA Report for Southwest Colorado Community Corrections Hilltop House Years 2019-2022

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into Federal law in 2003 by President George W. Bush. Its rationale was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003) In 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice released national PREA standards to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The Act requires all federal, state, and local corrections agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment in prisons, jails, police lock-ups, and community confinement facilities. Southwest Colorado Community Corrections Center – Hilltop House, has a zero-tolerance policy relative to sexual misconduct. All facilities comply with federal laws as they pertain to PREA, sexual violence and sexual misconduct.

In a review of investigated incidents of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual abuse over the course of the past 4 years, there have been very few reports of incidents of any kind. Of the four incidents, 2 were sexual harassment allegations from residents alleging harassment from other residents. Both were in 2019 and both were either unfounded or unsubstantiated. There were 2 allegations of residents alleging sexual misconduct from staff. One occurred in 2019 and the other in 2020. Both were unfounded.

There were no allegations of sexual abuse in any of the past 4 years.

In assessing the commonalities in the allegations from 2019 & 2020 in order to reduce the risk of any allegations occurring in the future it appears that more training of the residents on sexual harassment could be helpful. Only one of the two incidents involving staff had any implications of any kind of corrective action. One suggestion would be to improve and enhance staff training on pat searches and PREA standards in general. Current practices are to review the NICIC (National Institute of Corrections) videos/trainings on PREA for correctional institutions:

Training 1: Your Role: Responding to Sexual Abuse

Training 2: Communicating Effectively & Professional with LGBTI.

Perhaps enhancing the trainings and provide some in-person trainings and role plays may assist staff in understanding the principals and standards of the Prison Rape Elimination Act as well as their role in identifying and responding to any allegations.

While our agency has not had any allegations reported in the past 2 years, we do not want to assume this trend will continue and need to continue to be vigilant in our efforts to prevent sexual harassment and abuse in our facility.

Adult 2019	Resident to Resident Sexual Harassment	Resident to Resident Abusive Sexual Contact	Resident to Resident Non-Consensual Sexual Act	Staff to Resident Sexual Misconduct	Staff to Resident Sexual Harassment	Total all Allegations
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unfounded	1	0	0	1	0	2
Pending External	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Internal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	0	1	0	3
Adult 2020	Resident to Resident Sexual Harassment	Resident to Resident Abusive Sexual Contact	Resident to Resident Non-Consensual Sexual Act	Staff to Resident Sexual Misconduct	Staff to Resident Sexual Harassment	Total all Allegations
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pending External	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Internal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	1

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Adult 2021	Resident to Resident Sexual Harassment	Resident to Resident Abusive Sexual Contact	Resident to Resident Non- Consensual Sexual Act	Staff to Resident Sexual Misconduct	Staff to Resident Sexual Harassment	Total all Allegations
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending External	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Internal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Adult 2022	Resident to Resident Sexual Harassment	Resident to Resident Abusive Sexual Contact	Resident to Resident Non- Consensual Sexual Act	Staff to Resident Sexual Misconduct	Staff to Resident Sexual Harassment	Total all Allegations
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending External	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Internal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

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