

Annual Report on Sexual Abuse Data

West Central Community Correctional Facility

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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I. Introduction

West Central Community Correctional Facility (WCCCF) collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at the facility. WCCCF maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. WCCCF reviews the data collected in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training.

II. Definitions

Sexual Abuse:

Sexual abuse of a resident by another resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;

- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1)-(5) of this section;
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Sexual Harassment:

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one resident directed toward another

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

Substantiated Allegation:

An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded Allegation:

An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated Allegation

An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

III. Data: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

On December 31, 2023 there were 87 male residents and 43 female residents under the supervision of WCCCF. From January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 there were 229 male residents and 124 female residents admitted to WCCCF. Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, the average daily population of WCCCF was 77 male residents and 42 female residents.

<u>Allegations</u>	<u>Substantiated</u>	<u>Unsubstantiated</u>	<u>Unfounded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	1
Resident on Resident Sexual Harassment	2	1	2	5
Resident on Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0

IV. Conclusion

WCCCF saw a significant decrease in reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment from the previous year. Changes made to WCCCF PREA policies and procedures in 2022 have been effective in the prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within the facility. A PREA Audit conducted early in the year determined WCCCF to be compliant with all PREA Standards. Through the audit process WCCCF received valuable feedback that was used to improve the screening of residents for risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness and better practices for protecting residents from retaliation for reporting an allegation or cooperating with an investigation. The detection of sexual abuse and sexual harassment has improved with the installation of a new camera system in 2023, which has decreased the number of blind spots in the facility.

WCCCF will continue to identify problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis in 2024 to provide a safe, humane, and appropriately secure environment, free from the threat of sexual misconduct for all residents. In 2024 all WCCCF Staff will receive training on the following information:

WCCCF's zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;

Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement;

The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;

How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;

How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents;

How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents; and

How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

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Signature

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Date