

PREA  
Annual  
Report

2019

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of September 4, 2003 (Public Law 108-79) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual assault in all US penal facilities. PREA supports the elimination, reduction and prevention of sexual assault/rape within our prisons, community corrections centers and local jails. PREA applies to Offender-on-Offender and Staff-on-Offender sexual misconduct. Major provisions of PREA include the development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement settings. On August 20, 2012, the PREA standards final rule became effective.

Volunteers of America Northern Rockies (VOANR) support the reduction of sexual violence. Efforts to ensure full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards (PREANS) are fully underway in the facility harassment.

In compliance with 28 CFR § 115.88, this report is being made available to the public via the VOANR website. Each instance of a reported violation was investigated and was categorized as substantiated or unsubstantiated. This report contains statistical information on reported cases of the various types of sexual activity in the VOANR Booth Hall facilities. There are four (4) definitions established by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) which categorize sexual acts. The categories are:

- Sexual Abuse (Offender on Offender)
- Sexual Abuse (Staff on Offender)
- Sexual Harassment (Staff on Offender and Offender on Offender)
- Voyeurism (Staff on Offender)

Each and every reported incident was investigated to determine if the allegation was substantiated or unsubstantiated. The figures below indicate the number of reported incidents in 2019 and the percentages for each specific to the Booth Hall program. In each case, an investigation was conducted to determine if corrective action was necessary to further reduce sexual acts within the facility.

1. Sexual Abuse (Offender on Offender):
  - 0 Substantiated
  - 0 Unsubstantiated
2. Sexual Abuse (Staff on Offender):
  - 1 Substantiated
  - 0 Unsubstantiated
3. Sexual Harassment (Staff on Offender/Offender on Offender):
  - 0 Substantiated
  - 0 Unsubstantiated
4. Voyeurism (Staff on Offender):
  - 0 Substantiated
  - 0 Unsubstantiated

## **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR 2019:**

- Enhanced PREA training and education for staff
- Continued education and training for residents

## **ONGOING SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS:**

- Surveillance system evaluated for continued upgrades
- Continued screening for vulnerable residents
- Continued education and training on PREA
- Site inspections
- Certified PREA Audit completed in January 2019

This report will be made available on VOANR website as it is required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards. This report is to inform the public about the VOANR's efforts to reduce and/or eliminate sexual acts within its facilities. As part of our mission, we work hard to ensure the protection of inmates from all sexual harassment and/or abuse.

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