



PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

2013 REPORT

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The Connecticut Judicial Branch is subject to the standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), 42 U.S.C. § 15601, et seq. PREA established federal requirements for the prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The PREA standards for lockups, juvenile facilities and community confinement facilities are all applicable to the Judicial Branch.

The Connecticut Judicial Branch has two 24-hour lockup facilities located in Hartford and New Haven run by Judicial Marshal Services. In addition, Judicial Marshal Services oversees the lockups in 40 courthouses.

The Judicial Branch operates two Juvenile Detention Centers located in Bridgeport and Hartford run by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) Juvenile Residential Services.

The Judicial Branch also contracts with adult and juvenile providers throughout the state to provide residentially-based services for individuals in need of supervision, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and housing services.

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is committed to meeting its requirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act. When individuals are placed in the custody of the Judicial Branch, we have an obligation to keep them safe and free from all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. We must be accountable to those individuals. They have the right to be held in an environment where sexual abuse and sexual harassment will not be tolerated; and if it does occur, appropriate remedial steps will be taken to prevent it from happening in the future.

Individuals in the custody of the Judicial Branch are entitled to have access to justice. Their status as a confined individual must not interfere with that. All individuals who utilize the court system must have confidence that they will be treated fairly and with respect. Complying with the PREA standards helps ensure that.

¹The Judicial Branch began implementation of the PREA standards after they were finalized on August 20, 2012. Accordingly, this initial annual report does not include a comparison of the data and corrective actions from 2013 with those from prior years.

Judicial Branch Progress in Addressing the PREA Standards

The Connecticut Judicial Branch made tremendous strides in implementing the PREA standards during the course of 2013. In 2013, the following actions took place:

- Developed a comprehensive Judicial Branch PREA policy, which includes the Branch's zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- Developed a comprehensive PREA policy specific to Juvenile Residential Services
- Developed a comprehensive PREA policy specific to Judicial Marshal Services
- Developed a uniform PREA incident reporting form
- Revised the "Reference/Criminal Record Check Authorization and Release of Information" form to include a PREA disclosure section
- Appointed PREA Coordinators at the Judicial Branch level
- Appointed PREA Coordinators within the Court Support Services Division
- Appointed PREA Coordinators within Judicial Marshal Services
- Created a Branch-wide PREA implementation committee
- Developed PREA notice signs in English, Spanish, Polish and Portuguese
- Installed telephones in all cell blocks to allow for access to Language Line
- Trained all Judicial Marshals on how to access Language Line
- Revised Judicial Marshal Services' policies to include PREA language, where applicable
- Revised Juvenile Residential Services' policies to include PREA language and standards references, where applicable
- Inserted PREA language into all Judicial Branch contracts, Memoranda of Understanding and Memoranda of Agreement
- Inserted PREA language into all sign in/out sheets for contractors entering Judicial Branch facilities
- PREA training for Juvenile Residential Services staff, healthcare staff and educational providers
- Participated in several webinars conducted through the PREA Resource Center
- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.
- Developed Judicial Marshal Services screening and notice forms
- Conducted baseline in-house PREA audit reviews
- Conducted baseline PREA audit reviews for contract providers
- Organized 2 in-person trainings by the Moss Group through the PREA Resource Center (Audit Instrument Training and Train-the-Trainer for Employee Training)
- Assigned PREA Compliance Managers in all juvenile facilities (2 state detention centers, 5 contracted community detention centers, and 4 contracted community residential programs)
- Assigned PREA Coordinators at all adult contracted programs

- Developed collaborative relationships with other state agencies (Department of Correction, Department of Children and Families, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Connecticut State Police)
- Developed Juvenile Residential Services PREA Classification Screening tool
- Developed PREA Training Curriculum
- Developed Juvenile Residential Services policy on “Non-Discriminatory Practices for LGBTQI Juveniles”
- Collaborated with the Connecticut Association of Non-profits, Inc.

While a great amount of progress has been made in implementing the PREA standards, there is still work remaining. In the coming year, the Judicial Branch will be focusing on the following tasks:

- Development of an on-line training program for all Judicial Branch employees who may have contact with individuals in our custody
- Development of a PREA webpage on the Judicial Branch website
- Continue training of all Judicial Branch employees who may have contact with individuals in the custody of the Judicial Branch
- Continue working with our contracted providers to ensure their full compliance with the PREA standards
- Ensure all investigators attend the required specialized training
- Have PREA audits conducted at the two Juvenile Detention Centers
- Have PREA audits conducted at the two 24-hour adult facilities

Judicial Marshal Services

Judicial Marshal Services is responsible for courthouse security and the transportation and custody of prisoners. Judicial Marshals oversee lockups in 40 courthouses throughout the state in addition to two 24-hour facilities. These lockups are subject to the PREA Lockup Standards.

In 2013, 118,230 individuals were in the custody of Judicial Marshal Services.

In 2013, there was one unfounded reported incident of sexual abuse involving a Judicial Marshal and an individual in the custody of the Judicial Branch.

In 2013, there were 9 incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that were reported to Judicial Marshals that occurred at confinement facilities not under the control of Judicial Marshal Services. In all of those cases, the Judicial Marshal Services' PREA Coordinator contacted the highest ranking officer at the location where the alleged incident occurred to inform them of the allegation.

Juvenile Residential Services

Juvenile Residential Services oversees two juvenile detention facilities that are American Correctional Association (ACA) and National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accredited. These facilities are subject to the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

In 2013, 2,559 juveniles were admitted into the two detention centers.

In 2013, there was one unsubstantiated report of sexual abuse by a Juvenile Detention Officer against a juvenile. A facility-based sexual abuse incident review was held to review this report.

In 2013, there was one substantiated report of sexual harassment by a Juvenile Detention Officer against a juvenile. There was also one unsubstantiated report of sexual harassment by a Juvenile Detention Officer against a juvenile.

Juvenile Contracted Providers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch contracts with 10 community providers for juveniles within their care and custody. These facilities are subject to the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

BRAVE, Hamden

BRAVE is a community residential program for boys. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

SOAR, Hamden

SOAR is a community residential program for boys. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

GRACE, Hartford

GRACE is a community residential program for girls. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Washington Street, Hartford

Washington Street is a secure community residential program for girls. In 2013, there was one unsubstantiated report of juvenile on juvenile sexual assault.

SAGE, Hamden

SAGE is a secure community residential program for boys. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR), Litchfield

CJR is an intermediate community residential program for boys. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

North American Family Institute (NAFI), Litchfield

NAFI is an intermediate residential program for girls. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Connecticut Junior Republic, Therapeutic Respite and Assessment Center (TRAC) Program, Litchfield

TRAC is a residential program for boys. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

**Connecticut Junior Republic, Center for Assessment, Respite and Education (CARE)
Program, Waterbury**

CARE is a residential program for girls. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

The Children's Center, New Choices, Hamden

New Choices is a residentially based substance abuse treatment program for males. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Adult Contracted Providers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch contracts with 24 community providers for adults within their care and custody. These facilities are subject to the PREA Community Confinement Standards.

Sierra Center, New Haven

The Sierra Center is a long-term mental health and substance abuse counseling, employment readiness, community service program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

APT Foundation, Bridgeport

The APT Foundation is a substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Rushford, Middletown

Rushford is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Rushford Intermediate, Portland

Rushford Intermediate is a substance abuse treatment program and halfway house. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Crossroads, New Haven

Crossroads is a substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Morris Foundation, Waterbury

Morris Foundation is a recovery house. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Morris Therapeutic Shelter, Waterbury

The Morris Therapeutic Shelter is a short-term case management program with treatment services. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Help Central Naugatuck Valley, Waterbury

Help Central Naugatuck Valley is a substance abuse and mental health treatment center. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Connecticut Renaissance (West), Waterbury

Connecticut Renaissance (West) is a substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there was one unfounded reported incident of sexual abuse in this facility. There were no reported incidents of sexual harassment in this facility.

McCall Foundation (Hotchkiss House), Torrington

McCall Foundation is a substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Liberation, Stamford

Liberation is a substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Perception House, Willimantic

Perception House is a substance abuse and mental health treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Milestone (CHR), Putnam

Milestone is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Farrell Treatment Center, New Britain

Farrell Treatment Center is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Lebanon Pines (SCADD), Lebanon

Lebanon Pines is a long-term substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Trinity Glen (MCCA), Sharon

Trinity Glen is a long-term substance abuse and rehabilitation program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Elm City Women and Children, New Haven

Elm City Women and Children is a comprehensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program for women. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Fresh Start Women and Children, Hartford

Fresh Start Women and Children is a comprehensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program for women. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Crossroads Amethyst House, New Haven

Crossroads Amethyst House is a comprehensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program for women. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Hartford AIC/CPA, Hartford

Hartford AIC/CPA is a transitional housing program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Project More Transitional Housing, New Haven

Project More is a transitional housing program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Union House (CJM), Bridgeport

Union House is a transitional housing program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Virginia Wells (Project More), New Haven

Virginia Wells is a transitional housing program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

The January Center, Uncasville

The January Center is a sex offender treatment program. In 2013, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.