

PREA Annual Report—2015

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 8th District DCS Residential Facilities.

8th District					
January 1 - December 31, 2015					
Investigation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other	Total
Offender-on-Offender Abusive Contact	0	1	2	0	3
Offender-on-Offender Non-Consensual Acts	0	1	0	0	1
Offender on Offender Precursor Behavior	2	0	1	0	3
Offender on Offender Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0	1
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	1	0	1
Staff Retaliation	0	0	0	0	0
Total PREA Investigations	2	2	5	0	9

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. This review included the following:

A. Identification of problem areas—**Burlington Residential Facility—housing assignments of convicted sex offenders has been limited to one area of the building. This has led to some over familiarity between offenders which has facilitated some precursor behaviors. During the PREA audit of the Burlington facility the auditor noted concerns with unmonitored areas of facility grounds.**

Ottumwa Facility- There were some staffing pattern changes that has led to some shifts not having same sex staff members on duty of the offender population.

B. Any corrective action taken for each facility and the Department as a whole—**The Ottumwa Facility will post any new vacancies as gender specific to address the need to have same sex staffing on all shifts.**

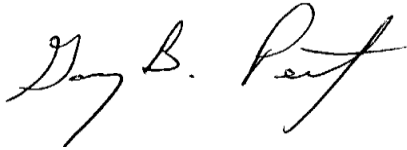
The Burlington Facility has added four new cameras to cover blind spots in the building that were potential problem areas where sexual abuse could occur. In response to the PREA auditor's concerns a sign out sheet for all residents utilizing the outside recreational area has been implemented.

All staff will be required to complete PREA Training (refresher) in Fiscal Year 2016.

C. Comparison of current data to data collected in previous years—**This is the fourth year of compiling this report as part of the PREA Standards. Reports of potential PREA issues has held steady at nine the past two years. The department believes that our continued efforts at PREA education is paying off.**

D. An assessment of the Department's progress in addressing sexual abuse—**The Department has now had both of its residential facilities audited for this initial three year audit period. Both facilities meet all applicable PREA standards. We believe that the department has sent a clear message to all staff and offenders that incidents of sexual abuse or harassment will not be tolerated based on the fact that PREA reports continue to come in at a significant level. Both facilities continue to review practices and physical facility makeup to ensure compliance with PREA standards.**

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