



Floyd County Corrections
2018
PREA Annual Report

In 2018, Floyd County Corrections (FCC) continued the established Zero Tolerance standard for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Our commitment to a Zero Tolerance standard is the foundation upon which all efforts have been built.

Training and education have continued to be critical components in our efforts to prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Approximately twenty new staff members have undergone our comprehensive training requirement that has been key in the agency's mission and commitment to providing the best possible environment for offenders. In addition to new staff, the agency PREA Coordinator also received his certification as a PREA auditor by the PREA Resource Center in conjunction with the Department of Justice.

We continue to take our responsibility to respect and uphold the rights and welfare of inmates in our care, understanding that the detection and prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment is a critical component of all our efforts.

Michael Long, Warden

Scope of the 2018 Annual Report

This report is compiled in accordance with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) National Standards published in August of 2012. DOJ standards 115.87 and 115.88 provide specific direction for the collection, review, and assessment of collected data to improve the effectiveness of policies, practices, and training for the sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response.

This report provides a review of incident-based and aggregated data for calendar year 2018 and a comparison of aggregated data for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Investigations

In all instances of alleged PREA violations that may constitute a criminal act, Floyd County Corrections (FCC) provides timely notification and works closely with the Georgia Department of Corrections. In such cases, FCC endeavors to provide full access to agents assigned to carry out the official criminal investigation on-site. FCC's Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) will also complete a full administrative investigation in conjunction with all criminal investigations. Our SART investigator is a P.O.S.T. mandated law enforcement officer with specialized training in investigation of sexual abuse in the confinement setting. This training is in accordance with PREA Standard 115.34. Following all investigations, the incident will be determined to have been either:

Substantiated- An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred;

Unsubstantiated- An allegation that was investigated and determined to have insufficient evidence to make a determination as to whether the incident occurred; or

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

All substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment result in the appropriate disciplinary actions taken against the staff member, contractor, volunteer, or inmate and where appropriate referral for prosecution.

Data Collection

Floyd County Corrections records and tracks all PREA Incidents from the initial report through the investigative and review process.

Tables are provided below of aggregated data for years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

2018 PREA Allegations				
Type of Allegation	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Total
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	0	2	2
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	1	1	2
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	2	2
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	5	6

2016 – 2018 Incident Comparison			
Substantiated	2016	2017	2018
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	1	0
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	1	0
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Harassment	1	1	0
Total	1	3	0
Unsubstantiated	2016	2017	2018
Staff to Offender Abuse	2	0	0
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	0	1
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	1	0
Offender to Offender Harassment	2	0	0
Total	4	1	1
Unfounded	2016	2017	2018
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	1	2
Staff to Offender Harassment	2	0	1
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	2
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
Total	2	1	5
Total Incidents	7	5	6

Substantiated Incidents	2017	2018	% Increase
Staff to Offender Abuse	1	0	-100%
Staff to Offender Harassment	1	0	-100%
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	0%
Offender to Offender Harassment	1	0	-100%
Total	3	0	-300%

2018 Mock Audit

As a part of our 2017 Corrective Action Plan, we scheduled a mock audit for the last quarter of 2018. Due to circumstances beyond our control the mock audit had to be moved to January of 2019.

Assessment

2018 saw a 300% decrease in substantiated incidents. This is due in full to the facility staff and their continued dedication to institutionalizing the PREA Standards daily. 2019 the facility will undergo the second official PREA audit of the second cycle of compliance audits by the DOJ.