



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Prison Rape Elimination Act Annual Report – Calendar Year 2017

This Annual Report, in accordance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (“PREA”) Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails, summarizes Calendar Year (“CY”) 2017 incident-based data and corrective actions taken in CY 2017 by the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (“RIDOC”) and its facilities to improve its efforts to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.

Data Collection Activities

In 2017, the RIDOC made changes to its Facility Incident Database to capture more information regarding PREA-Related Incidents. Previously, staff from the Planning and Research Unit collected information regarding PREA-Related Incidents from hard searches of investigative reports. Utilization of the Facility Incident Database to capture information regarding PREA-Related Incidents allowed the RIDOC to standardize its data collection efforts throughout its facilities.

Furthermore, the term “sexual misconduct” has been removed from the RIDOC PREA Policy and replaced with the terms “sexual abuse” and “sexual harassment.” Therefore, the data categories in this Annual Report have evolved from previous Annual Reports and are now consistent with the data fields that exist in the Facility Incident Database regarding PREA-Related Incidents.

All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are entered in the Facility Incident Database and investigated by either the Special Investigations Unit (“SIU”) or the Office of Inspections (“OI”). Additional information is collected and entered in the Facility Incident Database during the investigative process and after facility based Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews (convened to review allegations of sexual abuse that are determined to be substantiated or unsubstantiated after investigation).

The RIDOC PREA Coordinator reviews the data collected from the Facility Incident Database to (1) assess and improve the effectiveness of the RIDOC’s sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response efforts and (2) prepare the annual report.

CY 2017 Data

CY 2017 Total All Facilities PREA-Related Incidents: 125

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
50	0	13	18	19

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
17	0	1	10	6

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
35	0	10	5	20

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
23	2	2	11	8

CY 2017 Total High Security Center PREA-Related Incidents: 6

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	1	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	2	2

CY 2017 Total Maximum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 12

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
6	0	2	4	0

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	2	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	0	3	0

CY 2017 Total Medium Security PREA-Related Incidents: 15

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
12	0	5	4	3

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	1	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	1	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

CY 2017 Total Minimum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 13

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	2	2

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	1	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
6	0	2	0	4

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	2	0	0

CY 2017 Total Intake Service Center PREA-Related Incidents: 40

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
12	0	2	4	6

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	0	0	2	3

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
12	0	4	2	6

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
11	2	0	3	6

CY 2017 Total Women’s Facility PREA-Related Incidents: 39

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Women’s Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
16	0	4	4	8

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Women’s Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
6	0	0	4	2

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Women’s Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
14	0	4	2	8

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Women’s Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	0	3	0

Comparative Data Analysis

Due to the change in how PREA-Related Incident data is now collected by RIDOC versus previous years and the change in the categorizations of PREA-Related Incidents (i.e.- removing the term “sexual misconduct” and replacing it with “sexual abuse and sexual harassment”), it is difficult to compare the current year’s data with prior years’ data sets. However, CY 2017 PREA-Related Incident Data does show that RIDOC experienced an increase in the number of documented allegations of PREA-Related Incidents throughout its facilities in CY 2017.

The CY 2017 data also clearly reflects the progress RIDOC is making in its efforts to maintain PREA compliance, specifically that there are clear reporting mechanisms in place as well as substantial investigative endeavors.

CY 2017 Corrective Actions

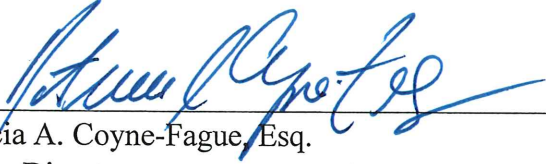
In CY 2017, PREA Audits were conducted at two (2) RIDOC facilities: Intake Service Center and Women’s Facility. During the Corrective Action Period, the agency and facilities responded to each of the standards where compliance could not be identified during the on-site audit. After a review of all submitted documentation, the PREA Auditor determined that both of the facilities audited in CY 2017 are in compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails.

The following are corrective actions taken by RIDOC in CY 2017:

- Revised several RIDOC policies to further comply with the PREA standards.

- Provided refresher training on RIDOC policy and requirements in the PREA standards to staff as needed.
- Revised PREA training for employees, contractors, and volunteers.
- Enhanced existing incident based reporting system.
- Installed additional shower curtains as needed to address privacy concerns related to cross-gender supervision and viewing.
- Implemented a system wherein nursing staff provide PREA information to inmates at the time of commitment.
- Implemented PREA related documentation in the new Electronic Medical Record system.
- Posted new PREA posters in English and Spanish in all facilities for inmates, members of the public, and staff.

As demonstrated by the data and corrective actions taken by RIDOC and its facilities in this Annual Report, RIDOC continues to be committed to full implementation of the PREA standards and continues to improve and sustain its efforts to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.



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