

Annual PREA Report 2019

Gateway Foundation - Texas

This document reviews our Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reporting data, highlights our accomplishments for 2019, and outlines our goals for compliance with the PREA standards in 2020.

Community Corrections Programs

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Introduction

The Gateway Foundation – Texas community corrections programming scope mandates coordination with onsite and local County department of corrections (DOC) liaisons. As contractors with the respective County DOCs, who operate community substance use program facilities, we follow the Community Confinement Standards located at 28 C.F.R. 115. This report contains PREA Annual Reporting data from year 2019 and reflects our growing commitment to compliance with the standards. Our three community confinement facility locations (at Travis, Harris and Dallas Counties) encompass the reporting data collected in this document.

Summary

Gateway Foundation Corrections maintains a zero tolerance standard for sexual misconduct at any facility that we operate. Having been implementing the PREA standards and collecting data for an annual report for the past several years, we continue to keep our commitment to the PREA “Zero tolerance” standard at our community corrections programs in Texas and focus on maintaining a culture of safety and prevention.

Policy Statement:

*Gateway Foundation
Corrections (Gateway)
maintains a zero
tolerance standard for
sexual misconduct in any
correctional or
community-based facility
where operations are
located.*

Data Review

The following is an overview of the reporting data at each of our community confinement locations:

Program - Travis County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident	1	1	
Sexual abuse resident-resident			
Sexual harassment staff-resident		2	
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
Total	1	3	

Program - Harris County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident			
Sexual abuse resident-resident			1
Sexual harassment staff-resident			
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
Total			1

Program - Dallas County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident		1	
Sexual abuse resident-resident			
Sexual harassment staff-resident			
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
Total		1	

	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Aggregate Totals:	1	4	1

Corrective actions included separating residents upon receipt of a report of alleged harassment or abuse, and contacting law enforcement when reported conduct was criminal in nature.

Process improvements included enhancing our communication and cooperation with respective County PREA coordinators, further developing internal training resources and reviewing and revising procedural guidelines to clarify for staff how to best conform with the PREA standards.



Accomplishments in 2019

In 2019 we maintained all of the PREA policies and procedures that were developed in 2017-18 and expanded our internal training requirements. We now have qualified staff members who hold trainings in PREA investigations to uphold the standards at each of our locations. We also developed an internal training program for staff to conduct self evaluations and assessments regarding professional and ethical boundaries and uphold PREA reporting requirements.

Being audit ready since 2018, we successfully concluded our first official audit at the Dallas County location. Travis County's successful audit report followed.

Goals for PREA Compliance in 2020

Having successfully received our first audit reports in 2019, we expect to conclude our first PREA audit at Harris County in 2020 or 2021. We expect to have a more robust data collection and review process and look forward to analyzing data from 2019 to improve our operational compliance with the PREA standards.

Conclusion

We consider our PREA program to be mature but continue to develop our internal operating procedures and training programs.