



# Community Corrections Programs

Gateway Foundation - Texas

## 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 2020 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	2	1	
Sexual abuse resident-resident		1	
Sexual harassment staff-resident		1	
Sexual abuse staff-resident	1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

Program - Harris County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident			
Sexual abuse resident-resident			4
Sexual harassment staff-resident		2	
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

Program - Dallas County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident		4	
Sexual abuse resident-resident	1		
Sexual harassment staff-resident			
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	

	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
<b>Aggregate Totals:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

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 PREA training program and investigative processes to better prevent and respond to incidents and allegations. We also implemented targeted training in self-care to promote resilience and better manage the stress of corrections work.



## Accomplishments in 2020

In 2020 we maintained all of the PREA policies and procedures that were developed in previous year and expanded our internal training requirements. We continue to employ qualified staff members who hold trainings in PREA investigations to uphold the standards at each of our locations through routine monitoring. We also continued developing our internal training program for staff to conduct self evaluations and assessments regarding professional and ethical boundaries and uphold PREA reporting requirements.

Dallas and Travis County continued PREA compliance trainings with all staff to ensure staff follow PREA guidelines for responding to PREA events. Trainings also covered preventive measures to ensure all measures possible were taken to prevent opportunities for PREA related occurrences. Gateway is proud of our partnership with the community corrections partners we work with to ensure we provide a safe and PREA compliant environment.

## Goals for PREA Compliance in 2021

We expect to have a more robust data collection and review process and look forward to analyzing data from 2020 to improve our operational compliance with the PREA standards.

## Conclusion

We consider our PREA program to be a success and continue to develop our internal documentation, operating procedures and training programs.