



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Annual Report – 2019

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Introduction

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), pursuant to the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape Under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) 28 C.F.R. Part 115 requires our agency to collect a defined set of data for every allegation of sexual abuse. Through what will be referred to in this report as “standards”, PREA further requires the Department of Corrections to aggregate and review that data in order to assess and improve our effectiveness as an agency at preventing, detecting and responding to PREA. Standards related to the collection of data include §115.87 Data Collection; §115.88 Data Review for Corrective Action; and §115.87 Data Storage, Publication, and Destruction. For reference purposes, they are included within this report.

Agency Overview 2017

Category	Investigative Outcome			
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Line Total
Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Total Cases	0	0	0	0
Cases Pending Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Percentage Breakdown

Category	Investigative Outcome			
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Line Total
Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0%	0%	0%	0%
Inmate-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0%	0%	0%	0%
Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0%	0%	0%	0%
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0%	0%	0%	0%
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Cases	0%	0%	0%	
Cases Pending Investigation	0%	0%	0%	
Total	0%	0%	0%	

Agency Overview 2018

Category	Investigative Outcome			
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Line Total
Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Total Cases	0	0	0	0
Cases Pending Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Percentage Breakdown

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Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0%	0%	0%	0%
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Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0%	0%	0%	0%
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0%	0%	0%	0%
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Cases	0%	0%	0%	
Cases Pending Investigation	0%	0%	0%	
Total	0%	0%	0%	

Agency Overview 2019

Category	Investigative Outcome			
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Line Total
Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	1
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	1	1
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	1
Total Cases	0	0	3	3
Cases Pending Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	3	3

Percentage Breakdown

Category	Investigative Outcome			
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Line Total
Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0%	0%	0%	0%
Inmate-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0%	0%	0%	0%
Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0%	0%	33.3%	100%
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0%	0%	33.3%	100%
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0%	0%	33.3%	100%
Total Cases	0%	0%	100%	
Cases Pending Investigation	0%	0%	0%	
Total	0%	0%	100%	

Trends

The Athens-Clarke County Department of Corrections has amended its data collection for 2019 to better tally all allegations. At this time, due to those changes in data collection methodology, it is impractical to identify trends on a year-to-year basis. Currently, data that is collected is submitted to the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) to be included on their annual responses to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV).

ACC DOC SART Investigations Analysis

Total Number of Cases Investigated Per Year	2017	2018	2019	Annual Average
	0	0	3	1.00

Data indicates that the Athens-Clarke County Department of Corrections, with the support of the Georgia Department of Corrections, is effective in implementing and enforcing the standards in PREA.

Numerical Data submitted to GDC for annual BJS-SSV Report

Total number of substantiated cases per year	2017	2018	2019*	Annual Average
Inmate-Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0
Inmate-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0
Staff-Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

*All incidents reported in 2019 were either Unfounded or Not a PREA.

Identified Problem Areas and Corrective Action

PREA standards require a review of collected data in order to identify problem areas and establish plans of corrective action. Based upon statistical data alone, there are no obvious problem areas that are not already being addressed through our efforts to achieve compliance with PREA standards. This includes improved inmate education, data collection, and some modifications to the current building layout.

To improve data collection, the department will include all allegations, including any use of the PREA hotline, such as those phone calls which are immediately known to be made in bad-faith by the offenders. For this reason, it was anticipated that the overall number of incidents would increase in calendar year 2019. Allegations reported did increase from zero to three, but two allegations were determined to be unfounded and the third was deemed to not be a PREA. Annual reports, such as this document, will be prepared and posted on the Athens-Clarke County Department of Corrections website.

Offenders received additional education about their access to Victim's Advocacy services, and that information is made consistently available in every offender housing unit.

Regarding facility layout, the department installed additional barriers in the Corrections Institution's restrooms to offer improved privacy to offenders as they shower, and between select commodes. The department is consistently reviewing the need for and installation of additional cameras to improve visibility, as well as investing in body cameras for officers.

Corrective Actions

2017

In January 2017, ACCCI engaged in a contract with IC Solutions to introduce improved technology into the inmate dormitories and isolation/segregation units. Devices specific to improving PREA compliance include a mobile phone complete with the PREA hotline accessible to inmates assigned to the isolation and segregation unit, as well as the medical cell. Also, a kiosk is available in each of the three dormitories offering inmates the ability to view the Inmate Handbook, including the information pertaining to PREA and suicide prevention information.

Prior to the end of 2017, ACCCI finalized its Request for Proposal (RFP) for an improved camera system. This contract, finalized in February 2018 with AdaptToSolve, Inc. in LaGrange, Georgia will increase the facility cameras inside the building and covering the outside grounds from 18 cameras to 36 cameras. This process will be fully implemented in 2018.

2018

In First Quarter 2018, ACCCI finalized the installation and implementation of a new camera system inside the Corrections facility and on the surrounding grounds. The system, installed by AdaptToSolve, Inc. in LaGrange, Georgia, contains a total of 51 cameras. The cameras are grouped as follows: four in the Administration area, two in the Chapel building, 13 inside and outside the Food Service building, 12 surrounding the perimeter, and 20 inside the security area including the dormitories and Isolation/Segregation unit. The cameras are able to be reviewed from the Control Room, the Warden's office, and the Deputy Warden's office. The additional review stations allow for increased confidentiality when reviewing for alleged PREA incidents.

2019

Two additional cameras were installed in security areas. One camera is located in the Prison Kitchen, where meals are issued directly to offenders in the chow hall. The second camera is located in the lobby of the administrative segregation/isolation unit.

Barriers were improved in the three dormitories in the Corrections Institution restroom areas. All three shower areas have raised barriers to better obstruct the view from the common areas, the Control Room, and the security cameras. A-dorm and C-dorm also have barriers between select commodes to obscure the views of the cameras, and increase offender privacy while using these facilities.

Assessment of the ACC DOC Progress in Addressing Offender Sexual Abuse

This department is fully committed to effectively preventing, detecting, and responding to Prison Rape as enforced by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. The Warden has designated the Superintendent as the department's PREA Coordinator. This role will routinely work with the other designated members of the Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) to enforce the department's zero-tolerance policy towards the sexual harassment, abuse, and assault of offenders.

It is the intention of this department to fully meet all PREA standards, and to demonstrate this compliance with required Federal audits. Improvements and assessments will be reported on future annual reports to be posted on the department's website.

Comparison Year-to-Year

Note: All numbers reported on this page are SUBSTANTIATED.

YEAR	Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	Sexual Abusive Contacts	Sexual Harassment	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Staff Sexual Harassment	Total Substantiated Incidents
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Corrections Institution

YEAR	Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	Sexual Abusive Contacts	Sexual Harassment	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Staff Sexual Harassment	Total Substantiated Incidents
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Diversion/Transition Center

YEAR	Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	Sexual Abusive Contacts	Sexual Harassment	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Staff Sexual Harassment	Total Substantiated Incidents
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0