

PREA
Annual
Report

2024

The Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program are committed to preventing and eliminating sexual abuse within our facility through compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003.

Purpose

The Prison Rape Elimination Act is a federal law that supports the elimination, reduction, and prevention of sexual abuse in adult and juvenile facilities as well as community corrections programs. A set of standards were established for juvenile facilities that apply to the Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program.

This report has been prepared in accordance with standards 115.387 and 115.388 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act in order to address and improve the effectiveness of the Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program in preventing and eliminating sexual abuse.

The Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program maintains a strong commitment to ensuring our resident's sexual safety and this report will detail our efforts in preventing and detecting sexual abuse.

Mission

The Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program fall under the Division of Juvenile Probation and Detention Services of the 19th Judicial Circuit. The mission of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court is to serve the public by being dedicated to equality, fairness, service, and access to justice for all. The Division of Juvenile Probation and Detention Services supports the mission of the Court by working together to advocate, guide, and create positive opportunities for court involved youth and families.

Goals

- To provide a comprehensive assessment process and continuum of evidence-based interventions for youth and families referred to the division in order to reduce recidivism and increase compliance with court-ordered conditions.
- To provide a structured and secure environment for youth assigned to detention in order to assure the safety of youth and protection of the community.
- To facilitate collaboration and cooperation among juvenile justice partners in order to share information, increase professional understanding among participants, and enhance the delivery of evidence-based services for clients.
- To provide opportunities for employee development in order to enhance client/customer services, facilitate growth within the division, and improve staff competencies

Agency 2024 PREA Achievements

Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program

1. Training continued for all employees on our zero tolerance policies, the PREA standards, and how to fulfil their role as a mandated reporter. Additional training was provided on professional boundaries and ethics.
2. The PREA Coordinator continued to meet with other PREA Coordinators from juvenile detention centers in the state to increase knowledge and share resources.
3. Facility administration and employees continue to strongly support PREA initiatives as shown by following the required staffing ratios, conducting unannounced rounds, and taking reports seriously.
4. In November 2024, the Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program participated in the on-site portion of the facility's third PREA audit. A report of findings is expected in January 2025.
5. The Hulse Detention Center achieved full compliance with the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) during annual inspection. The IDJJ juvenile detention standards mirror the PREA standards.

Findings

Hulse Detention Center

Resident-on-Resident Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	1
2023	0	0	0
2024	0	0	1

Staff-on-Resident Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	1
2024	0	0	2

FACE-IT Residential Program

Resident-on-Resident Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0

Staff-on-Resident Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0

Agency as a Whole

Resident-on-Resident Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	0	0	1

Staff-on-Resident Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	0	1
2024	0	0	2

Definition of Findings

Substantiated: Allegation investigated and determined that the alleged event did occur.

Unsubstantiated: Allegation investigated and insufficient evidence to make a determination as to whether or not event occurred.

Unfounded: Allegation investigated and determined alleged event did not occur.

PREA Incident Reviews

A PREA Review Committee was established in 2016 that reviews all substantiated or unsubstantiated allegations of sexual abuse as required by PREA standard 115.386. The committee is composed of the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendents, PREA Coordinator, and a therapist. The committee shall:

- (a) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse;
- (b) Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status, or gang affiliation or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility;
- (c) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;
- (d) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;
- (e) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and
- (f) Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations of the above review criteria and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head.

In 2024, the Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program had zero substantiated or unsubstantiated reports of sexual abuse.

Analysis / Corrective Action

The Hulse Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program works to ensure and enforce our zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. There has been no corrective action during this reporting period.

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This report shall be retained until 2034 pursuant to standard 115.389(d).