

Annual PREA Report 2023

Gateway Foundation - Texas

This document reviews our Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reporting data, highlights our compliance with standards and audits for 2023, and outlines our goals for maintaining an environment of zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment in 2023.

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, operating 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 2023 and reflects our commitment to compliance with the standards. Our three community confinement facility locations (at Travis, Harris and Dallas Counties) comply with the standards; however, the data in this document includes Harris and Dallas Counties. There were no PREA incidents in Travis County for the year. Public Health Emergency protocols and other factors negatively impacted the census at our Travis County location.

Summary

Gateway Foundation Corrections maintains a zero tolerance standard for sexual misconduct at any facility that we operate. Commitment to PREA implementation within our community corrections programs in Texas remains a priority at the highest levels of our organization, as we seek to maintain a culture of

Policy Statement:

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

safety and prevention during even the most challenging circumstances. We encourage a robust internal reporting mechanism to identify and resolve areas of risk and support continued compliance with the PREA standards.

Data Review

The following is an overview of the reporting data at each of our community confinement locations for calendar year 2023:

Program - Travis County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident			
Sexual abuse resident-resident			
Sexual harassment staff-resident			
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
Total	0	0	0

Program - Harris County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident		1	1
Sexual abuse resident-resident	1		3
Sexual harassment staff-resident	1	1	1
Sexual abuse staff-resident			
Total	2	2	5

Program - Dallas County	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual harassment resident-resident		1	
Sexual abuse resident-resident			
Sexual harassment staff-resident			
Sexual abuse staff-resident		1	
Total	0	2	0

	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Aggregate Totals:	2	4	5

Each incident is thoroughly investigated according to PREA Standards and reviewed with a dedicated team. We continue to rely on our county partners, including law enforcement and community health centers to help resolve issues and prevent future incidents.

We emphasize training in self-care to promote resilience and better manage the stress of corrections work. Our management philosophy embraces humanizing and person-first language as well as servant-leadership, with an expectation for all staff to set a powerful example in respect for others.

2023 Accomplishments

In 2023 we maintained all of the PREA policies and procedures that were developed in previous year and continued to expand our internal training efforts. We uphold the standards at each of our locations through routine monitoring and implemented a mock audit scenario in Harris Count in 2023.

All locations (Harris, Dallas and Travis Counties) have completed successful PREA Audits. This was accomplished through our highly controlled and consistent compliance trainings with each and every staff-member to ensure proper adherence to PREA guidelines in responding to PREA events. Our training and documentation cover prevention, to ensure all measures possible are taken to prevent opportunities for PREA related occurrences. Gateway is proud of our partnerships with the respective community corrections partners we work with to ensure we provide a safe and PREA compliant environment.

Goals for 2023

We currently have compliant protocols and look forward to maturing our program compliance, with zero preventable incidents.

Conclusion

We consider our PREA program to be firmly established; and we continue to develop our internal documentation, operating procedures and training programs. Our depth is evidenced in the successfully completed audits which are posted on our website: <https://corrections.gatewayfoundation.org/prea-resources/reporting/>