

**Dakota County Annual Report on
PREA Implementation in the Juvenile Services Center (JSC) - 2023**

Date of review: January 23, 2024

Names of individuals participating in review:

Information reviewed (check all that apply to PREA reports for the year):

- Exigent circumstances reports on staffing requirement non-compliance –
- PREA reports and actions taken
- Protective custody incidents-NA for 2023
- Monitoring for retaliation and actions taken
- DRT and other disciplinary records and actions taken
- AIRS reports on holds, other incidents and actions taken
- Complaints from residents, staff and actions taken
- Unannounced rounds and actions taken
- Blind spots in the facility identified (not viewable with surveillance system) and actions taken- added a camera to hallway 129 (gym, nurses office) for better camera coverage.
- Other (specify) Cross gender pat search protocol- updated strip search polices and training to be in compliance with new MN law.

Findings

- Number of sexual abuse¹ incidents reported for 2023 4
 - There were 3 allegations of staff on resident sexual abuse. All 3 were formally investigated and found to be Unfounded.
 - There was 1 allegation of resident-on-resident sexual abuse that was investigated and found to be Unsubstantiated.
- Number of sexual harassments² incidents reported for 2023 2
 - There were 2 resident on resident sexual harassment allegations and both cases were investigated and found to be substantiated.

Recommendations

1. Train all staff working with LGBTI clients.
2. Reassess the facility for additional cameras to determine if we can improve coverage.
3. Each JSC Supervisor and Superintendent will conduct 2 unnan

Actions taken by Facility Superintendent in response (check all that apply):

- Accept recommendation(s) (specify which, when to implement):
- Reject recommendation(s) (specify which, why rejected):
- Other (describe):
- No action

Facility Superintendent comments: The safety of the residents remains our top priority. We continue to immediately respond to and investigate all reports of allegations of the Zero Tolerance Policy. All allegations of sexual abuse were referred to the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office for investigation. The facility added an additional camera to a high traffic area in the facility to improve our camera coverage. In 2023 we had our PREA inspection, and the final report found the facility in full compliance with PREA standards. We will continue to evaluate, respond, and prioritize resident safety in our facility.

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¹ As defined by PREA Juvenile Facility Standards, USDOJ 5/17/2012. <https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/content/preafinalstandardstype-juveniles.pdf>

² Ibid