

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

**Date of review:** January 14, 2025

**Names of individuals participating in review:** Mr. Riley and Mr. Bauer

**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
- 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
- Other (specify) New strip search procedures and law

**Findings**

1. Number of sexual abuse<sup>1</sup> incidents reported for 2024 \_\_5\_\_
  - There were 5 reports of resident-on-resident sexual abuse investigated.
  - 3 of the 5 incidents were investigated and found to be unfounded.
  - 1 of the 5 incidents was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
  - 1 of the 5 incidents was investigated and found to be substantiated. The case was investigated by the Dakota County Sheriffs Office and referred to the County Attorney for charging.
2. Number of sexual harassment<sup>2</sup> incidents reported for 2024 2\_\_
  - 1 of the 2 cases was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
  - 1 of the 2 cases was investigated and found to be substantiated.
3. [Other notes here]

**Recommendations**

1. Add additional cameras to high-risk areas including the pod closet areas.
2. Train all staff on cross gender searches

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

- Accept recommendation(s) (specify which, when to implement): Cameras are installed, and we are waiting to connect them to network so they are active and working.
- Reject recommendation(s) (specify which, why rejected):
- Other (describe):
- No action

**Facility Superintendent comments:** We continue to strive for a safe environment for all here at Juvenile Services Center. This remains our top priority. We accept and investigate all reports. The youth and staff in the facility can report in a multiple of ways any suspicions or knowledge of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All allegations of sexual abuse are referred to the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office and all allegations of sexual harassment are investigated by facility management. This year we identified a closet area on two of the living units as needing more supervision to deter possible sexual misconduct. Those cameras have recently been installed.

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

<sup>2</sup> Ibid