

**The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 was enacted to address sexual abuse, sexual assault, and sexual harassment in confinement youth centers. The goal of PREA is to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities.**

On August 12, 2012, the US. Department of Justice (DOJ) published mandatory standards for the detection, prevention, and punishment of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The four steps of standards correspond to different types of confinement facilities. (1) Adult prisons and jails (2) lockups (3) community confinement centers, and (4) juvenile facilities. Since, the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center (HCJDC) has made efforts to comply with the PREA Act by implementing policies and procedures, training employees, contractors, and volunteers, and educating youth.

**Reporting Data**

PREA Standard 115.387 requires data be collected and aggregated on sexual abuse and sexual harassment incidents in HCJDC. PREA Standard 115.388 requires HCJDC to review data collected and produce an annual report. In addition, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) requires confinement facilities to collect, and report detailed information regarding sexual victimization of residents. Factors such as race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gang affiliation, group dynamics and other possible contributing elements are reported when available. This report contains information provided through the Survey of Sexual Victimization for 2024. This report also includes comparisons from 2023 and 2022. Any personally identifying information has been redacted from this report.

**Investigation Findings**

Allegations of sexual abuse are reported to Children's Protective Services (CPS). If there is a suspicion a crime was committed, local law enforcement is also notified. When allegations are made, HCJDC, will complete an internal inquiry that does not duplicate or interfere with CPS or law enforcement investigation. The internal inquiry results in a finding may include evidence/information discovered by an external agency.

**Scope of Report**

This report provides a review of program specific and aggregate data collected for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

**Category I: Youth on Youth Non-Consensual Sex Acts**

In 2024, no allegations were reported. As a result, no corrective actions were required.

**Category II: Staff Sexual Harassment**

In 2024, no allegations were reported. As a result, no corrective actions were required.

**Corrective Actions:**

No corrective action is required.

**Conclusions**

HCJDC will continue to place a high priority on sexual abuse and sexual harassment through training.

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