



HOUSE OF CORRECTION

# *Milwaukee County*

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## **Milwaukee County House of Correction 2020 PREA Annual Report**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established in 2003 to address the problems of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the Correctional System. PREA is a Federal Law established to address the elimination, reduction and prevention of sexual assault and rape within our Correctional System.

The Milwaukee County House of Correction has a Zero Tolerance policy pertaining to all sexual misconduct, including sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and stated in the PREA policy there shall be no sexual activity between staff and residents/detained persons in custody, or between Incarcerated/detained persons. We are working continuously to implement new policies and procedures, PREA training requirements for staff and residents and developing standards for the detection, prevention and reduction of sexual misconduct; and to ensure that all sexual misconduct is reported and investigated accurately and completely.

It is the policy of the Milwaukee County House of Correction to respond and thoroughly investigate every allegation of sexual misconduct reported. All cases will have an ending result of:

Substantiated allegation: This means an allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation: This means an allegation was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event occurred.

Unfounded: This means an allegation was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

In 2020 the Milwaukee County House of Correction had 14 PREA cases filed.

Zero (0) cases were reported for Resident/Resident Non-Consensual Sexual Act.

Four (04) case were reported for Resident/Resident Abusive Sexual Contact. Zero (0) cases were determined to be substantiated. Two (2) cases were investigated and determined to be unsubstantiated. Two (2) cases were investigated and determined to be unfounded.

Five (5) cases were reported for Resident/Resident Sexual Harassment. Zero (0) case were investigated and determined to be substantiated. Three (3) cases were determined to be unsubstantiated. Two (2) cases were determined to be unfounded.

Zero (0) cases were reported for Staff Sexual Harassment

Five (5) cases were reported for Staff Sexual Misconduct. Two (2) case was investigated and determined to be unsubstantiated. Three (3) cases were investigated and determined to be unfounded

HOC 2020 PREA CASES	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED	ONGOING INVESTIGATION	Reviewed/ Closed	TOTAL REPORTED
Resident/Resident Non-Consensual Sexual Act	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resident/Resident Abusive Sexual Act	0	2	2	0	0	4
Resident/Resident Sexual Harassment	0	3	2	0	0	5
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	2	3	0	0	5

All data was collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of our sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training.

The Milwaukee County House of Correction continues to be committed to taking corrective actions to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards and to continue to provide a safe environment for its residents. Since the inception of this program we have implemented the following actions:

We have previously trained twenty- four (24) officers in PREA investigations.

We implemented a PREA hotline; internal and external, for the confidential reporting by residents within the facility and access to the National PREA Hotline for reporting outside of the facility.

We have orientated all incoming residents on Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). Additionally, all staff advise residents daily, during expectations on each shift, how to report incidents of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual abuse.

We have written and distributed new policies and procedures to all staff within our institution educating them on the importance of PREA.

We have updated our monitoring technology by upgrading cameras.

We previously created; and continuously update, a PREA section on our website to educate the public on our policies. The policy of the Milwaukee County House of Correction is to provide a safe, humane and secure environment free of sexual abuse for all residents in custody by maintaining a program of prevention, detection and response. It is our resolution that no resident will suffer in silence. We will maintain and ensure a safe and secure environment for the public, staff and residents alike.