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Marion County Juvenile Detention Center Annual Prison Rape Elimination Report Report Year: 2021

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The Marion County Juvenile Detention Center (MCJDC) continues to work diligently to ensure that the principles of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) are a way of life and are engrained in the culture of the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center. The goal remains consistent that the sexual safety of the residents that we are entrusted with caring for are free from concerns of sexual harassment and sexual abuse while in custody.

This last year has been challenging dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been striving to obtain proper PPE to be able to continue to have meetings and address any resident allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The county has gone through great lengths to ensure that normal operations are able to continue as much as possible but with the overall safety of both staff and residents in mind.

The MCJDC has zero tolerance for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of juveniles. The MCJDC is committed to the prevention and detection and immediately responds to all allegations, pursues appropriate disciplinary action, and refers for investigation and prosecution all those who perpetrate criminal conduct.

The occurrence of sexual abuse at the MCJDC is very low due to high levels of security including, single occupancy rooms, cameras in every area of the building scheduled regular programming

2021 PREA Report

The Prison Rape Elimination Act requires us, as a juvenile detention facility, to collect accurate uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at our facility using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. This information shall be reported at least annually. The data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.

This report will be made readily available to the public through our website. There may be some information that is redacted when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.



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Sexual Violence Reporting

Since calendar year 2016, much prior to PREA implementation, the MCJDC has been participating in the annual Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the US Census on behalf of the US Department of Justice. The summary of this reporting through calendar year 2019 shows the low number of sexual abuse and harassment incidents occurring at the MCJDC.

The MCJDC has zero tolerance for sexual abuse and harassment and is actively working to eliminate these activities in our facilities. The sexual abuse and harassment definitions used for the Survey of Sexual Violence and the MCJDC's incident reporting mirror the definitions from the PREA juvenile standards. These definitions are included as an appendix to this report.



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APPENDIX: Sexual Abuse Definitions

Abusive Sexual Contact (by juveniles): Non-penetrative contact of any person without his/consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse. This includes one or more of the following behaviors:

1. Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks;
2. Sexual contact does not include unintentional contact or kicking, grabbing, or punching genitals when the intent is to harm or deliberate rather than sexually explicit.

Sexual Assault/ Nonconsensual Sexual Act (between juveniles): An incident in which one or more of the following acts occurs WITHOUT consent between the parties involved:

1. Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus involving penetration, however slight. It does not include kicking, grabbing, or punching genitals when the intent is to harm rather than sexually exploit;
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus;
3. Penetration of the vagina or anus of another person by hand, finger, or other object.

Sexual Harassment (by staff or between juveniles): Repeated unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, sexually offensive language, comments or gestures or any physical conduct that is of a sexual nature or sexually suggestive when:

1. Influencing, promising, or threatening a juvenile's safety, custody, or security level (including recommendations for court actions), privacy, housing, privileges, work detail or program status in exchange for sexual favors;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for decisions affecting such individual;
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for a juvenile or others by engaging in or permitting, sexually offensive behaviors or language that is directed at or observed by a juvenile or others; and/or
4. Creating or encouraging an atmosphere of intimidation, hostility or offensiveness as perceived by any individual who observes the sexually offensive behavior or language.

Staff Sexual Misconduct (includes one or more of the following behaviors):

1. Consensual or non – consensual sexual acts, including verbal or written communication, involving a juveniles and staff.



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2. Any behavior of a sexual nature, that involved touching, directed toward a juvenile by staff.
3. Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire. It does not include kicking, grabbing, or punching the genitals when the intent is to harm or deliberate tether than to sexually exploit.
4. All completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts between staff and the juvenile.
5. Incidents of indecent exposure, voyeurism, or invasion of privacy for sexual gratification.



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Survey of Sexual Violence Summary of Report for 2021

STATISTICS:

Youth on Youth Nonconsensual Sexual Acts

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	0	0	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total:	1	0	0	0

Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	1	0
Unfounded	0	0	2	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total:	0	0	3	0

Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Substantiated	2	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	4	0	1	1
Unfounded	1	0	1	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total:	7	0	2	1



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Staff on Youth Sexual Misconduct

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	2
Unfounded	1	0	0	2
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total:	1	0	0	4

Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	0	0	1
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total:	1	0	0	1

Total Number of PREA Allegations

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Substantiated	2	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	4	0	2	3
Unfounded	4	0	3	3
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0
Total:	10	0	5	6

Summary:

Over the past year, our facility has maintained a similar trend in reporting reflecting a positive trend in overall safety.

Key factors contributing to consistency in our culture of reporting:

1. **Training Programs:** Continuous and rigorous staff training on PREA standards and prevention strategies to improve awareness and adherence to protocols.



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2. **Effective Reporting Mechanisms:** Accessible reporting systems for residents continue to empower individuals to report concerns more effectively and safely.
3. **Strong Surveillance and Monitoring:** Surveillance technology and regular audits contribute to a secure environment, reducing opportunities for misconduct.
4. **Staff Accountability:** Implementing stricter policies and monitoring procedures has reinforced accountability among staff members.

We remain committed to ongoing improvements. We will continue to focus on preventive measures, regular training, and fostering an environment of transparency and support to ensure that our facility remains a safe place for all individuals.

Recommended Corrective Actions:

None at this time.