**Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA)**

**2023/2022 Annual Report**

The OJA continues to implement best practices and the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards in order to address allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of the juveniles. Leadership of the OJA is dedicated to on-going monitoring and corrective action (when needed) in order to reach full PREA compliance and most importantly to maximize the safety of all youth in OJA operated facilities. As an agency, OJA is continually striving toward changes that integrate the PREA standards and ensure the highest level of sexual safety within OJA facilities. OJA staff and juveniles have an increased awareness of reporting standards for potential PREA violations contributing to higher rates of report and the appropriateness of referrals received.

**2023 Aggregated Data**

Secure Facilities included are: Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center, Tecumseh, OK

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| **2023 Report of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Allegations at OJA Facilities** | | | | | |
| **Average Total**  **Population = 55** | **Allegations** | **Substantiated**  *The allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred, based on the preponderance of the evidence.* | **Unsubstantiated**  *The allegation was investigated and the investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.* | **Unfounded**  *The allegation was investigated and the investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.* | **Ongoing**  **Investigation** |
| Youth on Youth  **Sexual Abuse** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth  **Sexual Harassment** | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth  **Sexual Abuse** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth  **Sexual Harassment** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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| Totals | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

***(Definitions are listed on last page.)***

**2023 PREA Corrective Actions for OJA**

During 2023, there was a total of (6) six allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at OJA operated facilities. Of the (6) six allegations reported, there was (1) one confirmed incident of sexual harassment by a staff and (1) one confirmed incident of sexual harassment by juvenile. (1) One staff was terminated after the investigation was completed. A safety plan was put in place for the juveniles involved in the juvenile sexual harassment incident.

PREA training is continuous throughout the year to ensure that staff and juveniles understand that OJA has ZERO TOLERANCE towards any form of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment.

To maintain compliance with the PREA standards, OJA put in place the following preventative actions:

**Preventative Actions:**

* Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center has successfully passed a PREA Compliance Audit that was conducted in December 2023.
* PREA Mock Audit evaluations are conducted at Central Oklahoma Juvenile Facility to ensure PREA Compliance is maintained at all times.
* Continuous PREA training of all staff, juveniles, volunteers, and contractors at OJA facilities.

**2022 Aggregated Data**

Secure Facilities included are: Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center, Tecumseh, OK

Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center, Manitou, OK

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| **2022 Report of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Allegations at OJA Facilities** | | | | | |
| **Average Total**  **Population = 65** | **Allegations** | **Substantiated**  *The allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred, based on the preponderance of the evidence.* | **Unsubstantiated**  *The allegation was investigated and the investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.* | **Unfounded**  *The allegation was investigated and the investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.* | **Ongoing**  **Investigation** |
| Youth on Youth  **Sexual Abuse** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth  **Sexual Harassment** | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth  **Sexual Abuse** | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth  **Sexual Harassment** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Totals | 15 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 0 |

***(Definitions are listed on last page.)***

**2022 PREA Corrective Actions for OJA**

During 2022, there was a total of (15) fifteen allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at OJA operated facilities. Of the (15) fifteen allegations reported, there were (2) two confirmed incidents of sexual misconduct by staff and (2) two confirmed incidents of sexual harassment by staff. . (1) One staff was terminated after the investigation was completed. (3) Three staff received disciplinary actions and additional training after the investigations were completed.

PREA training is continuous throughout the year to ensure that staff and juveniles understand that OJA has ZERO TOLERANCE towards any form of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment.

To maintain compliance with the PREA standards, OJA put in place the following preventative actions:

**Preventative Actions:**

* Two secure OJA facilities have successfully passed a PREA Compliance Audit with no corrective actions needed in 2021.
* Mock Audit evaluations were conducted at each facility to ensure PREA Compliance is maintained at all times.
* Continuous PREA training of all staff, juveniles, volunteers, and contractors at OJA facilities.

**2023/2022 Comparison of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Allegations at OJA Facilities**

***(Definitions are listed on last page.)***

***DEFINITIONS:***

***Youth-On-Youth Sexual Victimization Definitions***

*The definition of “sexual abuse” as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003).*

**Nonconsensual Sexual Acts**- Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and

* Sexual contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; or
* Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; or
* Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

**Abusive Sexual Contact**- Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and

* Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genetalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person.
* EXCLUDE incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

**Sexual Harassment**- Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed toward another.

***Staff-On-Youth Sexual Abuse Definitions***

*The definition of “sexual abuse” by a staff member contractor or volunteer as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003).*

**Staff Sexual Misconduct**- Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friend, or other visitors).

Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and youths are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include:

* Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; or
* Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; or
* Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

**Staff Sexual Harassment**- Repeated verbal statements, comments, or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). Include:

* Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing; or
* Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.