

LUCAS COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER ANNUAL PREA REPORT – 2020

Per PREA standard 115.88 (c), Lucas County Corrections Center is to prepare an annual report regarding allegations of sexual abuse or harassment. The statistics for the year 2020 (January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>) are as follows:

2020 PREA ALLEGATIONS AT LUCAS COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER					
Inmate-on-Inmate	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Total
Sexual abuse	3	1	0	2	3
Sexual harassment	7	1	2	4	7
<b>Staff-on-Inmate</b>					
Sexual Misconduct	5	0	0	5	5
Sexual harassment	12	1	1	10	12
TOTAL	27	3	3	21	27

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Sexual abuse by an inmate** includes any of the following acts if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

1. Contact between the penis and the vulva or between the penis and the anus, including penetration however slight.
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva or anus.
3. Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object or other instrument, and
4. Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, where the inmate has the intent to abuse, to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire – excluding contact that is incidental to a physical altercation.

**Sexual abuse by an employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher** includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate.

1. Contact between the penis and the vulva or between the penis and the anus, including penetration however slight;
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
3. Contact between the mouth and any body part where the employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher has the intent to abuse or to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire.
4. Penetration of the anal or genital opening however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher has the intent to abuse or arouse, or to gratify a sexual desire;
5. Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or where the employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher has the intent to abuse, to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire;
6. Any attempt, threat, or request by an employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1) – (5) of this section;
7. Any display by an employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher of his or her uncovered genitals, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate; and
8. Voyeurism by an employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher.

**Sexual harassment** includes:

1. Repeated or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed towards another; and
2. Repeated or unwelcome verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, contractor/contracted provider’s employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher, including demeaning references to gender or sexual orientation, making sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about one’s body or clothing; or the use of obscene language or gestures.

**Sexual misconduct** includes any act of sexual abuse or sexual harassment as defined herein.

**CONCLUSION**

The Lucas County Sheriff’s Office has made great strides towards the implementation of the PREA compliance standards. This data implies the procedures enacted at our facility have established a culture of reporting facility incidents which is beneficial to the staff and inmate population.

- A. Lucas County Corrections Center maintains a large video monitoring system in the inmate living areas, as well as a physical presence by staff members who are required to make 30 minute rounds (which is more frequent than the state standard requires). Staff presence is also documented during meal times, programming, and medication/sick call. Our staff members receive annual training on the PREA standards. This along with our facility’s zero-tolerance policy and the accessibility of Administration help to maintain a safe and secure environment.
- B. The Lucas County Corrections Center has detectives onsite to investigate and assist in all PREA Investigations.

The Lucas County Corrections Center’s inmates have become much more knowledgeable through literature and posters regarding PREA Standards and their rights as inmates. The increase in reporting shows that the facility is willing to investigate all sexual allegations in a timely manner with no retaliation to either the inmate or staff member reporting such abuse/harassment.

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