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SHENANDOAH VALLEY
JUVENILE CENTER

### ELIMINATION ACT

In 2003, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress to address sexual abuse and harassment for persons in confinement facilities. The goal of PREA is to eliminate sexual harassment and assault in any prison, jail, lockup, juvenile, or community confinement facility. Therefore, the PREA established standards for the detection, prevention and punishment of sexual harassment and assault in confinement.

The PREA requires confinement facilities to collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. This data must be aggregated annually in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices, and training, including: 1) Identifying problem areas; 2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and 3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions. In addition, facilities must provide a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years, including an assessment of the facility's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

## SHENANDOAH VALLEY JUVENILE CENTER

The Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center (SVJC) is a 58 - bed residential facility for juveniles in local, state, and federal custody. The SVJC is owned and operated by the SVJC Commission for the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, and the cities of Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro.

In accordance with the PREA, the SVJC is committed to providing a safe, humane and secure environment for all residents in care. An important part of a safe and humane environment is freedom from sexual harassment and sexual assault. Therefore, the SVJC maintains a zero tolerance policy with regards to any form of sexual misconduct. Sexual misconduct includes any sexual behavior that is directed toward a resident. The SVJC also provides program education, prevention, detection, response, investigation and tracking of all reported acts of sexual misconduct.

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#### 2013

- The SVJC appointed a PREA Coordinator.
- Policies and procedures were established to conduct sexual abuse incident reviews.
- PREA training curriculum was developed for staff.
- All employees completed mandatory PREA training with the Training Coordinator and the PREA Coordinator. Training on PREA is conducted annually and during initial employee orientation

#### 2014

- Resident education materials were updated including, but not limited to, Orientation Handbooks (English & Spanish), PREA Posters (on every housing unit and support area), and Resident Intake PREA Education Presentations (gender specific).
- Facility evaluations and assessments were completed to determine compliance with PREA standards.
- The PREA Coordinator conducted a review of processes and practices within departments that were affected by PREA standards.
- Deputy Directors, Program Managers, Training Coordinator, Mental Health Clinicians, Case Managers, Shift Supervisors and Assistant Shift Supervisors completed specialized PREA Training on the following: 1) Your Role: Responding to Sexual Abuse; 2) Medical Health Care for Sexual Assault Victims; 3) Behavior Health Care for Sexual Assault Victims in Confinement Settings; and 4) Investigating Sexual Abuse in Confinement Settings.

#### 2015

- A camera assessment was completed to determine the need for additional cameras. In response to the camera assessment, the security system was
- upgraded, four (4) cameras were added during facility renovation, and two (2) cameras were upgraded from analog to digital. An internal PREA pre-audit was conducted to evaluate compliance with PREA standards.
- Resident education was reviewed and updated facility- wide including,
   reporting, access to outside services, investigation protocol, etc.
- The SVJC signed an MOU with a community service provider for the following:

  1) Crisis intervention and trauma-focused services; 2) Counseling and medical referrals; 3) Emotional support and processing of the event; and 4) Legal support and other assistance during any investigation and prosecution.

#### 2016

- Resident education materials were updated including, but not limited to, Orientation Handbooks (English & Spanish), SVJC's Guide to Preventing Sexual Misconduct, and Intake PREA Education Videos (English & Spanish).
- 10 cameras were updated from analog to digital in the housing units. The SVJC
- updated its Sexual Misconduct Incident Review documents and data gathering process.

## PREA AUDIT 2016

Per PREA Standards 115.393 - 403, the SVJC was audited in February 2016. The SVJC was found to be in full compliance with all applicable PREA standards.

Number of standards exceeded: 4

Number of standards met: 36

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards not applicable: 1

The full audit report is posted on the facility website at www.svjc.org.

#### 2019

- Control monitors were updated to improve surveillance.
- Resident PREA posters were enlarged and printed in color.

#### 2020

- Cameras were upgraded in common areas including the gym, hall, and the multipurpose room.
- Resident PREA phone list were updated on all pods.

## PREA AUDIT 2019

Per PREA Standards 115.393 - 403, the SVJC was audited in January and June of 2019. The SVJC was found to be in full compliance with all applicable PREA standards.

Number of standards exceeded: 5

Number of standards met: 38

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards not applicable: 0

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## PREA AUDIT 2022

Per PREA Standards 115.393 - 403, the SVJC was audited in February 2022. The SVJC was found to be in full compliance with all applicable PREA standards.

Number of standards exceeded: 1

Number of standards met: 42

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards not applicable: 0

The full audit report is posted on the facility website at www.svjc.org

## DATA COLLECTION

#### **Resident-on-Resident Sexual Victimization**

Non-Consensual Sexual Acts	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Allegations of Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allegation of Non-Consensual Acts Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abusive Sexual Contact	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Allegations of Abusive Sexual Contacts	0	0	0	3	1	1	11	0	1	6
Allegations of Abusive Contact Reported	0	0	0	3	1	1	11	0	1	6
Substantiated	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	0	1	3
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Investigaton Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual Harrassment	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Allegations of Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	2	0	10	3	0	5	11
Allegations of Sexual Harassment Reported	0	0	0	2	0	10	3	0	5	11
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	2	0	9	1	0	2	7
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Staff-on-Resident Sexual Victimization

Staff Sexual Misconduct	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct Reported	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harrassment	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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Staff Sexual Harrassment	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Allegations of Staff Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Allegations of Staff Harassment Reported	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>Results are based on internal administrative investigations.