

LANCASTER
COUNTY
DETENTION
CENTER

2015 Prison Rape Elimination Act
(PREA) Report

The Lancaster County Detention Center utilizes 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). For purposes of tracking, sexual abuse is disaggregated into three categories of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization. These categories are:

INMATE 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

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, or other instrument.

INMATE ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACTS

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 genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person.

Exclude incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

INMATE 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 inmate directed toward another.

The Lancaster County Detention Center utilizes 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). For purposes of tracking, sexual abuse is dis-aggregated into two categories of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization. These categories are:

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friends or other visitors.)

Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition. Consensual or non-consensual sexual acts include-

Intentional touching 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 an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). To include, but not limited to -

Demeaning references to gender or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;

OR

Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

In reporting year of 2015 (January 1st - December 31st) There were a total of 2 (two) PREA related incidents reported to Detention Center staff. Both reports were of an Inmate on Inmate nature and after investigation, were found to be unsubstantiated.

Outcomes are defined as follows

- ◆ **UNFOUNDED:** The allegation is false or not factual.
- ◆ **UNSUBSTANTIATED:** There is insufficient factual evidence either to prove or disprove the allegations.
- ◆ **SUBSTANTIATED:** The allegation is supported by sufficient factual evidence.
- ◆ **REFERRED:** § 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities.

(a) Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred.

(b) Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

(c) The agency shall document that it has provided such notification.

(d) The facility head or agency office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards.

In August 2015, the Lancaster County Detention Center assigned Lt. Stacy Hatfield as the PREA Coordinator in accordance with PREA standard 115.11(b). Under this standard the agency shall employ or designate an upper-level, agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

Some of the innovations the Lancaster County Detention Center has undertaken to address sexual violence within its facility include:

- ◆ Reviewing all agency policies to ensure compliance with standards and related expectations.
- ◆ Updating and expanding training to all staff, contractors, volunteers and vendors who have contact with inmates, with specialized training for investigators, and health services professionals.
- ◆ Developing risk assessment tools for inmates to ensure they are housed and assigned to programming in accordance with their risk as a potential victim or perpetrator of PREA.
- ◆ Deploying communication strategies for staff, inmates, volunteers and the community regarding reporting venues and inmate rights to be free from victimization.
- ◆ Partnering with various local resources for the provision of support services to inmate sexual assault survivors.

At the Lancaster County Detention Center, our Mission is to provide efficient, innovative and professional correctional services which protects the citizens of Lancaster County by creating a safe, secure, and humane place of incarceration and our Vision is to become the statewide standard in corrections through our commitment to excellence, professionalism, and education.