

**Connections Corrections Program East Annual PREA
Review 2019
Annual Comparative Reports (§115.287 and §115.288)**

Connections Corrections Program East posts an annual report of PREA investigations and outcomes.

The following are standardized definitions offered by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. This ensures everyone is using the same language, and has the same understandings of key terms.

Sexual abuse includes:

- (1) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or family member by another inmate, detainee, or family member; and
- (2) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or family member by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or family member by another inmate, detainee, or family member 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 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, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or family member by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or family member:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or 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 staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or 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 staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described above;

- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or family member; and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or family member by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Sexual harassment includes:

- (1) 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, detainee, or family member directed toward another; and
- (2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

Substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

The following annual reports offer a yearly comparison of the number of PREA Investigations completed based upon receipt of reports/complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All reports are investigated.

Connections Corrections Program East has compiled the following data regarding PREA reports, and subsequent PREA investigation results for the year of 2019.

Connections Corrections Program East; 2019

There was (0) PREA Investigations in 2019.

Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2019:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded (0)

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded (0)

Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2019:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded (0)

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded (0)

115.213 Evidence Protocol and Forensic Medical Examinations

The facility has a protocol when an alleged sexual abuse/harassment takes place and that is reviewed annually. The facility makes its best efforts to accommodate the victim and his/her safety by providing access to care from outside facilities such as St. James, Butte Silver Bow Law Enforcement and Safe Space as well a qualified victim advocate who is a Security Supervisor at Connections Corrections Program East. This individual has been certified as a PREA victim advocate and is able to provide victims an advocate when Safe Space is unavailable.

DATA Comparison

While looking at data from the previous three years, it is evident staff along with the family members are more educated about PREA. It is apparent reporting mechanisms are visible to both staff and family members as Connections Corrections Program East has taken a pro-active role in attempting to reduce prison rape. The code of silence still exists for family members and staff alike however when comparing results to previous years its shows both are reporting. Retaliation is monitored and no reports of retaliation have been reported. Connections Corrections Program East has made sure all staff members using our vehicle sign in and out in the Log book and record destination and mileage to and from their destination. We are an all male facility and only male staff transport family members. We have a total of 16 cameras that were installed toward the end of 2016 to aid in the detection, prevention and response to any PREA issues.

Pursuant to PREA standards for data review (§115.288), the following will serve as an annual review for 2019 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of Connections Corrections Program East sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, response policies and training.

Connections Corrections Program East completed its second audit regarding the level of compliance with implementation of 39 PREA Standards, which includes compliance of many subsets of each standard on November 04 -5, 2018. We completed our audit with no deficiencies. K. E. Arnold , DOJ Certified PREA Auditor of Castle Rock CO. oversaw the completion of the audit.

PREA Audit Standards that were exceeded:

115.231 Staff Training Standards

115.273 This requires notification is completed in Sexual Abuse allegations.

115.286 SART- This reviews for Sexual Assault & Sexual harassment

CCCS, Inc. (Agency), 2019 annual report was updated to include a comparison of the current year's data, and corrective actions with those from prior years, and provide an assessment of CCCS, Inc.'s progress in addressing sexual abuse and sexual harassment, based on assessing and improving the effectiveness of its sexual abuse preventions, detection, response policies, practices, and training.



Mike Thatcher, CEO of CCCS Inc.

7/5/20
Date



Marwan Saba, PREA Coordinator

2/5/2020
Date



Jeni Nichols, Administrator

1/23/20
Date