



Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation Detention Services Division 2014 PREA Annual Report §115.88

PREA Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established in 2003 to address sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons in the custody of U.S. correctional institutions. On August 20, 2012, the PREA standards for jails and prisons final rule became effective. Included in these provisions of PREA are the development of standards for the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement settings. The Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (MCDOCR) has long embraced the principles associated with PREA. Since 2005 the MCDOCR has actively taken steps to educate and train staff, contractors and volunteers on prohibited contact and inappropriate relationships with persons under our custody. By complying with the PREA standards for jails and prisons, the MCDOCR demonstrates a continuing commitment to **Zero Tolerance** of sexual abuse in confinement settings.

TRAINING:

The MCDOCR has made extensive progress in complying with the standards over the past year in addressing sexual abuse by implementing several training modules for all staff, contractors and volunteers. Revisions have been made to Department and Division policies and protocols to better educate and guide our staff and offenders on how to deal with and handle any allegation regarding sexual abuse incidents. Offenders are advised during the admissions process of our Departments zero tolerance policy of sexual abuse and the different ways to report such abuse through posters, brochures and interviews with admission staff.

With the full cooperation and the support services of the Montgomery County Police and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP), staff has been able to further their education regarding the detection and prevention of sexual abuse as well as preserving evidence and conducting investigations.

ANALYSIS/CORRECTIVE ACTION:

- Required PREA training modules has been in place and continues annually to be provided to all MCDOCR employees, contractors and volunteers to include Custody and Security, Medical and Mental Health and support staff.
- A more comprehensive criminal background investigative tool for employees, contractors, and volunteers has been created to ensure compliance with the PREA standards.
- A nursing protocol has been developed for medical staff that may have an active part in a PREA allegation.
- A Department PREA investigative report form has been developed that captures all of the record data that needs to be included on the Federal report.
- An agreement with the county's Department of Health and Human Services Victim Assistance for Sexual Abuse Program is in the negotiating stages to provide support services and sexual abuse information to victims.
- Intake screenings and tracking of potential victims and abusers has been updated.
- Release and consent forms to share information have been created and are available in the medical section.
- A secure PREA allegation data base has been created that is accessible only to the PREA Coordinator and the PREA Managers.
- Video monitoring equipment has been installed in the female medical housing.



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Date

PREA Survey of Sexual Violence

New Admissions:	<u>January</u> 2014	<u>February</u> 2014	<u>March</u> 2014	<u>April</u> 2014	<u>May</u> 2014	<u>June</u> 2014	<u>June</u> 2013	<u>July</u> 2013	<u>August</u> 2013	<u>September</u> 2013	<u>October</u> 2013	<u>November</u> 2013	<u>December</u> 2013
Detention Services	678	519	636	685	624	598	638	651	663	695	723	606	586

Average Monthly Population:

MCCF	543	559	558	552	574	570	603	599	601	604	579	571	532
MCDC	82	72	80	82	77	84	84	87	89	89	84	76	71
Total	625	631	638	634	651	654	687	686	690	693	663	647	603

Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts:

Number reported	1	2		1							3		1
Substantiated													
Unsubstantiated		1											
Unfounded	1	1		1							3		1
Investigation ongoing													

Allegations of Inmate-on-inmate Abusive sexual contacts:

Number Reported	1	1			1		1					2	
Substantiated													
Unsubstantiated												1	
Unfounded	1	1			1		1					1	
Investigation ongoing													

Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct:

Number Reported	1			1	1		1			2			1
Substantiated													
Unsubstantiated													
Unfounded	1			1	1		1			2			1
Investigation ongoing													

Allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment:

Number Reported													
Substantiated													
Unsubstantiated													
Unfounded													
Investigation ongoing													

Other:

Reported - Offender refused to cooperate.													1
Unfounded													1

Totals

Number Reported	22
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	2
Unfounded	20

** Assume fields where no data is entered that no reports have been received.