

PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Daviess County Detention Center (DCDC) prepares a PREA Annual Report to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training. The assessment covers topics including identifying problem areas, corrective actions, comparison of data and the agency’s progress in addressing sexual abuse/harassment. 115.88

1. Comparison Report

- a. Reportable allegations increased by six, with two allegations determined to be unfounded.
- b. There are several potential contributing factors that may account for this increase:
 - 1. Agency progress in changing the culture of reporting
 - 2. Increased awareness of rights and standards
 - 3. Inmates feel safer to report
 - 4. Allegations are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly
 - 5. Abusers receive sanctions or are prosecuted
 - 6. Inmates may have used system for retaliation, since majority of allegations were determined to be unsubstantiated or unfounded

<u>REPORTABLE ALLEGATIONS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Unfounded	NA	NA	2	2
Unsubstantiated	NA	NA	2	8
Substantiated	NA	NA	2	2
		TOTALS	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>

2. Effectiveness – Assess and Improve

- a. A comparison report is one tool that can be utilized to measure the effectiveness of PREA.
- b. High report numbers do not necessarily mean that there are more incidents occurring in the facility, but they may mean that more incidents are being reported.
- c. High numbers can mean that inmates feel safer to report.
- d. This is a very necessary first step toward eliminating sexual abuse in corrections.
- e. DCDC is committed to incorporating PREA into the culture of the agency and will continue this important work.
- f. Creating this culture will promote safety instead of a culture that tolerates abuse.
- g. Sexual abuse should never be the penalty for any crime.
- h. DCDC will continue to expand on staff and inmate education.
- i. The PREA Audit Tool will be used to help focus on compliance issues.
- j. The agency will continue to identify the remaining gaps in procedures and take corrective action as needed.
- k. DCDC is steadily making progress toward the systemic change that fully integrates the intent of PREA to produce the highest levels of sexual safety.

3. Problem Areas Identified

- a. Problem areas are identified as they occur and during the Incident Review Team’s monthly meetings.

4. Corrective Actions

- a. Corrective actions are taken on an ongoing basis.
- b. Additional cameras are purchased and installed when funds become available.
- c. DCDC shall continue compliance with all PREA Standards as well as Jail Standards and Kentucky Revised Statutes.

5. Findings and Corrective Actions

- a. Several allegations from inmates against staff stated that searching officers fondled them during pat down searches. A recommendation was made and approved to implement a new policy to search all inmates in front of a surveillance camera, whenever possible.
- b. Other allegations from inmates against staff stated that deputies stared at them while they are in the shower during headcounts. A recommendation was made and approved to implement a new policy to announce by intercom when head counts will begin and that shower and restroom use are prohibited during this time.
- c. As a result of these policy changes, the findings indicate a decrease of allegations reported during these times while the deputies are performing their official duties.

6. Progress Assessment

- a. A full-time PREA coordinator was hired in 2013, when the PREA standards were adopted at DCDC.
- b. Policies and procedures were created and implemented to ensure the agency was in full compliance with all PREA standards.
- c. DCDC was audited and certified as PREA compliant facility on September 30, 2016.
- d. During 2016, over 150 employees, contractors and volunteers were trained on PREA compliance standards, reporting methods and responsibilities.
- e. DCDC books about 9,000 inmates per year, who were also trained on the standards and their rights.
- f. All new intakes are screened to determine if they have elevated risks of being victims or offenders of sexual abuse/harassment.
- g. The agency has four certified PREA investigators, which allows allegation investigations to be processed timely.
- h. Staffing patterns have been evaluated to determine the best coverage to help prevent incidents.
- i. Cameras have been added at several locations to help reduce and deter incidents from occurring.

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