



PREA Annual Report 2017

BACKGROUND

PREA was established in 2003 to address the problem of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons in the custody of U.S. correction agencies. PREA requires public and private agencies to comply with all requirements set forth by the Congress along with standardizing and analyzing data in relation to the definitions set forth in the act.

GENERAL INFORMATION

During 2017, there were a total of 446 new residential youth* which was an increase from 420 in 2016. Of the new admissions in 2017, 128 were female and 318 were male. The average daily residential population was 260 clients, a decrease from 268 clients in 2016.

Annually the PREA Coordinator reviews with the Vice President of Residential Services the staffing pattern within the residential units. This review ensures that proper staffing occurs in the units.

Adelphoi Village became compliant with the PREA regulations on July 18, 2014. The agency continues to revise and implement all aspects of the PREA regulations. Final reports are posted on our website.

AUDITS CONDUCTED

May 2017

During May 8-12, 2017, ten Adelphoi Village units had their first re-audit of the PREA regulations and one unit had an initial audit. The units which were re-audited included – Benet, Monastery Run, Middle Creek I, Middle Creek II, Middle Creek III, Vincent, Sweeney, Raphael, Saxman and Margaret. Loyalhanna was reviewed for the first time due to opening in December 2016. The campus units (Benet, Loyalhanna, Monastery Run, Middle Creek I, Middle Creek II, Middle Creek III and Vincent) were audited as one unit due to being located within the same facility.

The result of the audit for campus was 36 standards met, 2 standards exceeding the regulations and 3 standards not applicable.

The result of the audit for Sweeney was 35 standards met, 2 standards exceeding the regulations and 4 standards not applicable.

The result of the audit for Raphael was 35 standards met, 3 standards exceeding the regulations and 3 standards not applicable.

The result of the audit for Saxman was 35 standards met, 2 standards exceeding the regulations and 4 standards not applicable.

*unique clients, not new enrollments

The result of the audit for Margaret was 37 standards met, 1 standard exceeding the regulations and 3 standards not applicable.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Adelphoi Village continues to implement all PREA regulations in coordination with best practices to address allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Leadership is devoted to ensuring and monitoring the compliance for residents and staff.

The following are corrective actions completed during this reporting period:

- Ensure third shift unannounced rounds are completed and are completely random
- Ensure the risked based housing documented is varied and specific to the client’s victimization and aggression
- Track residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient with additional structure and formalization
- How clients received intake education when transferred from another Adelphoi Village unit was reviewed and found clients already received the education on reporting sexual abuse and reporting but due to the different state license, the clients need to receive the education as if they are a new client to the agency

DATA

All allegations of sexual abuse and harassment are reported to ChildLine, PA State Police (or local Police depending on the unit location) or both agencies depending on the allegation. Then Adelphoi Village reviews and conducts sexual abuse incident reviews for all reported sexual abuse investigations. The team is a multidisciplinary team with members of upper management in clinical, administrative, facilities, human resources and medical departments.

PREA related allegations made and reviewed – Resident to Resident

| Abuse | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Allegations | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Unfounded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Unsubstantiated | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Substantiated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

| Harassment | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Allegations | 0 | 5 | 3 | 16 |
| Unfounded | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Unsubstantiated | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| Substantiated | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |

| Other (consensual act or allegation prior to AV) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Total Allegations | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 |

PREA related allegations made and reviewed – Resident to Staff

| Abuse | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Allegations | 0 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| Unfounded | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Unsubstantiated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Substantiated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

| Harassment | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Allegations | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| Unfounded | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Unsubstantiated | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Substantiated | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |

ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS

Reviewing the increase in reporting of sexual allegations, the agency leadership attributes the following factors: education to residential and third parties for reporting, an increase of clients with highly complicated cases and multiple reporting of unfounded allegations from only a few units. The agency leadership continues to ensure staff have the proper training and support to adjust and handle this changing environment.

DEFINITIONS

Child Abuse – Any recent act, or failure to act, by a perpetrator, which causes non-accidental serious physical injury to a child less than 18 years of age. Any act or failure to act by a perpetrator, which causes non-accidental serious mental injury to or sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child less than 18 years of age. Any recent act, failure to act or a series of such acts or failures to act by a perpetrator, which causes an imminent risk of serious physical injury to or sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child less than 18 years of age. Serious physical neglect by a perpetrator constituting prolonged or repeated lack of supervision or the failure to provide essentials of life, including adequate medical care, which endangers a child’s life or development or impairs the child’s functioning.

Child Protective Services – Those services and activities provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and each county children and youth agency for children reported to be neglected, abused or exploited.

Employee – A person employed by Adelphoi Village who is assigned a facility.

Exonerated – The allegation investigated substantially occurred, but was lawful and proper.

Program Director – An employee who has oversight responsibility of a residential program.

Founded Report – A child abuse report made pursuant to 23Pa. C.S. 6303, if there has been any judicial adjudication based on the findings that a child who is the subject of the report has been abused, including the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or a finding of guilt to a criminal charge involving the same factual circumstances involved in the allegation of child abuse.

Indicated Report – A child abuse report made pursuant to 23Pa. C.S. 6303, if an investigation by the county children and youth agency or DHS determines that substantial evidence of the alleged child abuse exists based on any of the following:

- Available medical evidence
- The county children and youth agency investigation
- An admission of the acts of abuse by the perpetrator

Medical Practitioner – A health professional who, by virtue of education, credentials, and experience, is permitted by law to evaluate and care for patients within the scope of their professional practice.

Perpetrator (As defined by Child Protective Services Law) – A person who has committed child abuse; can be a parent of a child, a person responsible for a child’s welfare, an individual 14 years of age or older residing in the same home as a child, or paramour of a child’s parent.

Perpetrator – A person who has committed an act of misconduct, offense, or crime.

Qualified Medical Practitioner (Sexual Abuse) – A health professional who has successfully completed specialized training for treating sexual abuse victims.

Resident – A person committed by court order and placed in an Adelphoi Village residential facility.

Resident Abuse – An act by an employee toward, or with a resident, that does not have as its legitimate goal the healthful, proper and humane care and treatment of the resident, or any act or omission that reasonably may cause or causes physical or emotional harm or injury to a resident, or deprives a resident of his or her rights, as defined by DHS, or any non-action, which results in emotional or physical injury to a resident.

Sexual Harassment – Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal comments, physical conduct, gestures, actions of a derogatory/offensive nature or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment, by one person directed toward another. Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a 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 – There is insufficient evidence or no evidence to support a report of suspected abuse following an allegation that was investigated.

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.

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