

**LANCASTER
COUNTY
DETENTION
CENTER**

**2023 Prison Rape Elimination Act
(PREA) Report**

In August 2015, the Lancaster County Detention Center assigned a fulltime Lieutenant to the position of 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.

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

INMATE ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACTS

INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Staff Sexual Misconduct and **Staff Sexual Harassment** are also covered under PREA Standards and included in the reporting requirements.

In the reporting year of 2023 (January 1st - December 31st) There were a total of 9 (nine) PREA related incidents reported to Detention Center staff. The results of those investigations were as follows:

Unfounded- 3 cases were unfounded

Unsubstantiated- 4 cases were unsubstantiated

Substantiated- 2 cases were substantiated. Both cases involved an inmate perpetrator and an inmate victim.

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.