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2021 Annual PREA Report

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The Barnes County Correctional Center (BCCC) is committed to maintaining the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and enhancing the safety and security for BCCC residents. The BCCC is currently preparing for their next PREA audit.

This report is a summary of the agency's efforts in PREA compliance from 2021. The BCCC examines all collected agency data in an effort to continually improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse detection, prevention, and response.

Purpose:

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, practices, and training in the BCCC pursuant to §115.88 and §115.89 of the national PREA standards. Therein, the BCCC is required to:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually in order to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include:
 - a. Identifying problem areas;
 - b. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis;
 - c. Preparing an annual report of its findings.
2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. Publish an annual report on the BCCC website of its findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as for the agency as a whole.

Aggregated Data:

The BCCC collects data from the referrals of investigation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; both inmate on inmate and staff/contractor/volunteer on inmate. All personal identifying information has been redacted.



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During 2020, the facility received no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. During 2021, the facility received one allegation of inmate on inmate sexual harassment. This allegation was found to be unsubstantiated after a criminal investigation was completed.

Problem Areas/Corrective Action:

BCCC just went through their second PREA Audit, which is the first audit in the new correctional center. They are continually evaluating their new processes and making adjustments to ensure the best possible program to prevent, detect, and respond to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The leadership of the BCCC is dedicated to on-going monitoring and corrective action in order to achieve and maintain full PREA compliance and, most importantly, to maximize the sexual safety of the inmates in the Barnes County Correctional Center.

While implementing the culture change is a long and difficult process, the BCCC is committed to integrating the PREA standards into all policies and procedures. As importantly, the BCCC is committed to ensuring all staff understands the importance of compliance with PREA and the impact this important act has on the inmates. The BCCC continues to strive for the highest level of sexual safety for the inmates in our care.

The following are corrective actions completed at the agency level:

1. Updated the BCCC PREA policy.
2. Completed initial PREA Audit.
3. Continual training for all staff on the PREA standards and their role in gaining and maintaining PREA compliance.
4. Updated objective screening tools for assessing the inmates.

Conclusion:

It is the goal of the BCCC to provide the highest possible level of safety to those in our care in all ways. We remain committed to the continuous demonstration of full compliance with all requirements of the PREA standards. In doing so, we feel we will provide our residents a safe, secure environment where they can work towards change and successful transition into the community.