

2022 PREA Annual Report

BACKGROUND

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse that occurs in confinement settings. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission developed national standards for reducing prison rape, which became final on June 20, 2012, when they were published by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Federal Register. PREA applies to adult prisons and jails, juvenile confinement facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities.

Implementation of the PREA standards in combating sexual abuse in confinement facilities will be contingent upon effective agency and facility leadership, and the development of an agency's principles prioritizing efforts to combat sexual abuse. The prevention of rape, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct is a top priority for Four Oaks. We have a zero tolerance for any incidence of rape, sexual assault or sexual misconduct; and make every effort to comply with applicable components of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003.

Subsequently, these statistics are published in an annual report made public via the Four Oaks website, the annual report covers the reporting period for the 2022 calendar year.

A comparison between the two most recent reporting years can be found below.

DEFINITIONS

Once a report of sexual abuse has been accepted and investigated, the incident will be classified using one of the following findings:

- **SUBSTANTIATED** - allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion of guilt.
- **UNSUBSTANTIATED** - insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation.
- **UNFOUNDED** - allegation is false or the agency that completes the investigation states that the allegation is unfounded.

Data for 2022


	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Total	0	5	3

Data for 2021

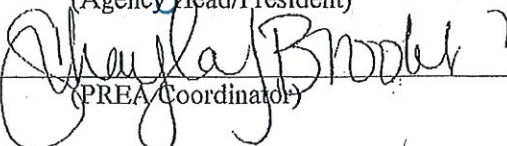
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Total	4	4	12

Four Oaks saw a decrease overall in PREA allegations during 2022. It is probable that this is due in part to program staff receiving a higher level of education and training as it pertains to PREA standards and compliance, as well as a more thorough and comprehensive investigation process internally. Clearer definitions of substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded sexual abuse allegations has lent itself to a decrease in the numbers of alleged or reported incidents, as well. Moving into 2023, a more detailed PREA Investigation training will be rolled out to appropriate staff, as well as a focus on continued education for residents as it pertains to PREA, will be introduced.


Signatures:



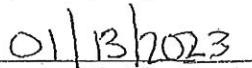
(Agency Head/President)



(PREA Coordinator)



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