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Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report

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Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted on September 4, 2003, to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape. PREA establishes a zero-tolerance standard for the incidence of prison rape and makes prison rape a top priority in each prison system.

Policy Summary:

Create House has adopted a zero-tolerance sexual abuse and sexual harassment policy. Create House expressly prohibits all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at any facility operated by Create House.

PREA applies to all staff, contractors, and volunteers serving in the community confinement programs as well as residents in community confinement programs. Contractors are any people regularly providing services on a recurring basis pursuant to a contractual agreement with the agency.

Definitions:

The following terms shall have the meaning in this report listed hereunder:

- <u>Substantiated</u> An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- <u>Unsubstantiated</u> An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.
- <u>Unfounded</u> An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Data from all Create House programs were collected, compiled, and reviewed in a manner consistent with 28 CFR § 115.286, 28 CFR § 115.287, and 28 CFR § 115.288 from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. All allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Bureau of Community Corrections for investigation by their trained investigators. Any incident of a criminal nature is reported to the Pennsylvania State Police for investigation.

The next two (2) tables record, by program, the number of received PREA reports by category and outcomes of each PREA report:

- 1. Received PREA Reports for Lancaster CCF from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
- 2. Received PREA Reports for Bethlehem CCF from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

| Table 1. Received PREA Reports in Bethlehem CCF from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--|--|
| | Number | Outcome | | | | |
| Category | of cases reported | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | | |
| Resident-to-Resident sexual abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Resident-to-Resident sexual harassment | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Staff-to-Resident sexual abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Staff-to-Resident sexual harassment | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

| Table 2. Received PREA Reports Lancaster CCF from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--|--|
| Category | Number of cases reported | Outcome | | | | |
| | | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | | |
| Resident-to-Resident sexual abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Resident-to-Resident sexual harassment | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Staff-to-Resident sexual abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Staff-to-Resident sexual harassment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Analysis:

Based upon the analysis of incidents, Create House will continue to operate with no significant changes. A PREA audit was conducted at both facilities, and no deficiencies were identified, both facilities are compliant with the PREA standards for Community Confinement Facilities. Yearly PREA training and frequent staff updates will continue.