



BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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2018 Annual PREA Report

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The Barnes County Correctional Facility (BCCF) is committed to maintaining the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and enhancing the safety and security for BCCF residents. The BCCF is currently preparing for the first PREA audit. It is scheduled to take place January 19 and 20, 2019.

This report is a summary of the agency's efforts in PREA compliance from 2018. The DOCR 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 DOCR pursuant to §115.88 and §115.89 of the national PREA standards. Therein, the DOCR 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 DOCR website of its findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as for the agency as a whole.

Aggregated Data:

The BCCF collects data from the referrals of investigation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; both resident on resident and staff/contractor/volunteer on resident. The data in this section contains the aggregated data for calendar year 2018.

During 2017, the facility received one allegation of inmate on inmate sexual abuse. After investigation, the allegation was deemed to be unsubstantiated.



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During 2018, the facility received no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Problem Areas/Corrective Action:

The BCCF is in the beginning stages of the PREA journey towards compliance. 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 BCCF 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 Facility.

While implementing the culture change is a long and difficult process, the BCCF is committed to integrating the PREA standards into all policies and procedures. As importantly, the BCCF is committed to ensuring all staff understand the importance of compliance with PREA and the impact this important act has on the inmates. The BCCF 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. Drafted the BCCF PREA policy.
2. Scheduled a PREA audit to be completed in January 2019.
3. Trained all staff on the PREA standards and their role in gaining and maintaining PREA compliance.
4. Scheduled staff to attend PREA Investigator training in April 2019.
5. Created objective screening tools for assessing the inmates.
6. Updated and revised all other policies that are effected by the PREA standards.
7. Put plans in place to add two cameras to cover blind spots on the second floor.

Conclusion:

It is the goal of the BCCF 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.