



## **BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

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# **2023 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 2023. 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.

During 2022, the facility received one allegation of staff on inmate sexual harassment. This allegation was found to be unfounded after an investigation was completed.

During 2023, the facility received one allegation of staff on inmate sexual harassment. This allegation was found to be unsubstantiated after an investigation was completed.



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### **Reporting to Other Facilities:**

§115.63 of the PREA Standards requires that:

- 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.

The Barnes County Correctional Center received **0** reports of sexual abuse or harassment from other agencies in 2023 under standard 115.63.

The Barnes County Correctional Center forwarded **0** allegations of sexual abuse or harassment in 2023 under standard 115.63.

### **Problem Areas/Corrective Action:**

BCCC finished their second PREA Audit in the fall of 2022, which was 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. Continual training for all staff on the PREA standards and their role in gaining and maintaining PREA compliance.
3. Updated objective screening tools for assessing the inmates.
4. Created a streamlined reporting tool for all agencies and the public to utilize in the event an incident needs to be reported.



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5. Began working with our jail management system in the spring of 2023 to create a streamlined way to create reports of PREA Classifications, Incidents, Investigations, and the investigation outcome.

### **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.