Annual Report

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Background
The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted by congress to address the problem of sexual assault in correctional facilities. PREA is intended to promote the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and sexual assault. PREA applies to all correctional facilities in the country. A copy of the Prison Rape Elimination Act Policy is available in the unit’s law library.

Zero Tolerance
It is the policy of the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) that there is “Zero Tolerance” toward all forms of sexual abuse and harassment. It is the policy of the ADC to prevent, detect and respond to such conduct. This applies to ALL employees, contractors, volunteer, student interns and persons or organizations conducting business with the ADC and all inmates under the custody or supervision of the ADC. The Department provides each employee with refresher training annually to ensure that all employees know the Department’s current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures. During the intake process, inmates receive information explaining the Department’s Zero Tolerance Policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to report incidents or suspicious of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The use of the most current PREA Inmate Education Video regarding the inmate’s right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents and regarding Department policies and procedures for reporting incidents of sexual abuse and harassment is utilized. The units also provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are of limited English proficiency, deaf, visually impaired, otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills. In addition to providing such education, the Department ensures that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats. Posters with the ADC Hotline number, and if available, an outside reporting number, will be placed near all inmate phones.

Definitions
Substantiated allegations means an allegations was investigated and determined to have occurred.
Unsubstantiated allegations means the allegations was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.
Unfounded allegations means an allegation was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

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The Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) has reported PREA investigations data to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) from 2006 through 2015.

PREA standards require that the Department prepare an annual report of its findings and make all aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control available to the public. The attached graphs depicts such data from 2015 through 2009.
Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Victimization
2014

Staff Perpetrated Sexual Victimization
2014
Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Victimization 2012

Staff Perpetrated Sexual Victimization 2012