



Ada County Juvenile Detention Prison Rape Elimination Act Annual Report for 2023

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total no. of juveniles booked into detention:	906	879	490	424	380	440
Total no. of juveniles released from detention:	892	888	507	432	380	436

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Allegations of youth-on-youth sexual acts:						
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	1	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	1	0	0	0	0
Investigation ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	1	1	0	0	1	0

Allegations of youth-on-youth sexual harassment:						
Substantiated	0	0	1	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	2	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	1	0	0	0
Investigation ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	0	2	2	0	0	0

Allegations of staff sexual misconduct with a juvenile:						
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	1	0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of staff sexual harassment of a juvenile:						
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total number of substantiated incidents reported in 2023: 0

Assessment of agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse

Ada County Juvenile Services (ACJS) continues to work to eliminate any occurrence of sexual abuse or harassment in the detention center and investigates all allegations. Our fourth PREA audit took place in 2023, with the onsite portion completed in August and our final report was signed September 03, 2023. We were found compliant in all areas.

Work done to ensure PREA compliance and implement the PREA standards

ACJS continues to ensure all staff and residents are trained in PREA and we continue to closely monitor the residents in our care. We ensure that all new hires are trained in PREA as part of our onboarding process. We review and update our policies on an annual basis. When making changes to policies, PREA requirements are always looked at to ensure compliance. In December 2023 our data team started a new project to review PREA risk assessment screenings. They will watch for trends and extract data from the risk assessments to identify any potential issues to help ensure the safety of the residents in our care.

Assessment of Improvements and Effectiveness in Sexual Abuse Prevention, Detection and Response

- **Identifying Problem Areas**

We continue to monitor for any issues and needs for any upgrades to our video system.

- **Corrective Actions on an Ongoing Basis (staffing, cameras, etc.)**

The numbers of residents in the detention facility remained low in 2023. This allowed us to meet required staffing ratios. All residents continue to reside in the east end of the building to better utilize staffing, allowing us to maintain direct supervision while the residents are in their rooms and living areas. This practice has allowed residents to have greater access to staff and resulted in less grievances in the facility.

- **Training and Professional Development Successes**

All scheduled PREA trainings were held this year. A new online version of the PREA training was created for volunteers and contractors as well as for new hires and annual training.

Comparison of 2022 and 2023 Data

- **2022**
 - ✓ 1 Substantiated Sexual Assault incidents
 - ✓ 0 Substantiated Sexual Harassment incidents
- **2023**
 - ✓ 0 Substantiated Sexual Assault incidents
 - ✓ 0 Substantiated Sexual Harassment incidents

Specific Findings and Corrective Actions for ACJS Detention

- **Actions taken to ensure a low number of allegations/abuses**

We continue to closely supervise residents to help minimize the risk of PREA incidents. Residents housed in the pods are always directly supervised by Detention Officers.

- **Actions taken upon detecting and responding to allegations**

All incidents regarding PREA are investigated by trained investigators from the Ada County Sheriff's Office. The victim and alleged perpetrator are immediately separated and housed separately for the duration of the investigation and (depending on the outcome) possibly for the duration of their stay in the detention facility. Medical and Clinical staff are informed of any incidents and are available to help support victims.

Summary

ACJS continues to work to ensure juveniles remain safe while in our custody. The occurrence of sexual abuse at ACJS is very low due to high levels of security, close supervision, single occupancy rooms and showers, as well as increased amounts of programming throughout the day. We realize we must continue to remain vigilant regarding safety. We will continue to have a strong zero-tolerance policy and promote a safe environment. Results of investigations are used to assess the need for any changes at ACJS including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, physical plant characteristics, surveillance technology, staffing, shifts, personnel assignments, and supervision. ACJS takes a proactive approach when complying with the Prison Rape Elimination Act and we completed our fourth PREA audit with our final report being signed September 03, 2023. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are investigated.



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