

Williams County Correctional Center 2020 PREA Report

The Williams County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and the Williams County Correctional Center (WCCC) are dedicated to enforcing a Zero Tolerance policy towards Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment as well as enforcing Federal Laws regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). On an annual basis the WCCC will conduct a comprehensive report on the current closing years collected data on reported and suspected sexual abuse and sexual harassment complaints (PREA complaints) and compare that data to the previous year's data to identify problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

2020 Findings: WCCC received 5 PREA complaints between 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. All cases were investigated and determined to be unfounded except for 1 inmate on inmate case of sexual harassment. 2020 had only 5 PREA complaints compared to the 12 of 2019. Complaints have been reported by inmates and reported as PREA complaints however upon initial investigation the complaints do not fall under the definition of PREA and are not on this PREA report.

Staff was implicated in 1 case of unfounded sexual harassment. The case had overwhelming evidence proving the complaint to be false or without rational. The incident in question was under video surveillance during the entire alleged incident and the only evidence found discredited the inmate's accusation.

Inmates were implicated in 1 case of sexual abuse and 3 cases of harassment.

1 case of sexual harassment resulted in being unfounded. The offending party is the same as the other sexual harassment and sexual abuse case however involved a different inmate accuser. While evidence did show that the accused had done what they were accused of doing their actions did not raise to the level of severity constituting sexual harassment nor was the action repeated and unwelcomed as defined as sexual harassment according to §115.6 PREA definitions. When the accused was informed that their behavior was unacceptable the accused discontinued the behavior.

1 case which involved 1 accusation of sexual harassment and 1 accusation of sexual abuse resulted in sexual harassment substantiated and sexual abuse unfounded. The contact between the inmates was a consensual relationship that ended with one trying to continue the relationship. The physical contact of sexual activity occurred during the relationship. The sexual harassment occurred after the relationship when the offending party to the relationship continued to hug, kiss, and climb in bed without the permission of the accusing party.

Problematic Areas: WCCC can find no trend in data suggesting that there are problematic areas within its facility.

Corrective Actions: At this time WCCC can find no areas of concern which require correction however WCCC will continue to enforce a Zero Tolerance policy on sexual harassment and sexual assaults. WCCC

has created a PREA Standard Operating Procedures Manual which complies with all Federal PREA standards that will be reviewed and revised (if needed) annually.

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WCCC 2020 Data of PREA Complaints			
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2020			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2020			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2020			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Staff on Inmate Complaints			1
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2020			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
1		2	3
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2020			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2020			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		1	1
Total Inmate on Inmate Complaints			4
Total PREA Complaints for 2020			5

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WCCC 2019 Data of PREA Complaints			
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2019			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	6	1	7
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2019			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2016			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Staff on Inmate Complaints			7
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2019			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
2		3	5
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2019			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2019			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		0	0
Total Inmate on Inmate Complaints			5
Total PREA Complaints for 2019			12

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WCCC 2018 Data of PREA Complaints			
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Staff on Inmate Complaints			1
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2018			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		1	1
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2018			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2018			
Sexual Abuse		Sexual Harassment	Total
0		0	0
Total Inmate on Inmate Complaints			1
Total PREA Complaints for 2018			2

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End of Report.

Approved by Sheriff:

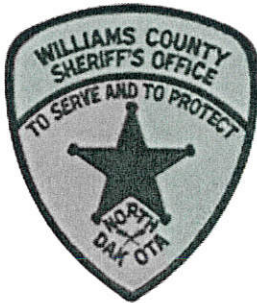


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Approved by Facility Commander:



Approved by PREA Coordinator:



If you suspect that an inmate is the victim of sexual assault or sexual harassment the Williams County Sheriff's Office wants to know and offers multiple ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Reports can be made anonymously by:

- *Mailing to the PREA Coordinator at 223 East Broadway Suite 302 Williston, ND 58801*
- *Calling the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673*
- *In person report the suspicion to any staff, volunteer, contractor, or medical/ mental health staff*

Definitions:

Unfounded Allegation: Allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated Allegation: Allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event occurred or not.

Substantiated Allegation: Allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

** According to WCSO incident/information reports which were not tracked prior to 03/05/2018*