



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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Mississippi Department of Corrections Annual PREA Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report 2014

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is the first United States Law passed dealing with sexual assault of prisoners and was signed into law on September 4, 2003. The PREA standards were drafted with the goal of ending prison rape.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) has adopted rules of preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual misconducts in the correctional setting. As a result of MDOC's effort to become compliant with the PREA standards, the PREA Division, a branch of the Corrections Investigation Division (CID), was implemented in an effort to ensure that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual misconducts are investigated promptly and thoroughly.

MDOC has established and implemented a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual misconduct in order to make identification, prosecution and elimination of sexual misconducts and sexual abuse a top priority for MDOC and contracting facilities who house MDOC offenders.

MDOC has provided multiple ways for offenders and staff members to privately report sexual abuse and sexual misconduct complaints. The PREA Tip Line was created so offenders can confidentially and/or anonymously report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct. In order for an offender to make a call from his/her prospective housing unit, the offender can lift the telephone's handset, select language preference, enter the tip line number designated for their facility and leave a two (2) minute voice recorded message regarding the alleged incident. A telephone typewriter (TTY) is available for the hearing impaired.

An offender can report a PREA incident to a staff member who will complete a PREA Offender Referral Form regarding the incident. A PREA incident can be accepted verbally, in writing or from third-parties. Civilians, third-parties and staff members can confidentially report a PREA incident by calling (601) 359-5600 or by completing a

PREA report located under the Investigations heading on the MDOC website.

Offenders can also report sexual misconduct or sexual abuse by writing the Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault (MCASA). MCASA is a state-wide non-profit, nongovernmental victim's advocacy organization representing sexual assault centers in Mississippi. MDOC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MCASA to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services and related assistance for offenders.

MCASA can be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault
P. O. Box 4172
Jackson, MS 39296
(888) 987-9011

Corrective Actions 2014

The PREA division is constantly working to ensure the agency is in compliance with the PREA standards. In 2014, the following corrective actions were initiated at MDOC facilities and at Community Confinement Facilities:

- Updated Memoranda of Understanding with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault/Victims Advocacy
- Barriers installed at showers and toilets to provide privacy
- Additional cameras added to prevent blind spots and deter sexual misconducts
- Additional staff training to increase awareness

MDOC collects aggregated data for the purpose of documentation of statistical data as required by PREA standards 115.87/115.287 entitled, "Data Collection," 115.88/115.288 entitled, "Data review for corrective action" and 115.89/115.289 entitled, "Data storage, publication, and destruction."

Only aggregated numbers will be reported annually. There will be no reporting by institution or names in order to ensure the integrity of the process, protect the security of the institution, and encourage further reporting of PREA incidents.

PREA Statistical Data for 2013

MDOC

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| Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts reported | <u>34</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>17</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>15</u> |
| Investigation Ongoing | <u>2</u> |
| Abusive Sexual Misconducts | <u>0</u> |
| Staff Sexual Misconducts | <u>25</u> |
| Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>8</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>12</u> |
| Investigation Ongoing | <u>5</u> |
| Staff Sexual Harassment | <u>22</u> |
| Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>7</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>13</u> |
| Investigation Ongoing | <u>2</u> |

PREA Statistical Data for Private and Regional Facilities 2013

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| Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts reported | <u>21</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>1</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>11</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>8</u> |
| Investigation Ongoing | <u>1</u> |
| Staff Sexual Misconducts | <u>3</u> |
| Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>1</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>0</u> |
| Investigation Ongoing | <u>2</u> |
| Abusive Sexual Misconducts | <u>0</u> |
| Staff Sexual Harassment | <u>0</u> |

PREA Statistical Data MDOC 2014

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| Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts reported | <u>31</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>1</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>7</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>17</u> |
| Investigations Ongoing | <u>4</u> |
| Staff Sexual Misconducts | <u>13</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>5</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>3</u> |
| Investigations Ongoing | <u>5</u> |
| Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Misconducts | <u>1</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>1</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>0</u> |
| Investigations Ongoing | <u>0</u> |

Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment 17

Number Substantiated 1

Number Unsubstantiated 8

Number Unfounded 8

Investigations Ongoing 0

Staff Sexual Harassments 13

Number Substantiated 0

Number Unsubstantiated 3

Number Unfounded 8

Investigations Ongoing 2

PREA Statistical Data for Private and Regional Facilities 2014

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| Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts reported | <u>9</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>4</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>4</u> |
| Investigations Ongoing | <u>1</u> |
| Staff Sexual Misconducts | <u>7</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>3</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>2</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>1</u> |
| Investigations Ongoing | <u>1</u> |
| Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Misconducts | <u>0</u> |
| Staff Sexual Harassment | <u>1</u> |
| Number Substantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unsubstantiated | <u>0</u> |
| Number Unfounded | <u>1</u> |
| Investigations Ongoing | <u>0</u> |