

DATA REVIEW FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION AND PUBLICATION

Middlesex County Department of Corrections has collected, aggregated, and reviewed data from all complaints involving sexual harassment and abuse, pursuant to section §115.87 and §115.387 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of the Departments sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, including:

1. Modifying the intake screening process by using the INTAKE SCREENING FOR RISK OF VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS form;
2. Identifying Facility practice and Policy and Procedure issues through the use of our SART (Sexual Assault Review Team);
3. Appropriately housing vulnerable and predatory inmates by using a modified Classification process;
4. Maintaining inmate access to PREA educational pamphlets, posters, and support services;
5. Additional education for all staff, volunteers, and vendors in order to help prevent, detect, and respond to incidents;
6. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis;
7. Preparing an annual report of its finding and corrective actions.

Also in compliance with §115.89 and §115.389 of the PREA Standards, this Agency shall make all aggregated sexual abuse data readily available to the public at least annually. This data is also reflected in the surveys the Agency completes each year for the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The figure below shows the PREA incident types by case outcome for the Adult Correction Center and the Juvenile Detention Center.

Report for 2022

The Middlesex County Office of Adult Corrections and Youth Services has long embraced the principles recently enacted by the Prison Rape Elimination Act to keep all inmates and residents safe while in custody, specifically, the agency has always maintained a “Zero-Tolerance” policy with regard to sexual activity. Years before PREA was passed, policy and procedure was established to prohibit contact and inappropriate relationships to prevent the problem of sexual abuse within its facilities. As such the agency had in place existing measures in order to aid in the prevention, detection, and response to such incidents. With the passage of PREA, enhancements to existing policy were made following Federally mandated guidelines.

2022 PREA STATISTICS

Adult Corrections

| Inmate on Inmate Offense | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Unsubstantiated | 8 |
| Substantiated | 1 |
| Unfounded | 5 |

| Staff on Inmate Offense | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Unsubstantiated | 3 |
| Substantiated | 0 |
| Unfounded | 6 |

Juvenile Detention

| Resident on Resident Offense | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Unsubstantiated | 3 |
| Substantiated | 0 |
| Unfounded | 0 |

| Staff on Resident Offense | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Unsubstantiated | 0 |
| Substantiated | 0 |
| Unfounded | 0 |