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This report was written in accordance with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard 115.388 Data review for corrective action.

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# PREA Standard 115.388

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established to address sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons confined to correctional facilities. Standard 115.388 Data Review for Corrective Action of PREA, requires that all public and private institutions that housed adult or juvenile offenders review data collected and aggregated on an annual basis in order to assess and enhance the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training, including identifying problem areas; taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as the agency as a whole.

Christian Acres Youth Center contracts with the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice to house their youth. The facility accepts youth for placement from all areas of the state.

## Key Terms and Definitions

**NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS** – Unwanted contact with another resident or any contact with staff that involve contact with the penis and the vagina or anus; contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; penetration of the anal or vaginal opening of another person by a hand, finger, or other object; and rubbing of another person's penis or vagina by a hand.

**ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACTS** – Unwanted contact with another resident or any contact with staff that involved touching of the residents' buttocks, thighs, penis, breasts, or vagina in a sexual way.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT** – Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one resident directed toward another.

**STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT** – All incidents of willing and unwilling sexual contact with facility staff, and all incidents of sexual activity that involved oral, anal or vaginal penetration.

**STAFF SEXUAL HARRASMENT**- Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

**ALLEGED**-accused but not proven.

**SUBSTANTIATED**- provide evidence to support the truth

The agency shall impose no standard higher than *a preponderance of the evidence* in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are **substantiated**.

**PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE**- prove that there is a greater than 50% chance, based on all the reasonable evidence, that the allegation occurred.

# 2022-2023 Comparison of PREA Allegations

This report includes a comparison for the calendar years of 2019 and 2020 data on sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations and provides an assessment of Christian Acres Youth Center’s progress in preventing sexual abuse and sexual harassment of its residents. This review included a review of the data from all available incident reports, grievances and investigations.

## REPORTING CRITERIA 2022    2023

Number of residents present on December 31 <sup>st</sup>	59	72
Number of residents admitted during the target year	120	133
Number of <i>alleged</i> resident-on-resident NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS	0	0
Number of <i>substantiated</i> resident-on-resident NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS	0	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> resident-on-resident ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT	0	3
Number of <i>substantiated</i> resident-on-resident ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT	0	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT	2	1
Number of <i>substantiated</i> resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT	2	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	2	1
Number of <i>substantiated</i> STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	0	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> STAFF SEXUAL HARRASMENT	1	0
Number of <i>substantiated</i> STAFF SEXUAL HARRASMENT	0	0

### Comparative Analysis:

Christian Acres Youth Center had changes in the categories of reported allegations from 2022-2023. The alleged allegations were the same 5 alleged allegations in 2022 and 2023. In 2023 CAYC experienced an increase in residents admitted from 120 in 2022 to 133 in 2023. Based on these numbers the per capita of allegations in 2022 was 4.1% and the per capita of allegations in 2023 was 3.8%.

Christian Acres Youth Center continues its efforts in ensuring that the residents, staff, volunteers and contractors are educated in the agency’s Zero Tolerance policy. Any suspicions based on the attached continuum are investigated to ensure the health and safety of the residents served. A comparative analysis, based on the definitions in this report, of 2022 and 2023 data indicates the following:

- There was **no change** of reported resident-on-resident NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS. In 2021 there was 0 reported and in 2023 there was 0 reported.
- There was **an increase** of reported resident-on-resident ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT. In 2022 there was 0 reported and in 2023 there was 3 reported.
- There was **a decrease** of reported resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT. In 2022 there was 2 reported and in 2023 there was 1 reported.
- There was **a decrease** of reported STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. In 2022 there was 2 reported and in 2023 there 1 reported.

- There was a **decrease** of reported STAFF SEXUAL HARRASMENT. In 2022there was 1 reported and in 2023 there was 0 reported.

## 2022 Corrective Actions

- The video monitoring system has been upgraded. The blind spot in the “kitchen area” in 6 of the cottages now have a “fisheye” camera.
- There have been additional cameras placed in blind spots on the outside of the cottages. Three new cameras cover additional angels in the courtyard.

## 2023 Corrective Actions

- When residents allege sexual assault, they will be taken to the St. Francis Medical Center where a SANE is available and easy access to the Wellspring who provides Advocacy services.
- Clear vinyl curtains are always available to be used when residents are quarantined. These curtains are stored in the Nurses station.

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