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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 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, things, penis, breasts, or vagina in a sexual way.

**SEXUAL HARASSMET** – 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 MISCONDCT** – 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 HARASSMENT** – 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.

## 2023 PREA ALLEGATIONS

This report is the initial report 2023 data on sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations and provides an assessment of Christian Acres White House 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>	15	14
Number of residents admitted during the target year	24	48
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	0
Number of <i>substantiated</i> resident-on-resident ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT	0	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT	0	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT	0	0
Number of <i>substantiated</i> resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT	0	0
Number of <i>alleged</i> STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT	0	0
Number of <i>substantiated</i> STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT	0	0

### Comparative Analysis

Christian Acres White House was in the second year of collecting data for PREA. Christian Acres White House continues its efforts to ensure 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 2024 data indicates the following:

- There was **no change** of reported resident-on-resident NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS. In 2022 there was 0 reported and in 2023 there was 0 reported.
- There was **no change** of reported resident-on-resident ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT. In 2022 there was 0 reported and in 2023 there was 0 reported.
- There was **no change** of reported resident-on-resident SEXUAL HARASSMENT. In 2022 there was 0 reported and in 2023 there was 0 reported.
- There was **no change** of reported resident-on-resident STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. In 2022 there was 0 reported and in 2023 there was 0 reported.

## 2022 Actions

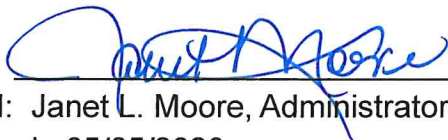
- The staffing of Christian Acres White House has been compliant with the PREA Standards with a 1/8 ratio. Christian Acres White house exceeds the 1/16 ratio at night by also having a 1/8 ratio.
- Christian Acres White House continues its efforts to maintain its PREA Compliance in keeping its residents safe from all forms of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. This began by implementing PREA Policy Chapter 17 for the Christian Acres White House facility.
- An MOU was obtained by New Horizon's Independent Living Center to provide interpreting services for Deaf/Hard of Hearing/ Deaf-Blind clients of Christian Acres Youth Inc.
- Residents' placement in the house will be looked at closely based on risk and proximity to the staffing area.
- There are 16 cameras place throughout the facility and grounds. The blind spots include the bathroom area in the community room, the area behind the community room, and the north side of the house. These areas are to be monitored by staff.
- The initial staffing plan was revised.
- Monthly Data continues to be reported to the State PREA Coordinator.
- First on site PREA audit was completed and passed by a U.S.D.O.J certified PREA auditor.

## 2023 Corrective Actions

- Christian Acres White House continues its efforts to maintain its PREA Compliance in keeping its residents safe from all forms of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. This began by implementing PREA Policy Chapter 17 for the Christian Acres White House facility.
- Facility updated Emergency Plan to give guidance and direction to staff members and residents confronting or planning to confront an emergency. A staff member's first priority is to use their emergency response training and best judgment to protect the residents, as well as themselves.

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