

# **2022 DETENTION ANNUAL PREA REPORT**

**Review of 2020 and 2021**

## **Summary**

**This report represents an overview of PREA incident data collected from Coosa Valley Youth Services Detention Facility. This synopsis focuses on the outcomes from the current year and provides a comparison to the previous year's data. The findings allow the Detention Facility to evaluate effectiveness of existing prevention, detection and response protocols associated with sexual abuse and sexual harassment reports within PREA's Juvenile settings.**

## **Background**

**CVYS Detention Facility participated in its first, three year cycle audit in 2016 and had the following results:**

**# of standards exceeded: 2**

**# of standards met: 38**

**# of standards not met: 0**

**CVYS Detention Facility participated in its 2<sup>nd</sup>, three year audit in 2019 and received 100% compliance score.**

## **Incident Reports**

**All CVYS Detention staff who work directly juveniles receive varying levels of PREA training. Additionally, youth admitted to our secure detention facility and our Residential facilities, receive information about PREA and are instructed on what to do if they experience or witness sexual harassment or abuse.**

**Within the workforce training provided, there is a clear expectation for staff to immediately complete a PREA Incident Report once they become aware of (reported, witnessed or suspected) sexual contact or harassment. Staff's report is routed to the program's PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator for review and subsequent investigatory steps. A compilation of facts ends up guiding agency notifications and the outcome summary – which identifies whether the incident was declared substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded.**

**CVYS Detention Facility received 2 PREA allegations in 2020 – See below for detail:**

**1. Report date 03/09/2020 – Youth reported during intake he had been sexually assaulted by a youth while at another program. PREA protocol was followed and Director at other facility was notified and given all information. We were not notified by the other facility of the outcome summary.**

**2. Report date 09/14/2020 – Female youth, after being released from CVYS Detention facility told her mother she had been accosted by a male youth while in Detention and mother called the Executive Director to confirm. PREA protocol was followed and the outcome summary was unsubstantiated/unfounded.**

**CVYS Detention Facility received 4 PREA allegations in 2021 – See below for details:**

**1. Report date 03/08/2021 – Allegation unsubstantiated, but JDO confronted youth during investigation for lying on him. JDO received disciplinary action for confronting youth and received additional PREA training and was monitored for any retaliation behaviors.**

**2. Report date 01/29/2021 – youth reported another youth attempted to touch his penis over his clothing and made sexually inappropriate comment. – Comment could not be substantiated, but youth attempting to touch was substantiated by camera review. Follow up action took place to follow our PREA guidelines.**

**3. Report date 10/10/2021 – Third party made allegation against staff. – DHR concluded report was unsubstantiated.**

**4. Report date 12/22/2021 – Third party reported allegations – Report was not substantiated.**

**Total Reports for 2021 – 4**

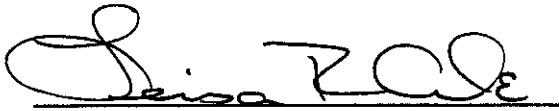
### **Comparison Between Last Two Years**

**CVYS Detention Facility had 2 PREA reports for 2020 and 4 PREA reports for 2021. Staff continue to have mandatory training each year on PREA Standards.**

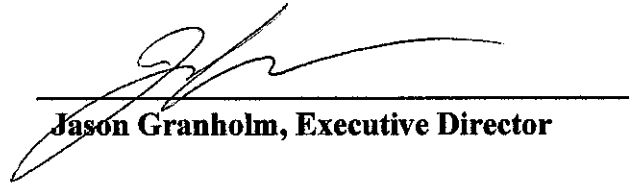
**One of the main improvements the Detention Facility made was male staff only allowed to be on female wing in an emergency, this has cut down on he said – she said reports that can't be substantiated. Detention staff are doing better reporting and completing paperwork regarding PREA and making sure all dates and signatures are on the correct forms.**

### **Final Statement**

**In conclusion, it is important to recognize the work from line staff at CVYS Detention Facility who engage with youth on a daily basis and from which most of the PREA reports are generated. These staff are diligent, compassionate and mindful of the work they do in order to help the youth identify their strengths and make better choices in the future**



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