

2024 Detention Annual PREA Report

Review of 2023 and 2024

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 received the following results:

of standards exceeded: 2

of standards met: 38

of standards not met: 0

CVYS Detention Facility participated in a 2nd – three- year cycle audit in 2019 and received 100% compliance.

Incident Reports:

All CVYS Detention staff who work directly with 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.

Comparison Between Last Two Years:

CVYS Detention Facility had 0 PREA Reports in 2023 and 1 PREA Allegation and Investigation in 2024 and the Outcome was Unsubstantiated. There were 0 Transgender Forms utilized in 2024.

Final Statement

In conclusion, it is important to recognize the work from line staff at CVYS Lewis Academy Facility who engage with youth on a daily basis. 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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