



## Department of Corrections

### Prison Rape Elimination Act Annual Report – Calendar Year 2019

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This Annual Report, in accordance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (“PREA”) Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails, summarizes Calendar Year (“CY”) 2019 incident-based data and actions taken in CY 2019 by the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (“RIDOC”) and its facilities to improve its efforts to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.

#### **Data Collection Activities**

All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are entered in the Facility Incident Database and investigated by either the Special Investigations Unit (“SIU”) or the Office of Inspections (“OI”). Additional information is collected and entered in the Facility Incident Database during the investigative process and after facility based Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews are conducted to review allegations of sexual abuse that are determined after investigation to be substantiated or unsubstantiated.

The RIDOC PREA Coordinator reviews the data collected from the Facility Incident Database to (1) assess and improve the effectiveness of the RIDOC’s sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response efforts and (2) prepare the annual report.

#### **CY 2019 Data**

##### **CY 2019 Total All Facilities PREA-Related Incidents: 162**

##### **Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (All Facilities)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 45       | 2       | 11            | 14        | 18              |

##### **Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (All Facilities)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 19       | 1       | 1             | 16        | 1               |

##### **Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (All Facilities)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 66       | 6       | 10            | 9         | 41              |

##### **Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (All Facilities)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 32       | 2       | 7             | 18        | 5               |

**CY 2019 Total High Security Center PREA-Related Incidents: 8****Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (High Security Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0        | 0       | 0             | 0         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (High Security Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0        | 0       | 0             | 0         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (High Security Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2        | 0       | 0             | 0         | 2               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (High Security Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 6        | 0       | 0             | 5         | 1               |

**CY 2019 Total Maximum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 17****Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Maximum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2        | 0       | 0             | 0         | 2               |

**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Maximum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2        | 0       | 0             | 2         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Maximum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 9        | 0       | 1             | 3         | 5               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Maximum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 4        | 0       | 2             | 2         | 0               |

**CY 2019 Total Medium Security PREA-Related Incidents: 21****Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Medium Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 5        | 1       | 3             | 0         | 1               |

**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Medium Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1        | 0       | 0             | 1         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Medium Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 11       | 1       | 3             | 2         | 5               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Medium Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 4        | 0       | 0             | 4         | 0               |

**CY 2019 Total Minimum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 5****Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Minimum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2        | 0       | 1             | 1         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Minimum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0        | 0       | 0             | 0         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Minimum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0        | 0       | 0             | 0         | 0               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Minimum Security)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 3        | 0       | 0             | 2         | 1               |

**CY 2019 Total Intake Service Center PREA-Related Incidents: 34****Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Intake Service Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 14       | 0       | 2             | 5         | 7               |

**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Intake Service Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 6        | 0       | 0             | 5         | 1               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Intake Service Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 9        | 1       | 1             | 0         | 7               |

**Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Intake Service Center)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 5        | 0       | 0             | 2         | 3               |

## **CY 2019 Total Women's Facility PREA-Related Incidents: 77**

### **Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Women's Facility)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 22       | 1       | 5             | 8         | 8               |

### **Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Women's Facility)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 10       | 1       | 1             | 8         | 0               |

### **Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Women's Facility)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 35       | 4       | 5             | 4         | 22              |

### **Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Women's Facility)**

| Reported | Ongoing | Substantiated | Unfounded | Unsubstantiated |
|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 10       | 2       | 5             | 3         | 0               |

## **Comparative Data Analysis**

In CY 2019, the number of PREA allegations reported to RIDOC increased from CY 2018. There were 162 PREA allegations reported and investigated in CY 2019 as compared to the 101 PREA allegations that were reported and investigated in CY 2018. Data reflects that there are clear reporting mechanisms in place and that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated.

Women's Facility showed the biggest increase in the number of PREA allegations reported to RIDOC in CY 2019. There were 77 PREA allegations from Women's Facility reported and investigated in CY 2019 as compared to the 37 PREA allegations from Women's Facility that were reported and investigated in CY 2018. Investigative findings in some cases from Women's Facility found antagonistic interpersonal relationships between some inmates who were using PREA in a retaliatory manner and resulted in multiple allegations involving these inmates, accounting in part for the increase in PREA allegations from Women's Facility in CY 2019.

## **CY 2019 Corrective Actions**

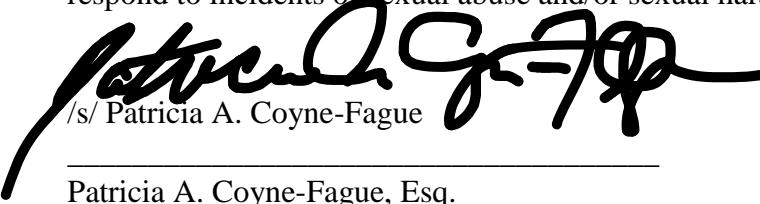
In CY 2019, PREA Audits were conducted at two (2) RIDOC facilities: Medium Security and Minimum Security. The PREA Auditor found that both facilities were compliant with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails and did not require any corrective action.

Although corrective action was not required as a result of either of the facility audits at Medium Security or Minimum Security, RIDOC continued to maintain its efforts to ensure continued compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails by:

- Providing all uniform staff with PREA First Responder Cards;
- Implementing a new contract to provide PREA Emotional Support Services to victims;
- Revising policies and procedures to include PREA compliant language and practices;

- Updating investigative equipment for SIU and OI; and
- Creating a new PREA Information Acknowledgment Form for all employees and nonemployees (contractors, volunteers, interns, students).

RIDOC continues to be committed to full compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails and continues to dedicate resources to improve and sustain its efforts to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.



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