

PREA AUDIT: AUDITOR'S SUMMARY REPORT

JUVENILE FACILITIES



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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE:

Voorhees Residential Community Home is located in Hunterdon County and serves a maximum of 27 residents between the ages of 15 and 20. The facility is located in Voorhees State Park in Glen Gardner Borough. The park is operated and maintained by the New Jersey Division of Forestry. The park is named after former Governor Foster M. Voorhees. The facility is located in the former Governor's mansion. The New Jersey Commission took over the building in 1982.

Residents that participate in the program enter either on a committed or probationary status. Committed residents are screened and referred through the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission's Classification Committee. Residents on probationary status are referred to the program by the sending counties' court liaisons. They are then interviewed by the program's social service staff to determine admission into the program.

The program strives to promote pro-social skills, educational and vocational achievement, and personal growth by instilling core values of help, trust, respect, responsibility, and intervention. Our purpose in doing so is to help the residents prepare for their return to their communities and in fulfilling the goals they have set for themselves while in program.

Academically, the program is a regional school comprised of residents from both Voorhees and Warren Residential Community Homes which follows the core curriculum content standards of the New Jersey Department of Education for grades nine through twelve. Residents that qualify are given the opportunity for GED testing in lieu of acquiring a high school diploma. In addition to classroom studies, residents are provided with vocational opportunities, which include greenhouse management, landscaping, plumbing, carpentry, and masonry.

During their stay, residents participate in Aggression Replacement Training, New Freedom Release Group, and Phoenix Curricula. These courses utilize cognitive behavioral techniques and assist residents with enhancing self-control. Furthermore, these components collectively assist with the development of interpersonal, personal, and social-cognitive skills that constitute effective pro-social behavior.

Residents regularly participate in community service projects conducted at Voorhees, Spruce Run, and Hacklebarney State Parks. In memory of the lives lost in 09/11, residents assisted with the development of the Cudina Memorial in Lebanon Township and continue to maintain the grounds through the horticulture program. They also volunteer at Rolling Hills Retirement Community Center and annually participate in speaking engagements at High Bridge Elementary School. Residents partake in Newark's Auto-Theft Prevention Program that targets at-risk youth.

During the winter season, residents from both Voorhees and Warren RCH form the North West Prep basketball team and compete in the New Jersey Interscholastic Sports Association basketball league as an independent school.

An on-site PREA Audit was conducted on March 30th and April 1st, 2015. The entrance meeting was attended by this PREA certified auditor, Pete Zeegers, Michael Coyle, Superintendent, and Steve Redmond, Asst. Superintendent, who also acts as the PREA Compliance Manager of the facility. The on-site audit work plan was discussed, random samples of youth and staff were selected, and specialized staff were identified. Also, additional pre-audit information was obtained.

Voorhees length of stay is 4-6 months. The facility employs 32 full-time staff. The Nurse is contracted through Rutgers University. There were three PREA-related youth on youth sexual harassment allegations made during the previous 12 months. Two were unfounded with one is pending Office of Investigations findings. There were no staff on youth PREA allegations made during the past twelve months.

Interviews were conducted with the agency Executive Director, the agency PREA Coordinator, the Voorhees Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, who is also the Facility PREA Compliance Manager, Human Resources staff, Intake/Screening staff, Investigative staff, the nursing supervisor, ten custody staff randomly selected from each of the three shifts in this facility, and ten youth randomly selected. The facility utilizes volunteers and contractors.

On the days of the on-site audit 19 youth were housed in the facility. No youth had reported during the intake process previous physical or sexual abuse. No youth identified themselves as being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, questioning, or gender nonconforming during the intake process. There were no youth identified as hearing or visually impaired, developmentally delayed, or who had limited English proficiency.

Youth receive information on PREA and their rights during the intake process. Additionally, after youth are admitted to the facility they are provided additional information about sexual abuse and harassment in both individual and group treatment. Youth who have experienced trauma, abuse, or victimization are provided treatment services, as needed.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS:

A tour of the facility was conducted, led by Superintendent Michael Coyle and Asst. Superintendent/PREA Compliance Manager Steve Redmond. The facility is clean, in good repair, and well maintained. There are no fences around the facility. The front door is unsecure and leads to the administration building.

The main building, which has two floors, holds the youth's living quarters, the nursing station, offices, and a classroom. On the main floor the youth's living quarters has four bedrooms. Two bedrooms have three bunk beds housing six youth each. One room has two bunks housing four youth. The fourth bedroom has five bunks housing ten youth. There are two bathrooms near the living quarters. One has a toilet and a sink. The other bathroom has three showers with curtains, toilets, latrines, and sinks. There is a door leading into this bathroom. Both review of policies and interviews with staff and youth confirmed that female staff announce their presence when entering the dorm area.

There are five smaller buildings north of the main building. These are used for classrooms, teachers' offices and a resident weight room. There is a usable greenhouse just north of the five classrooms. Plants of all kinds are grown here by a Horticulture staff member and the students. These plants are sold and makes the program able to fund itself. There are two other potentially usable greenhouses in that location.

The Student Center houses the kitchen, dining room, and staff offices. There is also a pantry and cold storage areas connected to the kitchen.

There is a spacious outdoor recreation area behind the facility that encompasses a football field, basketball courts, and a volleyball court.

There are no cameras to survey the facility. There is no central or master control. Mr. Coyle agreed that not having cameras could lead to blind spots, and indicated that he would talk to his supervisor about a possible resolution.

The PREA Audit Notice was posted on the bulletin boards all over the facility on walls in the main lobby, in the youth living quarter's area and various hallways, as well as copies of the PREA brochure written in both English and Spanish, (this is the same brochure given to youth during the intake process). Posters containing both the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), abuse numbers are prominently posted in the main lobby area, youth living units and hallways, as well. There is also a PREA Hotline stand alone phone stationed in the Student Center where the youth can pick the phone up with it dialing the National Rape Crisis Center automatically.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS:

Number of standards exceeded: 8

Number of standards met: 31

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards N/A: 2

§115.311 - Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Policy addresses all components of the standard in the prevention, detection & response to sexual abuse. It identifies both a state agency PREA Coordinator and a facility PREA Manager.

The policy details the approaches it uses to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The definitions of prohibited behaviors are clearly defined, as are the sanctions for those who violate the policy.

The agency has designated a corporate manager as the PREA Coordinator. He is very knowledgeable of PREA requirements, devotes sufficient time and effort in assisting facility staff with PREA-related issues, and has the authority to implement corrective actions. The facility Assistant Superintendent serves as the PREA Compliance Manager and reports that he has sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's compliance with the PREA standards.

§115.312 - Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

This standard is N/A.

§115.313 - Supervision and monitoring

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy addresses staffing plans for secure facilities. It includes an annual workgroup for the development of a proposed Secure Facility Custody Posts and FTE reports for the next fiscal year. This is comprised of staffing schedules and scheduled hold-over rotation procedures. On April 8, 2014, an annual review was completed that included all factors as required by the standard. It is recommended that the facility Superintendent be involved in the 2015 meetings.

The facility currently maintains a 1:8 day and 1:8 evening staff to youth ratio.

Agency policy requires unannounced rounds in all facilities by a high level Supervisor. While not a secure facility, these are completed by the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent.

§115.315 – Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy addresses the prohibition of cross-gender searches except in exigent situations. Policy dictates that if conducted, they must be authorized and documented, including the reason for the cross gender search.

The facility reports no cross-gender searches. No intersex or transgender youth have been admitted to this program.

Facility stated that if these searches did occur, they would be documented in the logbook as well as have an incident report completed.

Opposite gender staff announce their presence where youth are housed, performing bodily functions or showering. Staff and youth interviews confirmed the practice.

All toilets have doors, and all showers have curtains. Male staff are assigned in the living area when showers and/or bathrooms are in use. When the youth need to use the bathroom during daily schedule activities, there is a staff escort. Both review of policies and interviews with staff and youth confirmed that female staff are not permitted to enter or remain in the bathroom/shower area. There are no cameras in this area.

§115.316 – Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)

- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet requirements:

Facility goes through the Office of Education for E.S.L. assistance. The Commission also has a contract with an outside tutoring agency, (American Tutors).

The facility is unaware of any interpreting services used in the past 12 months. Staff report that they do not utilize any residents for interpretation services. The facility reported they could use services that the school board offers. And there is a bi-lingual staff (Spanish) assigned to their facility. While there is no formal agreement, there is an understanding that this staff will assist as needed.

Youth interviews confirmed that youth are not asked, nor have been asked, to provide interpretive services.

§115.317 – Hiring and promotion decisions.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The State of New Jersey can consider criminal convictions and pending criminal charges for all applicants. The State of New Jersey can also access state and federal criminal databases to conduct background checks for all applicants. All employees are subject to Child Abuse Record Information (CARI) checks. However, they are prohibited by law from asking about any criminal arrest history, as an arrest unsupported by a conviction or an expunged or pardoned conviction may not be considered in considering applicants for non-law enforcement positions. The agency conducts 5-year background checks for all employees and contractors. Material omissions by an employee is subject to termination.

§115.318 – Upgrades to facilities and technology.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Audit or Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

This standard is N/A.

There have been no modifications or expansions in the past 12 months. There is no video monitoring system at this program.

§115.321 – Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations.

Overall Determination

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

There is a policy that requires the use of a uniform evidence protocol for evidence collection.

There is a policy that references “A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations,” dated September 2004 and includes the preservation of evidence and the importance of appropriate emergency medical response.

The PREA policy includes required protocols for the informed consent, confidentiality, reporting to law enforcement, and reporting to child abuse investigative agency. All youth are taken to a local SANE hospital, Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, NJ, where there is a Registered Nurse, Forensic Nurse - Certified Sexual Assault.

All medical staff are contracted through Rutgers University Behavioral Healthcare that includes a provision for SANE exams and the absence of charges to youth under the care of JJC. Under this contract, all youth are offered the services of a victim advocate that is called in by the hospital.

§115.322 – Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency requires an administrative and/or criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. This policy details all types of sexual allegations shall be investigated and the conduct of such investigations.

There were three PREA-related youth on youth allegations of sexual harassment made in the previous 12 months. Two were unfounded and one is still pending with the Office of Investigations. There were no staff on youth PREA Allegations made in the previous 12 months.

The PREA policy can be found at the states website www.nj.gov/lps.jjc.prea.html.

§115.331 – Employee Training

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Reviewed 10 staff training files. Training is provided in all required 11 areas. All staff interviews and records review indicate that staff have received appropriate training. The facility includes PREA information in staff briefings. There is a separate 8 hour training on LGBTQI relations.

§115.332 – Volunteer and contractor training.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency provides appropriate training for contractors, volunteers and interns based upon their contact with youth. A signed acknowledgement of training is maintained for all contractors, volunteers or interns on the zero-tolerance policy and reporting procedures. There is a separate 8 hour training on LGBTQI relations.

§115.333 – Resident education.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Currently the agency provides comprehensive PREA education for the youth within 72 hours of intake, clearly exceeding the standard of comprehensive education within 10 days. Initial resident education is provided during the intake admission process. Residents are provided the PREA pamphlet in either English or Spanish. They are also provided additional written material that describes their right to be safe from sexual violence and information on how the various ways they can report an allegation or receive services. If it is determined that youth have limited reading skills, intake staff will read the written materials to the youth.

This information is further reviewed in greater detail and supplemented in groups and individual counseling sessions soon after the youth arrives at the facility.

Posters displaying the phone for Sexual Abuse Hotline, along with the D.C.S. hotline number, in Spanish and English, are visible to youth and staff in the hallways and main lobby area.

Youth interviews confirmed that youth understand the PREA education they receive and could articulate their rights and the various ways they can report an allegation.

§115.334 – Specialized training: Investigations.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Policy requires each Juvenile Justice Commission Investigator to receive appropriate PREA Incident Investigation training. While there is no provision for what the training consists of, the training used was created by the Moss Group which includes interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims, Miranda/Garrity warnings; collection of evidence and the evidence and criteria required to substantiate a sexual abuse case. It is noted that all Agency Investigators are sworn law enforcement.

§115.335 – Specialized training: Medical and mental health care.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Medical and mental health staff receive the same training as all custody staff. The program maintains a roster that documents each staff member's signature of training. No forensic exams are conducted on site. All youth are taken to a local SANE facility for these exams.

115.341 – Obtaining information from residents.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

All of the required information is gathered at intake. The JJC PREA Screening Form allows for documentation of youth conversation to specific questions as well as document review. This form is also used in housing placement at the facility level. Information is only available to the Administrative staff and the Social Workers.

115.342 – Placement of residents in housing, bed, program, education, and work assignments.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Policy prohibits the placement of youth into a facility, assignment of roommate, education and work assignments based on LGBTQI status. While policy allows for placement of LGBTQI youth in room restriction, temporary close custody, or a Behavior Accountability Unit as a means of keeping them safe only as a last resort, this facility has one open bay housing area with bunk beds and therefore there is no separation from general population. Should an event occur where a youth was unable to be safe, the youth would be transferred to a more appropriate facility. Isolation is not used at this facility. Policy allows for transgender and intersex youth to be able to shower separately from other residents upon request.

No LGBTQI youth were at program. The staff state that no youth would be placed in special housing on the basis of LGBTQI status.

The JJC PREA Screening Form is used for housing placement.

115.351 – Resident reporting.**Overall Determination:**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency provides multiple ways for a youth to report allegations of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, retaliation and staff neglect of responsibilities. Youth can report verbally, in writing as a juvenile statement or Request and Remedy to Investigators or Ombudsman, by phone to the Ombudsman/family/attorney, and by phone to the sexual abuse hotline. Additionally, the agency has implemented a PREA Complaint form that is an emergency written process for reporting. All forms are available in the dorm area. A Hotline is available for youth as needed. The hotline goes directly to the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA).

115.352 – Exhaustion of administrative remedies.**Overall Determination:**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policies address the exhaustion of administration remedies. There is a grievance system known as a Request and Remedy which requires a response within 20 days. A Request and Remedy PREA Complaint form is in place to address emergency reporting through written format and requires an immediate response. Policy allows no time frame for reporting sexual abuse or sexual misconduct and there is no requirement for an informal process to be utilized prior to the filing of a Request and Remedy. A third party complaint reporting form is available on the unit and on the state website.

115.353 – Resident access to outside support services and legal representation.**Overall Determination:**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

There is currently conversation with regard to providing an outside victim advocate with the agency “New Jersey Coalition against Sexual Assault”. There are documented conversations.

Posters containing both the DCS hotline and the PREA hotline are prominently posted in the hallways and lobby area in both English and Spanish. Youth interviews confirmed that residents are aware of these posters and their right to call and make reports. Each youth has a primary DCS Probation or Parole Officer who can access outside support services upon request of the youth.

Staff and resident interviews confirmed that staff provide youth with the limitations of confidentiality, regarding mandatory reporting laws. Resident communications are not monitored.

Youth interviews confirmed that those residents who currently have attorneys can communicate with them confidentially. None reported being denied access to their attorneys. All youth reported that they have family visitation and that they have never been denied access to their families. All youth are allowed phone calls each week to family members.

115.354 – Third-party reporting

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency has in place a 3rd Party PREA Complaint Form which will be made available on the state’s website or at the programs. This form allows for printing or fill-able format, which can then be printed and mailed to the Commission. The address for the Commission is on the form.

115.361 – Staff and agency reporting duties.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy requires all staff to immediately report any incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to both the agency and the child abuse reporting agency. Staff are prohibited from

revealing information to anyone who does not have a need to know. A memo dated August 20, 2014 requires reporting to the youth's attorney within 14 days, and to the parent or DCPD (if guardian).

115.362 – Agency protection duties.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Although there were no instances during the previous 12 months where a youth was subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, staff interviews confirmed that staff have received training as to how to immediately protect a youth by separating the youth and alleged perpetrator, notifying their supervisor, and completing an incident report. All staff expressed that their primary responsibility at all times is the safety of youth in the facility.

115.363 – Reporting to other confinement facilities.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy requires the Office of Investigators to provide, within 72 hours, notification to a facility where an allegation has been made and to document such notification. There has been no allegation to date.

115.364 – Staff first responder duties.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy includes the requirements of the standard. Staff interviews confirmed that staff have received first responder training and could articulate the steps they are to take when responding to an incident of sexual abuse.

115.365 – Coordinated response.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

This facility has a facility specific checklist that addresses all requirements of a coordinated response by staff. This plan additionally addresses all outside resources by name, location and phone number. This plan is kept in a separate folder in the administration area where all staff have access.

115.366 – Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

All staff report there is not a provision for the express denial of removing staff from the post in the event of a sexual allegation.

115.367 – Agency protection against retaliation.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency addresses the establishment of a policy to protect youth from sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation for reporting, and to protect staff from retaliation for reporting. At the time of any report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, the facility begins special supervision status and begins proceedings for youth transfer. A Retaliation Form is used and provides for status checks every 30 days and monitoring beyond 90 days as identified or needed. Periodic checks are also conducted for youth during their weekly counseling sessions.

115.368 – Post-allegation protective custody.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

For youth who have been placed in segregated housing to protect them have access to all normal programming within the facility, including recreation, education, and special education programs. Segregation is not used at this program.

115.371 – Criminal and administrative agency investigations

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency PREA Investigation policy requires an investigation of all PREA related incidents. All investigators at the agency level are sworn law enforcement and have received appropriate training as indicated by the standard. Investigators conduct all aspects of the investigation including evidence collection, interviews and review for prior complaints. They are in contact with prosecutors on a regular basis during an investigation. The policy prohibits the use of polygraph examinations as a condition for proceeding with an investigation. Policy and state law required all evidence to be maintained, (including any handwritten notes, video, audio, etc.).

There have been no substantiated incidents in the last 12 months.

115.372 – Evidentiary standards for administrative investigations

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence for an administrative case.

There have been no incidents in the last 12 months.

115.373 – Reporting to residents.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Agency policy requires that the resident be informed by the Executive Director or designee of the outcome of an allegation. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee is noted as required to inform a resident of the status of a case against a staff member. There is a statewide form that the resident would sign.

115.376 – Disciplinary sanctions for staff.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy indicates that termination will be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for any staff member who engages in sexual abuse or sexual harassment against a juvenile.

The policy requires notification to the Office of Investigations and/or law enforcement for violation of sexual abuse/sexual harassment.

There have no incidents at this facility in the last 12 months.

115.377 – Corrective action for contractors and volunteers.

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy addresses the required responses when a volunteer or contractor has violation the agency zero tolerance policies, including reporting to the Office of Investigations and/or law enforcement and prohibition of youth contact.

There have been no incidents reported at this facility in the last 12 months.

115.378 – Disciplinary sanctions for residents

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy provides for the disciplinary process of the agency. It includes a formal disciplinary process, and appeals process. Disciplinary sanctions are commensurate with the nature of the incident and take into certain factors prior to imposing the sanction.

There have been no substantiated PREA sexual abuse incidents at this facility in the last 12 months.

115.381 - Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Agency policy requires that any youth who reports prior victimization or prior perpetrated sexual abuse is to be immediately referred for medical or mental health counseling.

115.382 - Access to emergency medical and mental health services

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

All youth who report sexual abuse receive immediate transfer to a SANE facility for treatment. Medical and mental health staff are also advised and available for follow-up care upon the youth's return.

Facility policy and contract requirements require access to unconditional, immediate emergency medical and mental health services at no cost to the youth or family, not only for resident victims of sexual abuse, but for all youth in the facility, whenever they need it.

115.383 - Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

All youth who report victimization (regardless of where it took place) are referred for treatment and counseling as identified. Services are consistent with the community level of care. Victims shall receive appropriate STD and/or pregnancy counseling and treatment as identified. Treatment services are offered at no cost to youth, and within 14 days.

There were no substantiated PREA incidents of sexual abuse at this facility in the last 12 months.

115.386 – Sexual abuse incident reviews

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard):

The agency utilizes a Sexual Abuse Incident Review form that allows for the documentation of all required Components of the standard.

115.387 – Data collection

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

The agency collects data as per required by the DOJ SSV. There are no contracted facilities, so facilities under their direct control is noted in the data collection. The agency is now maintaining all files as per PREA standards. New information shall be available June 30th, 2015 when the report to DOJ is due.

115.388 – Data Review for Corrective Action

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Comparison data was not available as 2013 data was collected on the DOJ SSV, but specific information as per the PREA standards was not gathered at that time. The agency has a detailed report of the 2014 data by facility that addresses identifying problem areas and corrective action. The report was approved by the agency head and specific identifiers were redacted from the report.

115.389 – Data Storage, Publication, and Destruction

Overall Determination:

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirements of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor Comments (including corrective actions needed if it does not meet standard)

Data will be maintained for 10 years from the date of the initial collection. Data collected will be maintained securely. Data will be encrypted and password protected to prevent unauthorized dissemination. The 2014 NJJC Annual PREA Report was made public in the first quarter of 2015. A more detailed report is available upon request. In the future, the detailed report will be made public on the website. Personal identifiers are not made public, in either the 2014 PREA Report or the detailed report.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION:

The auditor certifies that the contents of the report are accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and no conflict of interest exists with respect to his or her ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.

Pete Leegers

05/01/15

Auditor Signature

Date