



2020 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed into by law the United States Congress and signed by President George W Bush in 2003. PREA's intent is to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The PREA National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape were published in the Federal Register on June 20, 2012.

Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc. (A.R.C.) has Zero Tolerance for any form of sexual abuse or sexual harassment of any youth in any A.R.C. facility. All forms of sexual abuse/harassment of residents is expressly prohibited, whether it be by another resident, staff member, contractor, volunteer or visitor. All allegations of sexual misconduct, abuse and/or harassment will be taken seriously and will be investigated, both internally and externally, to the fullest extent possible. All such incidents shall also be reported to law enforcement authorities and the Office of Children and Youth in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and this policy. Violation of this policy is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, retaliation against any youth or staff who reports or assists in the investigation of alleged sexual misconduct is prohibited and is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

A.R.C. collects data on every allegation of attempted and/or completed sexual abuse and sexual harassment at the facility, regardless of ultimate outcome of the investigation. Each allegation is reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services through the Childline Hotline and local law enforcement authorities. Upon completion of an investigation, the incident is reviewed by A.R.C. administration and the facility to determine if any changes need to be made to the policy.

General Definitions

Substantiated allegation- An allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation- An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded allegation- An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Sexual abuse- Includes sexual abuse of a resident by another resident or sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member, volunteer, or contracted vendor. Sexual abuse of a resident by another resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse.

or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Sexual abuse of a resident by another resident- includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

A. Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight.

B. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus.

C. Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

D. Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Number of residents in A.R.C. facilities on December 31, 2020	2020	2019
TOTAL		
Schaffner	18	16
Canal Road	0	11
Susquehanna Trail	0	12
MALES		
Schaffner	13	9
Canal Road	0	11
Susquehanna Trail	0	12
FEMALES		
Schaffner	5	7
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Age of residents held in A.R.C. facilities on December 31, 2020	2020	2019
Age 17 or younger		
Schaffner	16	16
Canal Road	0	8
Susquehanna Trail	0	7
Age 18 to 20		
Schaffner	2	0
Canal Road	0	3
Susquehanna Trail	0	5
Age 21 and older	0	0

Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Unsubstantiated		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Unfounded		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0
Resident on Resident Sexual Harassment	2020	2019
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Substantiated		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Unsubstantiated		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Unfounded		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Investigation Ongoing		
Schaffner	0	0
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0

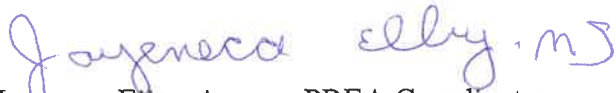
Staff Sexual Misconduct

In 2020, there were Zero (0) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

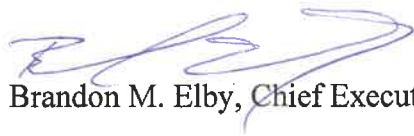
Staff on Resident Sexual Abuse	2020	2019
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS		
Schaffner	0	1
Canal Road	0	0
Susquehanna Trail	0	0
Substantiated		
Schaffner	0	1

To demonstrate compliance with PREA, all A.R.C. juvenile facilities must be audited every three years. Schaffner Youth Center was last audited during the second PREA cycle on September 11 – 14, 2017 and was found to be in full compliance on February 25, 2018. The next audit will take place in 2021.

Any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) at A.R.C. Schaffner should be directed to the agency PREA Coordinator at 717-238-7101 ext. 131.



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