



## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) 2024 Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Abuse

### Introduction

The Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) complies with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, which supports the elimination of sexual assaults within the corrections system through the prevention, detection, reduction, and punishment for sexual assault. The Franklin County CBCF is committed to a zero tolerance of all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and has an approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct by residents, staff, contractors, and volunteers.

### Calendar Year 2024 Investigation Outcomes by Case Type

The Franklin County CBCF collects data on all reported incidents of sexual harassment and sexual abuse/ assault that occurred at the CBCF as well as other correctional institutions.

- I. Resident-on-Resident Sexual Harassment and Abuse.
  - a. There were eight (8) allegations of resident-on-resident sexual harassment at the Franklin County CBCF.
    - i. (2) were unfounded.
    - ii. (6) were unsubstantiated.
    - iii. (0) were substantiated.
  - b. There were four (4) allegations of resident-on-resident sexual abuse at the Franklin County CBCF.
    - i. (1) was unfounded.
    - ii. (3) were unsubstantiated.
    - iii. (0) were substantiated.
- II. Staff-on-Resident Sexual Abuse and/or Misconduct.
  - a. There were four (4) allegations of staff-on-resident sexual abuse and/or misconduct at the Franklin County CBCF.
    - i. (1) was unfounded.
    - ii. (1) was unsubstantiated.
    - iii. (2) were substantiated.
- III. CBCF Resident Reported Abuse at other Institutions.
  - a. There were nine (9) reports of resident sexual abuse at other institutions.

### Total Reported Incidents – Data Over Time, Calendar Years 2021-2024

The following table represents the total number of reported incidents at the Franklin County CBCF over a period of four (4) years, regardless of the outcomes of the subsequent investigations. The Franklin County CBCF continues to work on creating a safe and secure environment for our residents through resident training, new-hire and annual staff trainings, having a robust video surveillance system, and continuous staff presence within the facility and on each housing unit.

Allegation	2021	2022	2023	2024
Resident on Resident Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	0	0	0	0
Resident on Resident Sexual Harassment	0	5	4	8

Resident on Resident Abusive Sexual Contact	2	0	1	4
Staff on Resident Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	4
Staff on Resident Sexual Misconduct	0	2	0	0

**Corrective Actions, Continued Facility Actions, and Areas of Concern**

The Franklin County CBCF received the final PREA Facility Audit Report on April 16, 2024. The facility was found to be compliant with thirty-eight (38) PREA standards. The next PREA audit for the Franklin County CBCF will be in 2026.

Continued Facility Actions:

- Annual review and revision of facility policy and procedures
- Annual training for all facility PREA investigators
- Annual specialized training for facility medical and mental health staff
- Ensuring the facility has trained and qualified Victim Support Staff
- In person and virtual new-hire training on PREA
- Annual in person and virtual staff training on PREA
- In person training for all Contractors/Volunteers

Additionally, the facility added 29 new cameras/camera views to its video surveillance system during calendar year 2024.

**Conclusion**

The Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility is dedicated to maintaining a culture in which the residents in our care are free from sexual harassment and sexual abuse and responds swiftly and accordingly to any allegations of such. By continuing education and training for staff, volunteers, contractors, and residents, implementing of necessary changes, and maintaining compliance of all PREA standards, the Franklin County CBCF can maintain a safe and secure environment for our residents.

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