



**Floyd County Corrections**

**2022**

**PREA Annual Report**

In 2022, Floyd County Corrections (FCC) continued the established Zero Tolerance standard for sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders in our custody. Our commitment to a Zero Tolerance standard is the foundation upon which all efforts have been built.

Training and education have continued to be critical components in our efforts to prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Approximately sixteen (16) new staff members have undergone our comprehensive training requirement that has been a key in the agency's mission and commitment to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards. This training is provided through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), and the training focuses on staff members' duties in responding to PREA allegations, as well as effective communication with offenders who identify as gay, bisexual, transgender, or gender non-conforming.

We continue to take our responsibility to respect and uphold the rights and welfare of inmates in our care, understanding that the detection, prevention, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment are a critical component of all our efforts.

Michael Long, Warden

## **Scope of the 2022 Annual Report**

This report is compiled in accordance with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) National Standards published in August of 2012. DOJ standards 115.87 and 115.88 provide specific direction for the collection, review, and assessment of collected data to improve the effectiveness of policies, practices, and training for the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

This report provides a review of incident-based and aggregated data for calendar year 2022 and a comparison of aggregated data for calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

## **Investigations**

In all instances of alleged PREA violations, Floyd County Corrections (FCC) provides for an expedient investigative response while working closely with the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC). As necessary, FCC provides full access to GDC agents assigned to carry out all official criminal investigation on-site. FCC's Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) will also complete a full administrative investigation in conjunction with all criminal investigations. Our SART investigators also serve as P.O.S.T. mandated law enforcement officers. Following all investigations, the incident will be determined to have been either:

**Substantiated-** An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred;

**Unsubstantiated-** An allegation that was investigated and determined to have insufficient evidence to make a determination as to whether the incident occurred; or

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

All substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment result in the appropriate disciplinary actions taken against the staff member, contractor, volunteer, or inmate; and where appropriate a referral for criminal prosecution.

## **Data Collection**

Floyd County Corrections records and tracks all PREA Incidents from the initial report through the investigative and review process.

Tables are provided below of aggregated data for years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

<b>2022 PREA Allegations</b>				
<b>Type of Allegation</b>	<b>Substantiated</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Total</b>
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>2020 – 2022 Incident Comparison</b>			
<b>Substantiated</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	0	0
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	0	0
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	1	0
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	0	0
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	1	0
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Substantiated Incidents</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
Staff to Offender Abuse	0	0	0%
Staff to Offender Harassment	0	0	0%
Offender to Offender Abuse	0	0	0%
Offender to Offender Harassment	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

## **Assessment**

2022 was the fifth year in a row with no substantiated incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Facility staff and the offender population have shown their continued dedication to the institutionalization of the PREA Standards. In 2022, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Furthermore, the facility successfully completed our third cycle PREA Audit in March of 2022. Staff and offenders alike were responsible for the facility meeting all of the audited Standards and exceeding six of those Standards.