

Lake Region Residential Reentry Center

LRRRC

ANNUAL PREA REPORT AND ALLEGATION SUMMARY 2014

In 2014, the Lake Region Correctional Facilities (LRCF) consisting of the Residential Reentry Center (RRC) and Adult Detention Center (jail) began working toward creating a safer environment for the inmates/residents confined within the facilities. This began by assigning Kurt Weaver as the PREA Coordinator for the LRCF and Operations Manager Rob Johnson as the PREA Compliance Manager for the RRC. The PREA Coordinator is responsible for the development, implementation and training coordination to comply with the PREA Standards. The PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for compiling reports of sexual harassment/abuse allegations, and ensuring the PREA policy is followed in their respective facility.

The LRCF PREA Policy was created and followed in draft form during 2014. During November and the beginning of December, RRC staff participated in 12 combined hours of PREA staff training following the curriculum provided by the PREA Resource Center website. Additionally, the PREA Coordinator and one RRC staff member received specialized training for investigating allegations of sexual harassment and abuse.

The LRCF entered into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Safe Alternatives for Abused Families (SAAF) of Devils Lake to provide 24-hour crisis services, assistance with medical care and one-on-one short term counseling for residents of our facility. SAAF also provides sexual assault advocates to be available for SANE/SAFE examinations.

December 15, 16 and 17, 2014, the LRCF submitted to a PREA Audit from a certified DOJ PREA Auditor. The RRC expects to have full PREA compliance granted by March 31, 2015. The results of this audit will be posted on the facility website (www.lrlec.org) upon completion.

We are proud to report that in 2014 the RRC had 0 (zero) allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

We have reviewed our current staffing plan and found it to be adequate with hopes to be able to boost staff presence with potential future facility updates. We have also recognized some improvements that can be made to the facility to enhance safety for the residents.

The RRC staff has worked diligently toward adhering to all PREA Standards and has made great progress during 2014. While we are proud of the advancements we have made we are dedicated to continue to make improvements.

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