

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA, P.L. 108-79) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual abuse of persons in the custody of U.S. correctional agencies. The Act applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders and is also relevant to community-based agencies. It addresses both inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse and staff sexual misconduct.

DYRS has a zero tolerance for any incidence of sexual activity with youth in our care. DYRS commits to full compliance with PREA and all criminal laws. Any type of sexual activity between residents or between residents and residents is criminal and prohibited.

In compliance with PREA reporting standards, below are the Calendar Year 2012 PREA Incident Reports filed in DYRS. As with any institutional abuse reports that involve children in our facilities, each incident is investigated by the DSCYF Institutional Abuse unit.

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Calendar Year 2012 PREA Incidents

Facility	Type Sexual Violence	Type (Youth/worker)	Incident description	Result
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State operated facilities

Ferris School	Non-consensual sexual act	Youth-Youth	Alleged roommate violated victim.	Unfounded
Ferris School	Non-consensual sexual act	Youth-Youth	Youth alleges another youth came into his room and sexually violated him.	Unfounded
Grace Cottage	Youth on youth harassment	Youth-Youth	Youth wrote letters and made advances to another youth.	Victim placed on Close observation.
Mowlds Cottage			No incidents	
New Castle County Detention Center			No incidents	

Facility	Type Sexual Violence	Type (Youth/worker)	Incident description	Result
Stevenson House Detention Center	Staff Sexual Harassment	Worker-Youth	Youth alleged sexual harassment from a staff worker.	Unfounded
Snowden Cottage	Abusive Sexual Act	Youth-Youth	Youth hit another youth in genitals with clenched fist	Incident did not rise to the level of a PREA investigation.
Snowden Cottage	Abusive Sexual Act	Youth-Youth	Youth touched another youth's genitals during a basketball game.	Incident did not rise to the level of a PREA investigation.

Contracted facilities

Peoples Place	Abusive Sexual Act	Youth-Youth	Alleged victim performed oral sex on perpetrator.	Reported to Child Abuse hotline.
Peoples Place	Abusive Sexual Act	Youth-Youth	Staff found two youth having voluntary sex.	Addressed with youth.
Peoples Place	Youth-on-youth harassment	Youth-Youth	Advances made from one youth onto another.	Addressed with youth.
Red Lion RTC	Abusive Sexual Act	Youth-Youth	Victim alleged unwanted touching by another youth. Reported to facility 2 months after incident.	Could not determine perpetrator.