

Transitions Inc. 2015 PREA Annual Report

Transitions Inc. mandates a zero tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual assault and harassment. Since early 2014, Transitions Inc. has been working towards full compliance with the law. In 2016 the agency is scheduled to be audited by an independent PREA auditor. This will satisfy the requirement that all facilities to be audited by August, 2016.



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In compliance with KRS 115.288, the agency has compiled PREA incident data for 2015 into this annual report. Since this is the first year of data collection and reporting, we do not have statistics to compare with for previous years. In the future, the agency will create an annual report for review and public viewing on our website.

Currently, Transitions Inc has six facilities that are in the process of being certified as PREA compliant. During 2015, over 100 employees, interns and volunteers have been trained on PREA compliance standards, reporting methods and responsibilities. Hundreds of clients were also trained about the law and their rights. Hundreds of clients have been screened to determine if they have an elevated risk of being victims or offenders of sexual abuse or harassment. The agency now has 13 certified PREA investigators, which allow investigations of incidents to proceed quickly. Staffing patterns have been evaluated at all facilities to determine the best coverage to prevent incidents. Cameras have been added at several facilities to reduce the areas where incidents could occur out of the view of 24/7 video monitoring. It's been a busy, productive year for Transitions Inc. as we all become more aware of the PREA law.

Reported Incidents in Detail for 2015:

Ashland – no reported incidents

Droege – one reported incident involving a client and an employee of sexual harassment. The incident was investigated by probation and parole since an employee was involved. During the investigation, the employee involved was removed from the schedule as a precaution. In the end, the determination made was “unsubstantiated” and the employee was permitted to return to work.

Grateful Life Center – two incidents were reported, one harassment and one abuse. The first incident of harassment occurred between 2 clients. This incident was determined to be substantiated by Investigator Aaron Wagner. The offender admitted to making harassing comments to the victim, but absconded from the facility during the investigation.

The second incident involved alleged abuse between an intern and a client (consensual sexual intercourse not on agency property). Probation and parole investigated since it involved an intern and determined the allegation to be substantiated. The investigator was unable to locate the intern for further investigation.

Two Rivers – no reported incidents

WRAP – two incidents were reported, both were reported to be consensual incidents. The first involved clients observed kissing in a restroom. The second involved clients taking inappropriate sexual pictures of each other. Clients were terminated from the program.

York Street – one reported incident involving a client and an employee. Probation and parole investigated since it involved an employee. The client alleged that the staff member touched him inappropriately during a normal pat down search. The incident occurred on camera and the investigator was quickly able to determine the client was lying. The incident was unfounded.

Overall, the agency has made tremendous progress in 2015 becoming compliant with the law and in training employees/clients. We will use this data and information learned from incident reviews to make even more progress in 2016.


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See attached data sheet