



## PREA Annual Report - 2016

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner  
Stuart Minor, PREA Unit Field Supervisor  
Adam T. Barnett, Sr., Agency PREA Coordinator

### Table of Contents

<b>Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PREA COMPSTAT Alleged Incidents</b>	<b>2-3</b>
- DJJ Established PREA Reporting Codes	
- 2013 – 2016 Yearly Allegation Tracking Comparison Report	
<b>2016 PREA Certification &amp; Standards Assurance Methodology</b>	<b>3</b>
- 2016 Facilities Audited (August 20, 2014 – August 19, 2015)	
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>4</b>

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was unanimously passed by Congress and signed on September 4, 2003, by President George H.W. Bush, becoming the first federal legislation to address the issue of sexual assault in a correctional setting. The Act applies to sexual abuse in all custodial corrections settings, including prisons, jails, police lock-ups, juvenile facilities, and community residential settings. Moreover, the Act applies to all types of sexual misconduct against juveniles, including abuse by fellow juveniles and staff.

## Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) provides secure housing, programming, mental health services, health care services, and education for juveniles who are on probation, awaiting adjudication, or have been adjudicated and committed to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to PREA standard 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of the agency's sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include identifying problem areas; and taking corrective action on an ongoing basis.

The Georgia DJJ yearly comparison report began with FY2013. Specific information from all reports is redacted to prevent any threat to the safety and security of secure facilities, community residential programs, court service offices, and youth and staff. The PREA Annual Report redacted information concerning staff and youth personal identifiers.

## PREA Allegation Tracking Report

During the reporting period from January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016, the DJJ OQA data base received allegations of 151 PREA incidents. The alleged incidents were reported from one or more of DJJ's 26 Secure Facilities, one or more of DJJ's 92 Community Service Offices, and one or more of DJJ's 75 Residential Program Providers.

### **DJJ established PREA reporting codes:**

#### Youth-On- Youth (PY)

1. PY1 = Youth-on-Youth Unwanted, Nonconsensual or Coerced Penetration (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Nonconsensual Sexual Acts*)
2. PY2 = Youth-on-Youth Unwanted, Nonconsensual or Coerced Non Penetration/Touching (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Abusive Sexual Contact*)
3. PY3 = Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Sexual Harassment*)

#### Staff-On-Youth (PS)

4. PS1 = Staff-on-Youth Sexual Penetration (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Staff Sexual Misconduct*)
5. PS2 = Staff-on-Youth Non Penetration Touching (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Staff Sexual Misconduct*)
6. PS3 = Staff -on-Youth Indecent Exposure (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Staff Sexual Misconduct*)
7. PS4 = Staff -on-Youth Sexual Harassment or Voyeurism (*Department of Justice SSV-5 Title: Staff Sexual Harassment*)

## 2013 – 2016 Yearly Allegation Comparison Report

PREA Codes	2013	2014	2015	2016
PY1- Unwanted Penetration	26	13	6	12
PY2-Unwanted Touching (Non-Penetration)	50	56	53	30
PY3- Harassment	64	58	60	66
PS1- Sexual Penetration	14	4	3	7
PS2- Non Penetration (Touching)	19	23	17	20
PS3- Indecent Exposure	2	0	0	1
PS4- Harassment	22	29	19	15
Total Alleged PREA Incidents	197	183	158	151

### 2016 PREA Audit Methodology

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) requires that Governors must certify that their respective states are in full compliance with the standards associated with 28 C.F.R. Part 115 (PREA), which took effect on August 20, 2012. These standards apply to state and local confinement facilities, categorized as Jails and Prisons, Community Confinement Facilities, Lockups, and Juvenile Facilities.

All Georgia DJJ facilities are categorized as Juvenile Facilities. The facilities types are Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDC), and Youth Development Campuses (YDC).

The agency has 26 secure facilities which are state-operated. All are covered under Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Juvenile Facility Standards.

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice contracted with US Department of Justice Certified Juvenile PREA Auditors to conduct required PREA audits. Each DJJ secure facility was audited on the required 41 standards and 350 plus provisions.

### 2016 Facilities Audit Results *(August 19, 2015 – August 20, 2016)*

One third of DJJ facilities were audited in 2016. Nine facilities received final PREA Reports resulting in 100%.

Facility	Facility Type	Agency	Audit Status	Audit Year	Audit Completion Date	Site Review Date (s)	Compliance Determination
Metro RYDC	Juvenile ( <i>Detention</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	February 17, 2016	February 9-10, 2016	Full Compliance
Martha K. Glaze RYDC	Juvenile ( <i>Detention</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	February 19, 2016	February 11-12, 2016	Full Compliance
Augusta YDC	Juvenile ( <i>Youth Development Campus</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 2, 2016	February 23 24, 2016	Full Compliance
Eastman YDC	Juvenile ( <i>Youth Development Campus</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 4, 2016	February 25-26, 2016	Full Compliance
Gainesville RYDC	Juvenile ( <i>Detention</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 17, 2016	March 9 - 10, 2016	Full Compliance
Thomas Loftis RYDC	Juvenile ( <i>Detention</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 15, 2016	March 14 – 15, 2016	Full Compliance
Sumter YDC	Juvenile ( <i>Youth Development Campus</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 22, 2016	March 21 – 22, 2016	Full Compliance
Aaron Cohn RYDC	Juvenile ( <i>Detention</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 24, 2016	March 23 – 24, 2016	Full Compliance
Albany RYDC	Juvenile ( <i>Detention</i> )	GA DJJ	Completed	Year 3	March 29, 2016	March 28 -29, 2016	Full Compliance

**Note:** All Final Reports posted on DJJ PREA website. <http://www.djjnewsandviews.org/preageorgia/preareports.html>

## Conclusion

The Department of Juvenile Justice is committed to working with our federal, state and local partners to reduce and eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our juvenile secure facilities and community residential programs. The agency works diligently to engage federal and private experts and to obtain technical assistance and resources. The Department of Juvenile Justice will continue to pursue all efforts to develop and implement “Best Practices” in our processes and systems to improve the level of sexual safety for Georgia’s youth in confinement and to enhance services for the youth in our care.

### Publication Note:

PREA Annual Report – 2016 will be posted on the DJJ PREA Website as required by PREA Standard # 115.388.