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Taft MCCF Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report for 2015

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established in 2003 by the United States Congress to address the problem of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons in the custody of U.S. correctional agencies. The Act applies to all public and private institutions, including community-based agencies that house adult or juvenile offenders.

It addresses both inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse and staff sexual harassment.

Major provisions of PREA include:

- Adherence to a zero-tolerance standard for the incidence of inmate sexual assault and rape
- Development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape
- Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years
- Identify problem areas and corrective actions taken
- Collection and dissemination of information on the incidence of prison rape
- Assess the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. (Standard 115.88 (a) and (b)).

The mission of the Taft MCCF is to provide a safe environment for staff and inmates through professional service delivery in cooperation with our CDCR staff.

We provide contractual services for the CDCR to generate revenues to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of the City of Taft, through professionalism and in accordance with the philosophies of the MCCF.

Taft MCCF is committed to providing a safe, humane, secure environment, free from sexual misconduct. This will be accomplished by maintaining a program to address education/prevention, detection, response, investigation, and tracking of sexual misconduct and to address successful community re-entry of the victim. Taft MCCF shall maintain a "zero tolerance" for sexual misconduct in its facility. All sexual misconduct is strictly prohibited. Retaliatory measures against employees or offenders who report incidents of sexual abuse shall not be tolerated and shall result in disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. Retaliatory measures include, but are not limited to, coercion, threats of punishment, or any other activities intended to discourage or prevent an employee or offender from reporting the sexual abuse.

Taft MCCF is committed to protecting inmates in its facility from all forms of sexual abuse, including assaults or harassment.

Taft MCCF has established a “zero tolerance” policy relating to sexual violence in custody, and recognizes inmates who are sexually harassed or abused as victims of a serious crime. Taft MCCF responds to allegations, fully investigates all reported incidents, pursues disciplinary action, and refers those who perpetrate such conduct for investigation and prosecution. Taft MCCF continuously seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for all individuals in our custody.

Allegations of Inmate-Inmate Sexual Abuse and Staff-Inmate Sexual Abuse

Taft MCCF	Substantiated		Unsubstantiated		Unfounded	
	Inmate-Inmate	Staff-Inmate	Inmate-Inmate	Staff-Inmate	Inmate-Inmate	Staff-Inmate
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0

All reports of sexual abuse will be taken seriously and investigated fully, and those committing a crime will be held accountable whenever possible.

All allegations of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment will be referred for an investigation to a law enforcement agency (Taft Police Department or Kern County Sheriff's Office) with legal authority to conduct criminal investigations unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. Taft MCCF will conduct administrative investigations. California Department of Corrections Rehabilitation (CDCR) will investigate allegations against CDCR staff both administrative and criminal.

Anyone who suspects a resident at Taft MCCF is being sexually abused or sexually harassed is urged to contact OIG at 1 (800) 700-5952. At OIG, a confidential report can be made to authorities who will ensure an investigation occurs.