



PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

HISTORY

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in Congress. The purpose of the act was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003).

George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania became compliant with PREA regulations in November 2014. The agency continues to evaluate policies and procedures regarding all aspects of PREA regulations.

George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania continues to address prevention of sexual abuse and harassment through PREA training for all employees, as well as education of all youth upon admission to the facility. In addition, George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania maintains memorandums of understanding with AWARE of Mercer County to provide youth with victim advocate support as needed and Mercer County Children’s Advocacy Center for expert investigation for legal purposes when needed.

This annual report covers the timeframe of January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.

DEFINITIONS

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual harassment includes—

- (1) Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another; and
- (2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.



Substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Staff sexual misconduct includes any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, visitor or other agency representative.

Substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

GENERAL INFORMATION

During the calendar year, there were a total of 203 admissions to the residential programs at George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania. The average daily residential population was **137** youth.

DATA

All allegations of sexual abuse and harassment are reported to ChildLine, Pennsylvania State Police, or both agencies depending on the allegation.

Allegations for Calendar Year 2021.

Type of Allegation	Number of Allegations	Unfounded	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Pending
Allegation of Sexual Abuse (Youth/Youth)		1			
Allegation of Sexual Harassment (Youth/Youth)				1	
Allegation of Sexual Abuse (Staff/Youth)					
Allegation of Sexual Harassment (Staff/Youth)					
Allegations of Sexual Misconduct (Staff/Youth)					

George Junior Republic has a zero-tolerance policy for staff and youth with regard to all types of abuse. The agency realizes that it must maintain its efforts to prevent incidents and avoid them at all cost. Routine evaluation of the agency provides a foundation for continuous quality improvement.



Review of the results of investigations will be tracked and trended to determine if changes need to be made at George Junior Republic in PA, including but not limited to, policies, procedures, staffing, personal assignments, and supervision.