

PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: Montgomery State Prison

Facility Type: Prison / Jail

Date Interim Report Submitted: NA

Date Final Report Submitted: 11/24/2025

Auditor Certification	
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/>
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Start Date of On-Site Audit:	10/20/2025
End Date of On-Site Audit:	10/22/2025

FACILITY INFORMATION	
Facility name:	Montgomery State Prison
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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	418
Current population of facility:	405
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	400
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No
What is the facility's population designation?	Men/boys

In the past 12 months, which population(s) has the facility held? Select all that apply (Nonbinary describes a person who does not identify exclusively as a boy/man or a girl/woman. Some people also use this term to describe their gender expression. For definitions of “intersex” and “transgender,” please see https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/standard/115-5)	
Age range of population:	18-80
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Minimum/Medium
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	No
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with inmates:	89
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	16
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	3

AGENCY INFORMATION	
Name of agency:	Georgia Department of Corrections
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
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Agency Chief Executive Officer Information:

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Facility AUDIT FINDINGS	
Summary of Audit Findings	
<p>The OAS automatically populates the number and list of Standards exceeded, the number of Standards met, and the number and list of Standards not met.</p> <p>Auditor Note: In general, no standards should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA." A compliance determination must be made for each standard. In rare instances where an auditor determines that a standard is not applicable, the auditor should select "Meets Standard" and include a comprehensive discussion as to why the standard is not applicable to the facility being audited.</p>	
Number of standards exceeded:	
0	
Number of standards met:	
45	
Number of standards not met:	
0	

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION

Please note: Question numbers may not appear sequentially as some questions are omitted from the report and used solely for internal reporting purposes.

GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION

On-site Audit Dates

1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2025-10-20
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2025-10-22

Outreach

10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	Just Detention International was contacted and responded their database did not reflect any contact from the facility, inmates or staff. S.A.R.T. was contacted and confirmed they conduct forensic examinations, when requested by the facility. They report to the facility and conduct the examinations on-site. They have three SANE nurses. One SANE nurse is always available to conduct forensic exams when needed.

AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION

14. Designated facility capacity:	418
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	400
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	7

<p>17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)</p>
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Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit

Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit

<p>23. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:</p>	<p>406</p>
<p>25. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>26. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>27. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>28. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:</p>	<p>2</p>

29. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	2
30. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
31. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
32. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
33. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
34. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
35. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	No text provided.

Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
36. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	89
37. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	3
38. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	16
39. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	The facility reports 3 volunteers and 16 contractors approved to enter the facility and have contact with inmates. The volunteers and contractors are provided with specific PREA training as it relates to volunteers, in addition to the GDC specific PREA training.
INTERVIEWS	
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
40. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	31

<p>41. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Length of time in the facility</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing assignment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gender</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>42. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?</p>	<p>The institutional count on the first day of the on-site audit was 405. Thirty-one random inmates were interviewed, and 4 targeted inmates meeting the interview protocol. The Auditor used the alphabetical housing unit rosters of inmates to randomly select inmates from various age groups, ethnicities, and races. The Auditor randomly chose inmates from varying housing units to interview, ensuring diversity in age and race. The facility identified targeted inmate populations using the profit report from their database SCRIBE.</p>
<p>43. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

44. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):

Thirty-one random inmates were interviewed. These were inmates that were not part of the targeted inmate interviews. The Auditor used the alphabetical housing unit rosters of inmates to randomly select inmates from various age groups, ethnicities, and races. The Auditor randomly chose inmates to interview, ensuring diversity in age, race, and length of sentence.

During the on-site tour, the Auditor had several conversational encounters with inmates regarding sexual safety, including education, reporting, communication, responses, etc. This information was used to supplement the overall audit information gathering process.

At the beginning of each interview, the Auditor made clear to the inmate why she was at the facility, what her role was in the PREA process and explained why interviews were needed.

The Auditor also discussed the inmate's participation as voluntary and while helpful, was not required or mandated in any way. The Auditor then asked if the inmate wanted to participate, and if so, could she ask a few questions. The Auditor would then ask the protocol questions.

All random inmates willingly participated in the interview process. All responses were recorded by hand.

During the random interviews, no PREA issues were revealed; no other interview protocols were accessed. All random inmates responded they were aware of the zero-tolerance policy; they knew how to report an incident; they felt they could report anonymously; they knew they had a right to be free from retaliation.

All interviews were conducted in private to ensure the individuals felt comfortable expressing any concerns without prison staff being present.

Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
45. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	4
<p>As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".</p>	
47. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. <input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.

<p>48. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>
<p>49. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>

<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>
<p>50. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>51. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>52. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>

<p>53. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>
<p>54. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>

<p>55. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>
<p>56. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>

<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>Zero inmates in this category were assigned to the facility at the time of the onsite audit.</p>
<p>57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):</p>	<p>The facility population day one of the on-site audit was 406. The Auditor interviewed four targeted inmates, and thirty-one random inmates.</p>
<p>Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews</p>	
<p>Random Staff Interviews</p>	
<p>58. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>59. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of tenure in the facility</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shift assignment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work assignment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rank (or equivalent)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>60. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

<p>61. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):</p>	<p>During the on-site tour, the Auditor had informal, conversational encounters with staff regarding sexual safety, including education, reporting, communication, responses, etc. This information was used to supplement the overall audit information gathering process. A total of fifteen formal random staff interviews were conducted.</p> <p>As a result of the audit notice posting, the Auditor did not receive any correspondence from staff.</p> <p>At the beginning of each interview, the Auditor made clear to the staff why she was at the facility, what her role was in the PREA process and explained why interviews were needed.</p> <p>The Auditor also discussed the staff's participation as voluntary and while helpful, was not required or mandated in any way. The Auditor then asked the staff member if he/she wanted to participate and if so, could she ask a few questions. The Auditor would then ask the protocol questions. All random staff willingly participated in the interview process. All responses were recorded directly onto the protocol form. During the random interviews, no PREA issues were revealed; no other interview protocols were accessed. All random staff responded they were aware of the zero-tolerance policy, they knew how to report an incident, they felt they could accept verbal reports, they knew they had a right to be free from retaliation, and they felt the leadership took PREA issues very seriously.</p> <p>Regarding personal safety, the staff member interviewed stated they felt safe from sexual harassment and sexual abuse.</p>
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Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews

Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.

<p>62. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):</p>	<p>18</p>
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63. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
64. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
65. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
66. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)

67. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)

- Agency contract administrator
- Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable)
- Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable)
- Medical staff
- Mental health staff
- Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches
- Administrative (human resources) staff
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff
- Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative investigations
- Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations
- Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
- Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in isolation
- Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team
- Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation
- First responders, both security and non-security staff
- Intake staff

	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
68. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
69. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS who were interviewed:	2
b. Select which specialized CONTRACTOR role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Security/detention <input type="checkbox"/> Education/programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical/dental <input type="checkbox"/> Food service <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/construction <input type="checkbox"/> Other

70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.

There were no issues in selecting specialized staff. Specialized staff were selected from the staff roster, who were available during the on-site audit, who were also not a staff member interviewed as a random staff member. Using the list of specialized staff provided, the Auditor was able to select individuals for interviews. All specialized staff provided answers which were based on the line of questioning on the specific interview protocols for their position and responsibilities. Some individuals filled more than one responsibility and were interviewed using multiple protocols. During interviews with specialized staff, the Auditor learned PREA investigations can be initiated in several ways: "confidential" letters can be mailed out of the facility, contacting the Office of Inspector General, calls to the PREA Ombudsman, written notes given to trusted staff, verbal reports, or through third party reporting. Additionally, any inmate or staff member may write a note, letter, or any other type of correspondence and place it in any locked correspondence box located throughout the facility. When PREA correspondence is found inside the grievance box, the mailbox, the box for legal mail, etc. it is immediately directed to the PCM and is documented and addressed according to PREA Standards.

SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATION SAMPLING

Site Review

PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities." In order to meet the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring process that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine whether, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting the site review, you must document your tests of critical functions, important information gathered through observations, and any issues identified with facility practices. The information you collect through the site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your audit report, including the Post-Audit Reporting Information.

71. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Was the site review an active, inquiring process that included the following:	
72. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
73. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
74. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
75. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

76. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) site review of the Montgomery State Prison was conducted October 20-22, 2025, by Mable P Wheeler, a DOJ certified Auditor. Montgomery SP is a medium security facility housing adult males. The prison is operated under the authority of the Georgia Department of Corrections. During the in-briefing, the details for conducting interviews and the facility tour were finalized. Further discussion included corrective action expectations for any non-compliance identified during the audit. The auditor's list of requested documents included a complete roster of incarcerated individuals present on day one and specialized lists for those identified with disabilities; those who are limited English proficiency (LEP); those who identify as lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender/intersex (LGBTI); those who have been assigned to segregated housing for risk of sexual victimization; those who have reported prior sexual abuse; those who have reported an allegation of sexual abuse at MSP. Also requested was a list of all staff, contract employees and volunteers; daily shift reports; a list of all allegations and investigations for the audit period. This information was provided during the in-briefing. The auditor made additional requests for information prior to completing site review. During the in-briefing general information about the facility and plans for the tour and availability of inmates and staff were laid out. It was decided that the inspection of the facility would be completed first, then interviews and documentation review could begin after that. The tour began in the administration area and continued throughout the facility. Areas visited included all housing units, toilet/shower areas) isolation, medical, counseling, food services, counseling, intake, recreation, education, file room, outside storage, control room and ID room. All requests for admission to areas made by auditor were promptly accommodated. The auditor observed the audit notices posted throughout the facility as

instructed. These notices posted in both English and Spanish provided dates of the audit, name of the auditor, accurate contact information for the auditor and a statement regarding the confidentiality of any communication. The auditor received no communication from any party prior to the audit or during the post audit period. The auditor also confirmed during inmate and staff interviews that they were aware of the audit notices and their ability to correspond with the auditor. During the site visit, new arrivals were processed in intake, and the auditor was able to observe. Based on these observations and interviews with inmates, the auditor made recommendations to improve the PREA education component of intake. These recommendations were adopted, and the auditor was able to observe staff incorporating recommendations into inmate PREA education. Auditor also requested a PREA education refresher for all housing units. This was accomplished and documentation submitted to the auditor. Observations and inmate interviews revealed a desire for more privacy in the toilet area of each housing unit. Currently privacy is maintained by inmate practice on each unit. The recommendation is to add curtains or doors in front of each toilet. The Warden also discussed placing a partition in each shower to allow for at least two individuals. The showers currently have shower curtains for privacy, but unit practice is only one inmate showers at a time. This practice extends the time required for showers. The auditor spoke with many staff and inmates as the facility was toured. The buildings toured were clean, organized, and in good repair. The auditor worked with the PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Manager to obtain additional information needed to make compliance determinations for this facility.

Documentation Sampling

Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.

77. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?

Yes

No

78. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).

All requests for documentation were responded in a timely manner. Additional communication occurred between auditor, PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Manager until the issuance of the final report. The auditor reviewed relevant documents provided by the facility and on the agency website, in addition to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documents. Various policies, forms, contracts, and additional working documents were reviewed, evaluated and triangulated against information obtained from interviews and personal observations during the site visit which were instrumental in determining agency and facility compliance with the PREA Standards. Georgia DOC publishes its agency policies on its public website at gdc.georgia.gov (policies and procedures).

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

Remember the number of allegations should be based on a review of all sources of allegations (e.g., hotline, third-party, grievances) and should not be based solely on the number of investigations conducted. Note: For question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, or detainee sexual abuse allegations and investigations, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

79. Total number of SEXUAL ABUSE allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual abuse allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	2	0	2	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	1	0	1	0
Total	1	0	3	0

80. Total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	2	0	2	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	2	0	2	0
Total	4	0	4	0

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently (i.e., if a criminal investigation was referred for prosecution and resulted in a conviction, that investigation outcome should only appear in the count for “convicted.”) Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term “inmate” in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual abuse investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

81. Criminal SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

82. Administrative SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	1	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0

Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently. Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term “inmate” in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

83. Criminal SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/ Court Case Filed	Convicted/ Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

84. Administrative SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	2	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	1	0	1	0
Total	1	0	1	0

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review

85. Enter the total number of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/ sampled:

1

<p>86. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p>Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files</p>	
<p>87. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>88. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p>89. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p>Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files</p>	
<p>90. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>91. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>

<p>92. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</p>
<p>Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review</p>	
<p>93. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>94. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files</p>	
<p>95. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>96. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>
<p>97. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</p>

Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files	
98. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
99. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
100. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
101. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	No text provided.
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION	
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff	
102. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Non-certified Support Staff

103. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.

Yes

No

a. Enter the TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT who provided assistance at any point during this audit:

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AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION

108. Who paid you to conduct this audit?

The audited facility or its parent agency

My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)

A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)

Other

Standards	
Auditor Overall Determination Definitions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard) Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period) Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions) 	
Auditor Discussion Instructions	
<p>Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor’s analysis and reasoning, and the auditor’s conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.</p>	

115.11	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 Facility Organizational Chart Agency PREA Organizational Chart Montgomery State Prison Organizational Chart 2025 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PREA Coordinator (PC)</p> <p>PREA Compliance Manager</p> <p>Through the interview process, the agency PREA Coordinator (PC) acknowledged</p>

having sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all agency facilities. The PC acknowledged there are a Statewide Assistant PREA Coordinator and a PREA analyst who also assists the facilities in PREA compliance.

Through the interview process, the agency PC confirmed that each facility has a PREA Compliance Manager (PCM). Further, the PCM has no other responsibilities other than to ensure the institution's compliance with the PREA standards and has the authority to make any changes needed to address PREA issues.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

Through the interview process, the PREA Compliance Managers confirmed there was sufficient time to complete all required PREA responsibilities.

PROVISIONS:

Provision (a): The facility reported on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) that there is a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in facilities it operates directly or under contract. The PC verified this.

The portion of the policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p.1, I, A, states the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) has a zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment, and sexual activity among offenders.

The facility reported on the PAQ there is a policy outlining how it will implement the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PC verified this.

The portion of the policy which addresses this is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 1-39, outlines the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The facility reported on the PAQ that the policy includes definitions of prohibited behaviors regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PC verified this.

That portion of the policy which addresses this is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 4, L through p. 6, N, address the definitions of prohibited behaviors regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The facility reported on the PAQ that their policy includes sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. The PC verified this.

That portion of the policy which addresses this is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 33-34, H, 1, a-d outlines disciplinary sanctions.

The facility reported on the PAQ that the policy includes a description of agency strategies and responses to reduce and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of an inmate. The PC verified this.

The portion of the policy which addresses this is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 7-8, IV, A, 1, a-d, states:

1. The Department shall employ or designate an upper-level, Department PREA Coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee Department efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all facilities.

The Warden/Superintendent at each institution must ensure that all aspects of this policy are implemented. Each facility shall have an assigned PREA Compliance Manager, who has sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with PREA standards.

The Warden/Superintendent shall maintain a current written Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan to provide instruction for responses to sexual allegations. This Local Procedure Directive shall reflect that institution's unique characteristics and specify how that institution will respond to sexual allegations and the notification procedures to be followed for reports of sexual allegations. At a minimum it will include:

- a. Specification of staff member(s) responsibilities from the first report of an allegation through the conclusion of an investigation.
- b. Responding to the victim and ensuring evidence retention.
- c. Monitoring the offender perpetrator to ensure safety of others and evidence retention.
- d. ensuring safe housing, medical and mental health care, forensic exams, victim services for the victim, and commencing an investigation.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ the agency has an agency-wide PREA Coordinator. The PREA Coordinator's position within the agency's hierarchy is within the Office of Professional Standards (OPS), Compliance Unit. This is supported by the interview with the PC.

GDC has an agency-wide PREA Coordinator (PC). According to the agency's organizational chart, the Auditor determined that the position of PREA Coordinator is at the upper level of the agency's hierarchy. As stated previously, through the interview process. The PC confirmed having sufficient time and authority to develop,

implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all its facilities. The PREA Coordinator reports to the Commissioner of Corrections.

The positions and hierarchy within the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) for PREA personnel were confirmed through a review of the agency organizational chart. The position of the PREA Coordinator is in the Office of Professional Standards (OPS), Compliance Unit.

The PREA Coordinator (PC) is classified at the Executive Level as confirmed through a review of the GDC organizational chart. According to the organization chart, the PC reports directly to the Commissioner of Corrections.

The PC is a full-time position dedicated solely to PREA compliance. The PC has sufficient time to manage PREA related responsibilities. Each institution within the agency has one PREA Compliance Manager (PCM). In all PREA matters, the PCM reports directly to the PREA Coordinator. At the facility, the PCM reports to the Warden/Superintendent.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that the facility has a PREA Compliance Manager (PCM). In all PREA matters, the PCM reports directly to the PREA Coordinator. At the facility, the PCM reports to the Warden/Superintendent. The PC verified this.

The portion of the policy which supports this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 7-8, A, 1, indicates each institution assigns their own PREA Compliance manager at the direction of the warden. As well as the interview with the PCM.

CONCLUSION

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.

115.12	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior

Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022

- Contracts (4)

INTERVIEW

Agency Contract Administrator Interview

During the interview process, the Agency Contract Administrator indicated contracts are with private and county facilities. Each contract includes verbiage related to the vendor's obligation to comply with PREA standards prior to entering into an agreement with the agency. If the entity is not PREA compliant, the contract is not executed.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): On the PAQ the facility reported the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) requires all entities that contract with them for the confinement of inmates to adopt and adhere to PREA standards. All agency contracts for confinement of inmates contain PREA specific language, expectations, and requirements. The facility does not individually contract for the confinement of inmates. The contract administrator verified this.

The portion of policy which addresses this is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, addresses Standard 115.12. It indicates any new contract or renewal with entities for the confinement of inmates shall adopt and comply with GDC policies and procedures (which include PREA).

The PREA compliance results for the contracts for confinement of inmates with other entities are managed by the contract manager in accordance with the verbiage of the contract that is in place with each entity. The contract administrator verified this.

Compliance with all State and Federal Laws. Contractor certifies its compliance with all state and federal laws, including but not limited to, the Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA") and all laws, relating to health information privacy, to include HIPAA, is an express condition of this Agreement.

The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency has twenty-six contracts for the confinement of inmates that the agency entered or renewed in the previous twelve months. Additionally, the facility reported on the PAQ all the twenty-six contracts that require the contractor to adopt and comply with PREA standards. This was confirmed with the Agency Contract Administrator.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ; all contracts for the confinement of inmates require the agency to monitor the contractor's compliance with PREA standards. The facility also reported on the PAQ that there are zero contracts referenced in 115.12 (a)-3 that DO NOT require the agency to monitor contractor's compliance with PREA standards.

	<p>According to the Agency Contract Administrator, the policies and procedures of each contractor are reviewed to ensure appropriate adherence to the national standards. Each entity is contractually required to notify the GDC of any PREA allegation; as well as forward a copy of the allegation, investigation, and findings to the agency PREA Coordinator for review.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.13	Supervision and monitoring
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation provided. • Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, dated 06/23/2022 • Facility Staffing Plans • Memo dated, October 2, 2025, Unannounced Rounds • Unannounced Rounds <p>OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>The Auditor randomly reviewed unit documentation and visually confirmed where intermediate-or-higher staff makes entries documenting unannounced rounds.</p> <p>Staff were observed supervising residents in the living units, education, and while residents were on work detail assignments. Staffing levels were adequate for the population.</p> <p>Video surveillance equipment and mirrors have been installed to reduce blind spots. Correctional Officers patrol living units and common areas regularly in areas that may be isolated.</p> <p>1. The back gate Sergeant checks the Maintenance building, Chemical Warehouse, Property Warehouse, Food Service Warehouse, and GCI Warehouse weekly. Rounds are also documented in the back gate logbook. Offenders are not allowed in these areas without a staff member.</p>

2. Contract road details are checked daily by the detail officer and documented in the detail logbook. Offenders are under constant supervision.

3. Minimum security details are monitored and checked hourly.

The facility does not house youthful offenders; during the on-site portion of the audit no youthful offenders were observed at the facility. The Auditor had informal conversations with staff and residents during the site review.

INTERVIEWS

Facility Head or Designee Interview

Through the interview process, the Warden indicated that the staffing levels are reviewed annually by himself and the PCM. Currently all security positions are filled. The Warden acknowledged during the staffing plan review actual staff levels are reviewed and considered, how staffing levels affect the inmates' programming, various classification amounts, as well as any changes or modifications to the video monitoring. Other concerns are also reviewed that include physical plant configuration, internal or external oversight bodies, inmate population composition, and placement of supervisory staff, the needs of line-staff and any prevalence of substantiated or unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse.

Additionally, the Warden stated during his regular staff meeting, staffing plan compliance, and any deviations from the staffing plan is a frequent topic of discussion.

During the interview process the Warden addressed:

- Examining how staffing levels affect inmate programming.
- How changes or modifications in the video monitoring system can make the facility safer for staff and inmates.
- The physical plant configuration.
- Internal and external oversight bodies.
- Inmate composition.
- Placement of Supervisor staff.
- Needs of line staff.
- Staffing Plan Compliance and Staffing Plan Deviation if any.

There is a total allotment of 99 positions, 64 security positions, and 35 non-security. Currently the facility has 4 non-security vacant positions.

There are cameras, which are monitored by control rooms. Control rooms are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, without exception.

During the interview process the PREA Compliance Manager acknowledged routine reviews of staffing levels and how those levels affect inmate programming and assignments. The video monitoring system is reviewed and inspected routinely to ensure proper functioning and coverage and if any changes or modifications are needed.

Intermediate-or-Higher Level Facility Staff Interview

Through interviews and informal conversations with intermediate or higher-level staff, it was confirmed; unannounced rounds are regularly conducted. These interactions affirmed that the staff are making unannounced rounds and documenting them. During random informal conversations with staff, the staff stated the supervisors conduct unannounced rounds and document them.

Random Staff Interviews

During the interview process, random inmates confirmed the PCM, and other supervisory staff routinely walk around and through the institution and are visible and available to all inmates.

During the interview process, random staff acknowledged the prohibition of staff alerting each other when a supervisor is making their rounds.

Random Inmates

During the interview process, random inmates confirmed the PCM, and other supervisory staff routinely walks around and through the institution and are visible and available to all inmates.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): On the PAQ, the facility reported it does have a staffing plan that is reviewed at least annually. The Warden verified this.

The Auditor reviewed staffing plans to identify any changes during the on-site portion of the audit.

The portion of policy which addresses this provision are listed below:

Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, dated 06/23/2022, p. 7, number 3, indicated the Warden will assist in the development and will make his/her best effort to comply with the staffing plan. The plan will provide adequate levels of staffing and where applicable, video monitoring to protect inmates against sexual abuse.

Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, dated 06/23/2022, p. 8, number 4-5, requires the facility to annually discuss the need for any adjustments to be made to the staffing plan, video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies. Once

established, the plan is forwarded to the PREA Coordinator for review and approval.

The facility Staffing Plan, dated September 1, 2025, indicates that it is the policy of the facility to ensure all relieved posts are staffed at the times specified in the staffing plan and all gender-restricted posts, if any, are posted by male staff only.

The Auditor reviewed the 2025 annual PREA staffing plan. The plan was comprehensive and addressed each of the bullet items required according to Provision (a). On an annual basis, quality assurance audits ensure compliance with the established staffing model. The staffing plan is predicated upon an inmate population of 418. The average daily number of inmates during the audit was 403.

Provision (b): On the PAQ, the facility reported it has established a staffing plan, which is predicated on the daily average of 418 inmates. In the event a mandatory post is vacant, the post is filled with on-call staff or staff re-directed from non-mandatory posts. If it is a mandatory, gender specific post, it is filled with a male staff member.

The facility reported on the PAQ there have been no deviations from the staffing plan in the past twelve months due to staffing shortages.

The Auditor did not find any occurrence when inmate education or program time was shut down due to limited staff coverage in the past 12 months.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that at least annually, the facility/ agency, in collaboration with the PREA Coordinator, review the staffing plan to see whether adjustments are needed to: (a) the staffing plan, (b) the deployment of monitoring technology, or (c) the allocation of facility/agency resources to commit to the staffing plan to ensure compliance with the staffing plan. Revised plans are forwarded to the PREA Coordinator for review and approval. The Warden verified this.

Policy requires an internal audit of the staffing plan to be conducted on an annual basis. This assessment is an extensive review of all areas of the facility to ensure adequate staffing levels exist where inmates may be present. Justification for the need for additional staff or modifications to the facility, to include the deployment of video monitoring equipment, is addressed on an annual basis. The annual review of the staffing plan includes facility and department management level staff, such as the PCM and other institutional Executive Staff.

This portion of policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, dated 06/23/2022, p. 7, number 3, requires the staffing plan review to be completed in consultation with the PREA Coordinator and that the PC receive a copy of the PREA Compliant Staffing Plan.

Provision (d): On the PAQ the facility reported that intermediate-level-or-higher-level staff conducts unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. These rounds are documented in the unit logbook. Staff is prohibited from alerting each other, and the unannounced rounds cover all shifts. All

	<p>unannounced rounds are documented in red ink to facilitate locating them in the logbook. The Auditor verified this by reviewing unit logbooks during the facility tour.</p> <p>The portion of the policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, dated 06/23/2022, p. 8, number 6, mandates that intermediate level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds on all shifts.</p> <p>Policy dictates that all unannounced rounds are documented. The logs reflected unannounced rounds are being conducted per the standard. This was confirmed through staff interviews and the review of documentation during the facility tour.</p> <p>During the days, the Auditor was on site; numerous supervisors were observed walking and working in various capacities throughout the facility.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.14	Youthful inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>During the on-site tour, the Auditor did not observe a youthful inmate.</p> <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Facility Head or designee</p>

	<p>Through the interview process and informal conversations, the Facility Head confirmed the facility does not house youthful inmates.</p> <p>PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)</p> <p>Through the interview process and informal conversations, the PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the facility does not house youthful inmates.</p> <p>Youthful Inmates</p> <p>The facility does not house youthful offenders. Therefore, there were no inmates to interview about this Standard.</p> <p>Provision (a): On the PAQ, the facility reported they do not house youthful inmates. The Auditor reviewed the inmate roster and did not see any inmates who had birth dates after 2006.</p> <p>Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 10, 7, a-c, addresses the guidelines of the GDC for facilities that do house youthful offenders.</p> <p>Provision (b): N/A</p> <p>Provision (c): N/A</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.15	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022. • SOP 226.01; SOP 220.09; SOP 220.09 Att. 1, dated September 12, 2024 • Staff Training Records • Training Guild for Cross Gender Searches

OBSERVATIONS

During the facility tour, when opposite-sex staff was observed entering a housing unit, they made an announcement making sure the residents knew someone of the opposite sex was on the housing unit.

The housing units had notices posted at the entrance advising residents that male and female officers work in the living units. The notices were in English and Spanish.

The Auditor observed all areas where confined persons may be in a state of undress, such as showering, using the toilet, or changing their clothes.

The Auditor observed no non-medical staff of the opposite gender view confined persons in a state of undress, to include from different angles or via mirror placement.

The Auditor verified electronic surveillance monitoring in control rooms does not cover the restrooms showering and toilet areas. The placement of mirrors did not allow viewing in the restroom shower or toilet areas. The Auditor had informal interviews with residents and staff during the facility tour; 100% confirmed they could undress and shower in privacy. In addition, 100% of residents and staff confirmed; cross-gender/opposite-genders do not conduct strip searches.

INTERVIEWS

Non-Medical Staff (involved in cross gender strip or visual searches)

Through the interview process, non-medical staff confirmed they do not conduct cross gender strip searches and cross gender visual body cavity searches. However, if exigent circumstances were to unexpectedly arise, any cross-gender strip searches and/or cross-gender visual body cavity searches would be approved by the Facility Head, conducted by medical staff and thoroughly documented.

Random Staff

There were informal conversations with staff as well as thirty formal random staff interviews throughout the interview process. Random staff indicated:

- They completed training for cross gender searches for exigent circumstances. The training is Day 1 of the In-Service Training.
- Cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender body cavity searches do not occur at this facility.
- They have not been involved in a cross-gender search.
- There are sufficient male staff members available to conduct any searches that needed to occur, and that male staff would be diverted to address this issue if needed.

- Female officers do not conduct strip searches or visual body cavity searches.
- Transgender and intersex inmate search practices state that no searches would ever be permitted for the sole purpose of identifying an inmate's genital status.
- When staff were specifically asked would transgender or intersex inmates be able to shower privately, the answer was affirmative.
- When asked how this would be arranged, staff reported that most showers throughout the complex are individual shower stalls and provide privacy for each inmate. For those that are not, a different showering time would be approved.
- Each staff member further indicated the transgender or intersex inmate would have the opportunity for input into the decision-making process of alternative shower times and the inmate's input would carry great weight in the decision-making process.

Random Inmate

Through the interview process 100%, of the inmates acknowledged they have never been part of a cross-gender search.

- They can dress without being viewed by a member of the opposite sex.
- They can shower without being viewed by a member of the opposite sex.
- Opposite sex staff announces their presence when entering housing units and bathrooms.

Transgender Inmate Interview - NA

At the time of the onsite audit, there were zero transgender inmates in the facility. The facility does not have designated housing units for inmates that identify as transgender.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that it does not conduct cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates. Subsequently, in the past 12 months, there were zero cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates. This was confirmed by random staff and random inmates during the interview process.

The policies that address this provision are listed below:

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 10, 8, a, indicates the facility shall not conduct cross gender strip searches or cross gender visual cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioner.

On September 12, 2024, the agency issued Policy Information Bulletin, Standard Operating Procedures SOP 226.02; SOP 220.09; SOP 220.09 Att. 1, dated September 12, 2024, which states:

The purpose of this Policy Information Bulletin (PIB) 226.01 Searches, Security Inspections, and Use of Permanent Logs and 220.09 Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders is to advise you of policy and attachments that have been revised to reflect changes to searches of transgender offenders.

226.01 Searches, Security Inspections, and Use of Permanent Logs.

- The current language in policy SOP 226.01 IV.C.1.d. “Transgender and intersex offenders’ gender designation will coincide with the prison assignment made during classification (i.e. offenders at a female prison will be searched as females, and offenders at a male prison will be searched as males),” will be replaced with the following: “Transgender and intersex offenders will be searched in accordance with SOP 220.09 Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders.”

220.09 Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders The current language in policy 220.09 IV.I.

1. “The Department shall train security staff members on how to conduct searches of Transgender and Intersex offenders in a professional and respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner possible. Searches shall be consistent with security needs and with the population gender of their assigned institution;”

2. “A transgender or Intersex offender will be strip searched in the same manner as all other offenders at their assigned facility;”

2. “Pat or frisk searches in male facilities may be conducted by either male or female staff;”

4. “Pat or frisk searches in female facilities may only be conducted by female staff absent exigent circumstances.”

The Department shall train security staff members on how to conduct searches of Transgender and Intersex offenders in a professional and respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner possible. SOP 220.09, Att. 1 considers (but does not guarantee) the offender’s search preferences and their reported gender identity. Searches are conducted on an individual basis, and the security needs of the facility will supersede any conflict with the offender’s preference.

SOP 220.09, Attachment 1 Transgender/Intersex Referral Form

- A question “Who would you rather be searched by (not guaranteed)? Female? Male? No Preference?” will be added to the existing 220.09, Attachment 1.

Use this PIB as guidance for all Personnel, until such time the revisions are made to the affected policies and posted in the SOP Library/PowerDMS.

All Facility Heads in the Georgia Department of Corrections were notified, for immediate action, of this policy revision to reflect changes to searches of transgender and intersex offenders September 12, 2024. This change went into effect September 12, 2024.

SOP 220.09, Attachment 1, will be completed during the inmate management and classification process as outlined in SOP 220.09. Upon completion, Attachment 1 shall become a permanent part of the inmate's institutional file.

Provision (b): This provision is not applicable, as the facility reported on the PAQ that they do not house female inmates.

This facility is a male facility, receiving inmates from the Georgia Department of Corrections. As such they can receive cisgender males as well as male-to-female transgender inmates. At the time of the on-site audit, the facility housed 403 inmates, zero of which was male-to-female transgender inmates.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that it does not house female inmates.

The facility reported on the PAQ that while they do not conduct cross gender strip searches and cross gender visual body cavity searches, if an exigent circumstances were to unexpectedly arise, any cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches would be approved by the Facility Head, conducted by medical staff and thoroughly documented. This was verified by non-medical staff involved in cross gender strip or visual searches.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 11, 8, c, indicates the facility shall document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches and shall document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates via an incident report explaining the nature of the Exigent Circumstance.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ, inmates shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothes without staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Further, the PAQ indicated opposite gender staff are required to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit. The random inmates verified this during the interview process.

All random inmates (100%) interviewed confirmed they were able to shower and dress without being seen by a member of the opposite sex. In response to the question of whether opposite gender announcements are made on housing units, 100% of the random inmates interviewed reported female staff announces their presence when entering the housing unit.

Policies which address this provision are listed below:

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP),

Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 11, 8, d, indicates the facility shall implement procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff members of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in Exigent Circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to their official duties. Inmates should only shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing in designated areas (e.g., cells, shower rooms, and bathrooms).

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 11, 8, e, indicates staff members of the opposite gender shall announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit; this includes the officer assigned to the housing unit. It is understood that staff members might not make announcements when responding to circumstances that require immediate action to combat a threat to security.

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 11-12, 8, f, 1-4, indicate inmates will be notified of the presence of opposite-gender staff members in several ways:

1. Inmates are advised of the requirement to remain clothed, and the presence of cross-gender staff members, during the intake screening process and the admission and orientation process.
2. The following notice will be posted "NOTICE TO INMATES: Male and female staff members routinely work in and visit housing areas."
3. For staff members with offices in the housing units, the most recent schedule is posted in the unit, so inmates are aware of when opposite-gender staff may be present.
4. An announcement shall be made each time an opposite-gender staff member comes into a housing unit area.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that it is prohibited for staff to search or physically examining a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status.

All random staff interviewed confirmed it was against facility/agency policy to search a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining their genital status and such a search is prohibited. Further they reported they had been trained how to search a transgender or intersex inmate in a professional and non-intrusive way, but that the majority of the time medical personnel conduct the strip searches.

During the interview process, random staff indicated absent exigent circumstance, female officers conduct the pat searches on transgender or intersex inmates.

Additionally, absent exigent circumstances, medical personnel generally conduct the strip searches and visual cavity searches on transgender and intersex inmates.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 12, 8, g, indicates the facility shall not search or physically examine a Transgender or Intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If the inmate's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner. The provision does not limit searches of inmates to ensure the safe and orderly running of the institution.

Another policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 12, 8, h, indicates the Department shall train security staff members on how to conduct cross-gender pat searches and searches of Transgender and Intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs,

The training curriculum states searches will be conducted in a manner which will avoid unnecessary force, embarrassment, or indignity to the employee or offender. Always remain professional during any search process, Searches should never be conducted with the intent to harass or degrade. The training continues by giving step by step instructions on how to approach an inmate for a pat search or strip search and how to proceed with the search.

According to the facilitator lesson plan there is an exercise that is conducted during training. The exercise is described below.

Using another instructor or student volunteers (strictly voluntary) and following the gender policies, demonstrate a pat search.

1. Put on gloves, check the area for safety and assume a defensive stance.
2. Inform the offender he or she is going to be pat searched, then have the offender remove all articles from pockets and headgear for inspection.
3. The offender faces away from the inspector with feet approximately 12-16 inches apart with arms extended. If a wall is available, the offender places hands on the wall leaning body slightly forward.
4. The inspector uses both hands and starts at the back of the head following a direct course across the front of the arms to the hand area and back to the shoulders.
5. The groin area should be searched with the edge of the hand. Since the groin area is a sensitive area of the body, both physically and emotionally, it should be searched carefully and with concern for the offender's dignity.

	<p>6. The inspector then searches from the back at the waistline by proceeding down the back and sides to the shoe tops. The shoe tops, trousers, cuffs, socks, and then inside the legs up to the groin should be checked.</p> <p>Provision (f): The Auditor reviewed the most recent PREA training documentation for facility staff. Training topics included appropriate search techniques, specifically cross-gender pat searches and searches of transgender and intersex inmates. The Auditor verified the list of staff receiving the training correlated to the existing facility staff listed on the staff roster. Participants signed an acknowledgment of training materials. Additional training documents provided directions to staff on proper documentation practices in the unlikely event cross-gender searches were conducted.</p> <p>During informal conversations, when female staff were asked how they would proceed if a male staff member were not available, they acknowledged they are allowed to conduct pat searches on all inmates in the facility. However, if a male staff member were specifically needed there is never an instance when male staff are not on duty and could be directed to the area to conduct the search. 100% of the staff interviewed recalled receiving training on opposite gender searches; however, each of them articulated that in all instances female staff do not conduct cross-gender strip or body cavity searches and will always defer to a male staff member to complete those searches.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.16	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Facility Handbook, revised August 29, 2024 • PREA Offender Brochure (English/Spanish)

- Lionbridge Insight Video Interpreting User Guide
- Lionbridge User's Guide Telephonic Interpreter
- Video Remote Interpreting Usage Log
- Dialing Instructions for the GDC PREA Hotline (English/Spanish)
- Reporting is the First Step
- Hotline Numbers to Report

OBSERVATIONS

During the facility tour, the Auditor observed PREA postings, in both English and Spanish, displayed in housing units, work areas, hallways, visitation area, as well as other areas throughout the facility. The Auditor was provided written documents, training materials, as well as PREA brochures, which are provided in both English and Spanish to the inmate population.

INTERVIEWS

Facility Head or Designee

Through the interview process, the Facility Head shared that the facility has established procedures to provide inmates with disabilities or inmates who are Limited English Proficient (LEP), the opportunity to participate in PREA reporting process through several avenues such as, staff interpreters, written correspondence, etc.

Random Staff

Through the interview process, 100% of random staff indicated the facility does not allow the use of inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants to assist inmates with disabilities or inmates who are limited English proficient when making an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Further, 100% reported being unaware of any instance when inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants been used in relation to allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Inmates with Hearing Disabilities

There were inmates housed at the facility with disabilities to interview. The Auditor interviewed two inmates that had hearing disabilities during the on-site portion of the audit; all confirmed they are provided hearing aids and other related devices. Staff are always available to assist as needed. All inmates confirmed they received PREA education.

LEP Inmates

There were two LEP inmates housed at the facility during the on-site portion of the auditor to interview. The auditor utilized Lionbridge to interview the inmates.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ, the agency/facility has established

procedures to provide disabled inmates and limited English proficient inmates with equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the agency's effort to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Facility Head verified this.

The Auditor reviewed the Instructions and tested accessing Lionbridge. The manual was user friendly with a step-by-step outline of how to use Lionbridge.

1. There is a toll-free number to access it.
2. The facility enters a PIN number specific to the facility.
3. Then a language is selected by pressing the number associated with the language, i.e., pressing 1 for Spanish.
4. After pressing the language number, the call is transferred to a human interpreter.

The policy which addresses this provisions is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 12, 9 a, indicates The local PREA Compliance Manager shall reference SOP 103.63, ADA Title II Provisions, for guidance pertaining to ADA resources available to offenders with disabilities and those who are LEP so they may understand the facility policies around reporting, preventing, detecting, and responding to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ the agency has established procedures to provide inmates with limited English proficiency equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Some of the resources include, but are not limited to:

- Lionbridge provides access to interpretive services via video for foreign languages and American Sign Language
- Lionbridge provides telephonic language interpretation.
- PREA written materials in English and Spanish
- PREA Video in English and Spanish with closed captions Limited English Proficient residents are provided information in Spanish. The Auditor reviewed the PREA information. Every piece of material available in English is also available in Spanish. Additionally, the facility has access to Lionbridge for a plethora of other languages including American Sign Language.
- Hearing Impaired residents are provided information visually, through videos and written words. There is also Video Remote Interpreting available in American Sign Language.
- Visually Impaired residents are provided information audibly, read by a staff

member or through sound in recorded messages or videos. Braille is also available.

- Cognitively impaired residents are provided information audibly, read by a staff member or through sound in recorded messages or videos.
- Residents with limited reading skills are provided information audibly, read by a staff member or through sound in recorded messages or videos.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022 denotes numerous items relative to ensuring each inmate receives information in verbal and written form, and that all information regarding PREA policy is understood by the inmate. Additionally, it dictates inmate PREA education information will include prevention of sexual abuse and harassment, self-protection, methods of reporting, and treatment and counseling availability.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that in the past twelve months, there have been zero instances where inmate interpreters, readers, or other types of inmate assistants have been used. The Facility Head verified this.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 12-13, 9, b, states the facility shall not rely on offender interpreters, offender readers, or other types of offender assistants except in Exigent Circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the offender's safety, the performance of first response duties under 28 CFR § 115.64, or the investigation of the offender's allegations.

As indicated in provision (b), the facility has several systems in place to assist those who need interpretive services. As such, there is no need to utilize inmate interpreters.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.

115.17	Hiring and promotion decisions
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 104.09, Filling A Vacancy, effective date 5/27/2022
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 104.09, Filling A Vacancy, Attachment 4, Applicant Verification, revised 05/27/2022
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 104.18, Obtaining and Using Records for Criminal Justice Employment, effective 10/13/2020
- Employee Records Review (Personnel File Audit, Backgrounds)
- Hiring and Promotion Decisions
- Contractor PREA Verification

INTERVIEW

Administrative Staff (HR)

During the interview process, the Administrative Staff (HR) outlined several key protocols related to personnel documentation and background checks:

Personnel Documentation: Potential new hires are required to complete standard personnel documents, disclosing all necessary information as part of the hiring process.

Background Checks: The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) mandates background checks for all new hires, promotions at the time of promotion, and existing employees every five years. In addition to this, GDC proactively conducts annual background checks for all employees.

PREA Compliance: GDC maintains an active stance on compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards. To uphold these requirements, a comprehensive tracking system has been developed to ensure all necessary history checks are completed for pre-hires, promotions, and five-year reviews.

Reporting Arrest Activity: A condition of employment is that any arrest activity must be reported through the respective employee's reporting structure.

Disclosure of Prior Allegations: Upon request, any substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee must be disclosed.

Upon conducting an audit of the personnel files, the Auditor determined that a total of 89 staff members are currently employed at the facility, all of whom may have direct or indirect contact with inmates. Additionally, after reviewing the personnel records from the past 12 months, the Auditor found that the facility has hired 20 new staff members during this period, each potentially interacting with inmates.

The facility reported having 16 contractors and 3 volunteers on site.

The Auditor conducted a thorough review of personnel records, assessing compliance with required standards. Among the records examined, 20 pertained to new hires, and documented promotions within the past 12 months. Each record reviewed contained all necessary components, including PREA documentation and verification of completed criminal history checks, ensuring adherence to established guidelines.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a) The facility, as reported on the PAQ, enforces a strict hiring and promotion policy prohibiting the employment of individuals who may have contact with inmates. Additionally, it bars the engagement of contractors who may have contact with inmates and meet any of the following criteria:

1. Individuals who have engaged in sexual abuse within any correctional or confinement facility, including prisons, jails, lockups, community confinement facilities, juvenile facilities, or other institutions as defined under 42 U.S.C. 1997.
2. Individuals convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community, where such activity was facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, coercion, or occurred without the victim's consent or when the victim was unable to consent or refuse.
3. Individuals who have been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activities described in paragraph (2).

The verification took place during the interview process with HR representatives.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 13-14, 10, a, i-v, indicates:

i. The Department shall not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with offenders, who:

1. Has engaged in Sexual Abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, Community Confinement Facility, Juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997); has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or
2. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph a.i.1. of this section.

The Department shall consider any incidents of Sexual Harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with offenders.

ii. Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with offenders, the Department shall:

Employee and Applicant Screening Requirements

1. Disclosure of Misconduct: All applicants and employees who may have direct contact with offenders must disclose any previous misconduct as outlined in SOP 104.09, Filling a Vacancy. This disclosure must be made through written applications, hiring and promotional interviews, and any written self-evaluations conducted during employee performance reviews. Employees have a continuous affirmative duty to report any such misconduct.
 2. Criminal History Record Checks: Criminal history record checks shall be conducted on all employees and volunteers before their official start date and annually thereafter. Each local facility must implement a tracking system to ensure criminal history checks are performed within the appropriate time frames, as required by policy, for every individual with access to the facility.
 - iii. Disclosure of Substantiated Allegations Unless prohibited by law, the Department shall furnish information regarding substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon request from an institutional employer where the individual has applied for employment. The Department adheres to the Federal Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies governing such disclosures.
- IV. Any material omission concerning misconduct or the intentional provision of materially false information shall constitute grounds for termination.

This information has been confirmed by HR personnel during the interview process.

This is also supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 104.09, Filling A Vacancy, effective date 5/27/2022, p. 7, F, 1, a-d, states:

1. Applicants may be considered for a Vacancy through the following process:
 - a. By review of their application and background data.
 - b. Through interviews conducted by designated individual(s).
 - c. Using structured interviews and written ratings of qualified Selection Boards; and/or.
 - d. Through reference checks conducted by the hiring manager/designated individual via completion of Attachment 5, Professional Reference Check.

NOTE: Reference checks shall encompass the following:

1. Disciplinary Actions - Any formal disciplinary measures taken during the individual's employment.
2. Substantiated Sexual Abuse Allegations - Any verified allegations of sexual abuse, along with the corresponding actions taken in response.

Auditor Review: Administrative Adjudication Checks

As part of the personnel file review process, specific attention was given to the completion of Administrative Adjudication Checks in accordance with established standards.

1. In all reviewed files, the three questions listed under Provision (a) were properly asked and answered prior to both hiring and promotion, ensuring full compliance with the standard.
2. Criminal background history checks were completed as required, both before the hiring process and again prior to any promotions.
3. Documentation of these processes was properly logged using SOP 104.09, Filling a Vacancy, confirming adherence to procedural and regulatory expectations.

Based on this review, personnel files demonstrate compliance with established standards regarding Administrative Adjudication Checks and background verification procedures.

Provision (b): Employment and Contracting Considerations The facility affirms that any reported incidents of sexual harassment are considered when making employment and promotional decisions, as well as in the selection of contractors who may interact with inmates. This policy ensures a commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful environment. Compliance with this provision was verified through interviews conducted with Human Resources personnel.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 13, 10, a, ii, indicates the Department shall consider any incidents of Sexual Harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with offenders.

Provision (c): Hiring Practices and Background Verification In accordance with the facility's policies and applicable federal, state, and local laws, all prospective employees who may have contact with inmates undergo a thorough vetting process before hiring. This process includes:

1. **Criminal Background Checks:** A comprehensive review of criminal records is conducted to ensure candidates meet the facility's standards for employment.
2. **Institutional Employer Verification:** Best efforts are made to contact all prior institutional employers to gather information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation occurring during a pending investigation of such allegations.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 13-14, 10, a, ii-iii, 1-2, indicates the Department shall consider any

incidents of Sexual Harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with offenders. Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with offenders, the Department shall:

Policy on Applicant and Employee Misconduct Disclosure & Criminal History Checks

1. Disclosure of Prior Misconduct All applicants and current employees who may have direct contact with offenders are required to disclose any prior misconduct as outlined in SOP 104.09, Filling a Vacancy. This disclosure must be made through written applications, interviews for hiring and promotions, and any written interview or self- evaluation processes conducted as part of employee reviews. Every employee holds a continuous affirmative duty to report any such misconduct throughout their tenure.

2. Criminal History Record Checks Criminal history record checks will be conducted for all employees and volunteers before their official start date and will be repeated annually. Each local facility will implement a tracking system to ensure timely and compliant execution of these checks, in accordance with established policies. This system will ensure that all individuals granted access to the facility undergo the required screenings within the designated time frames.

In the past twelve months, 20 individuals were hired for positions that may have involved contact with inmates, all of whom underwent a thorough criminal background check. The Auditor conducted a comprehensive review of personnel records, which included 20 newly hired employees and staff members who received promotions. Every personnel file—both for new hires and promoted staff—confirmed the completion of criminal background history checks as well as PREA Education.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 14, iii, 1, states before hiring new employees, who may have contact with offenders, the Department shall:

1. Ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with offenders directly about previous misconduct described in SOP 104.09, Filling a Vacancy, in written applications or interviews for hiring and promotions, and any written interview or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. Every employee has a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct.

Based on the PAQ, a total of 20 individuals have been hired over the past 12 months. The GDC ensures thorough vetting by conducting background checks on every new hire, prior to each promotion, and on a recurring five-year basis.

Provision (d): Contractor Background Checks Prior to engaging the services of any contractor who may have direct or indirect contact with inmates, the facility ensures a comprehensive criminal background records check is completed for each individual. According to the PAQ, the facility has executed 16 service contracts, all of which necessitate criminal background checks for personnel covered within the agreement

who may interact with inmates. Additionally, the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) mandates criminal background checks for all new contractors upon initiation of their service and at five-year intervals thereafter to uphold security and compliance standards.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 15, 10, b, ii, indicates the Department shall consider any incidents of Sexual Harassment in determining whether to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with offenders. Before hiring new employees or enlisting the services of a contractor or volunteer who may have contact with offenders, the Department shall:

1. Perform a Criminal History Record check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with offenders and at least every five years thereafter.
2. Ensure that new hires complete SOP 104.09, Attachment 4, Applicant Verification form.

Ensure that contractors or volunteers complete SOP 208.06, Attachment 13, Contractor/Volunteer Verification Form.

The Auditor reviewed six Contractor PREA verifications, all of which were signed and dated. Each verification reflected that the contractor responded 'NO' to the three adjudication questions outlined in this standard.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that criminal background record checks are conducted annually for current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates. This was verified by HR personnel during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 104.18, Obtaining and Using Records for Criminal Justice Employment, effective 10/13/2020, p. 1, IV, A-F, indicates:

- A. Before any facility/office requests criminal history records on an applicant, Attachment 1, the GDC Criminal/Driver History Consent Form, must be signed by the applicant to initiate processing. This form will remain valid and in effect for use through the duration of employment with GDC.
- B. The signed consent form must be submitted with a GDC facility's request to the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC), Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), Georgia State Patrol (GSP) or another related agency.
- C. If an applicant will not sign the Consent Form, the applicant cannot be considered for employment.
- D. When GCIC Criminal History Background queries are done for applicants seeking to be P.O.S.T. certified, a check must be conducted in each state where the applicant

resided.

E. If an adverse employment decision is made based on criminal history records, the facility/office must notify the applicant, in writing, of all information pertinent to that decision. This disclosure must inform the applicant of where the name of the criminal justice center where the record was obtained from, the specific contents of the record, and the effect the record had on the decision. NOTE: The Appointing Authority is responsible for making this disclosure. Failure to provide all information to the person subject to the adverse decision shall be a misdemeanor. (See Attachment 2 & Attachment 3, Sample Letters.)

F. Each facility/office must maintain a file of all signed Consent Forms. If an applicant is hired, their signed consent form shall be included in the employment package sent to the Corrections Human Resource Management Office (CHRM). NOTE: It is a violation of Georgia law to inquire into an applicant's driver's license history records for employment considerations, except as specified within this SOP.

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) conducts criminal background record checks at several key points: upon application, when an individual is considered for a promotion, and at least once every five years for all current employees and contractors. This process was verified by HR personnel during the interview.

Provision (f): The facility has confirmed, as reported on the PAQ, that all applicants and employees with potential direct contact with inmates are required to disclose any history of sexual misconduct. This disclosure process is integrated into applications, interviews, and written self-evaluations. Furthermore, employees are under a continuing affirmative obligation to report any such misconduct. Verification of compliance with this policy was conducted through interviews with HR personnel.

The Administrative Staff (HR) requires all applicants and employees with potential inmate contact to disclose any past misconduct, as outlined in paragraph (a) of this section. This disclosure occurs through written applications, self-evaluations, or interviews during hiring and promotion processes.

Provision (g): The facility has reported, via the PAQ, that any material omission related to misconduct or the provision of materially false information shall constitute grounds for termination. This policy was confirmed through verification by HR personnel during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 14, 10, a, v, indicates material omissions regarding misconduct or the provision of materially false information shall be grounds for termination.

Provision (h): As reported on the PAQ, the facility affirms that, unless prohibited by law, the agency will disclose information regarding substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer where the individual has applied for work. This practice

	<p>was verified through interviews with HR personnel.</p> <p>The Administrative Staff (HR) acknowledges that, unless prohibited by law, all substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee will be disclosed upon request from an institutional employer where such individual has applied for a position.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.18	Upgrades to facilities and technologies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>During the on-site facility tour, the Facility Head pointed out camera placement, as well as security mirrors while on the facility tour. Camera coverage is sufficient throughout the facility.</p> <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Agency Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process the Agency Head Designee indicated camera placement was designed to limit blind spots and provide adequate coverage for PREA protections for staff and inmates while preventing cross gender viewing capabilities.</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process the Facility Head indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to have camera coverage in all areas of the facility to ensure

	<p>everyone's safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before any camera expansion, areas of concern would be identified, and it is of the highest priority to address any areas identified. • Cameras are always available for video monitoring. <p>PROVISIONS</p> <p>Provision (a)</p> <p>The facility reported on the PAQ that no upgrades have been made to the facility since the last PREA audit. This was confirmed by the Facility Head.</p> <p>Provision (b)</p> <p>The facility reported on the PAQ that no upgrades have been made to the video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system or other technology since the last PREA audit. This was confirmed by the Facility Head.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.21	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 103.06, Investigation of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse and Sexual harassment of Offenders, effective date 8/11/2022 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 103.10, Evidence Handling and Crime Scene Processing, effective date 8/30/2022 • Services Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), dated August 31, 2021 • SANE Contact and Call List

- Certifications of Staff Victim Advocate, dated October 2025

INTERVIEWS

PREA Coordinator (PC)

During the interview process, the PC affirmed that the agency adheres to the uniform evidence protocol, designed to optimize the collection of physical evidence for administrative proceedings. Additionally, the agency follows established protocols and requirements for forensic medical examinations. The uniform evidence protocol is tailored to be developmentally appropriate for youth, ensuring sensitive and effective evidence handling. Furthermore, the facility conducts both administrative and criminal investigations in accordance with best practices.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

During the interview process the PCM indicated:

- In the past twelve months there have been zero forensic exams performed.
- The GDC has a service agreement with Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for forensic examinations.
- Forensic examinations take place at the facility in the medical unit.

SAFE/SANE Staff

During the interview process, SANE personnel explained that the facility relies on the Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) for forensic examinations. S.A.R.T. operates under an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) to provide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services to residents, inmates, and detainees. When needed, SANE personnel are contacted through the SANE Contact and Call list. Upon arrival at the facility, they conduct forensic examinations within the medical unit. The inmate is not financially responsible for the examination.

Random Staff

During the interview process, facility staff demonstrated a clear understanding of the procedures to follow in the event of an inmate reporting alleged sexual abuse. All interviewed staff (100%) effectively articulated the fundamental principles of evidence preservation for both the victim and the alleged abuser. Additionally, they accurately outlined their responsibilities, including the point at which they transfer duties to investigative or medical personnel.

Inmates Who Reported Sexual Abuse

During the onsite audit, no inmate reported an incident of sexual abuse to interview. This was confirmed in interviews.

Provision (a): The facility has reported, as documented in the PAQ, that it holds responsibility for conducting both administrative and criminal investigations within its

premises. In the execution of these investigations, designated investigators adhere to a standardized evidence protocol, ensuring consistency and compliance with procedural guidelines. This practice has been verified by the PC.

The policy that addresses this provision is by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 16, B, 1, a, indicates each facility shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. Reference SOP 103.10, Evidence Handling and Crime Scene Processing, and SOP 103.06, Investigations of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment of Offenders.

Provision (b): The facility has stated in the PAQ that it does not house youthful offenders. Additionally, the facility has affirmed that its investigative protocols are designed to be developmentally appropriate for youth. This has been verified by the PC.

The policy which supports this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates the protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth, where applicable, and, as appropriate, shall be adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011.

Provision (c): According to the facility's PAQ, all inmates who experience sexual abuse have access to on-site forensic medical examinations, ensuring timely and comprehensive care. These treatment services are provided to victims at no financial cost. All forensic examinations are conducted by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) who come to the facility, prioritizing specialized expertise. If SAFE or SANE personnel are unavailable, an ER physician will perform the examination. The facility reported zero forensic examinations in the past twelve months, each of which—when conducted—was performed by a SANE. This information has been verified by the PCM.

SERVICES AGREEMENT Between Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) And Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

Effective Date: August 31, 2021

1. Purpose

This Agreement establishes a formal partnership between the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to ensure the effective response, support, and care for individuals affected by sexual assault within GDC facilities.

2. Responsibilities of GDC

Facilitate access to facilities for SART personnel and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE).

Ensure that all staff members comply with reporting and response procedures in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

Provide training and awareness programs to correctional staff regarding sexual assault protocols. Maintain confidentiality and security of individuals receiving services from SART personnel.

3. Responsibilities of SART

Provide immediate response and medical care, including forensic examinations, through SANE personnel.

Offer emotional support, advocacy, and counseling for affected individuals. Assist with legal documentation and investigative processes as needed.

Ensure compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and best practices in sexual assault response.

4. Scope of Services

SART personnel shall operate within GDC facilities to provide specialized medical and advocacy services, including but not limited to:

Conducting forensic medical examinations and evidence collection. Facilitating crisis intervention and advocacy services.

Coordinating with law enforcement and legal professionals to support investigative efforts.

5. Confidentiality & Compliance

Both parties agree to uphold strict confidentiality regarding individuals receiving services. All activities shall comply with state and federal regulations, including the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and HIPAA.

6. Funding & Resources

Each party shall identify and allocate resources necessary for the effective implementation of services outlined in this Agreement. Any funding arrangements shall be documented in a separate financial agreement.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 16, B, 1, c, indicates when there is a report of an incident of Sexual Abuse that was alleged to have occurred within the previous 72 hours, or there is a

strong suspicion that an assault may have been sexual in nature, a physical examination of the alleged victim shall be conducted to determine if immediate medical attention is necessary and if the SANE protocol should be initiated,(Attachment 5, Procedure for SANE Evaluation/Forensic Collection). The SANE examination shall be provided at no cost to the offender. Physical evidence from the suspected perpetrator(s) will be collected and may also include an examination. The offender's consent must be obtained prior to initiating the SANE protocol, in accordance with SOP 507.04.85, Informed Consent.

SAFE/SANE personnel have reported that the forensic program is responsible for conducting all forensic medical examinations at the facility. These personnel arrive at the facility specifically to perform these examinations.

The facility utilizes the Sexual Abuse Response Team (S.A.R.T.) for forensic examinations. S.A.R.T. has an established agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) to provide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services to residents, inmates, and detainees. When a forensic examination is required, SANE personnel are contacted through the SANE Contact and Call list and report to the facility's medical unit where the examination takes place.

The forensic examination begins with an explanation of the process and the patient's written consent. The SANE then collects demographic information, as well as the patient's medical and surgical history. Details of the assault are recorded in the forensic medical record, documented in the patient's own words.

Once all preliminary information is gathered, the SAFE/SANE personnel perform a comprehensive head-to-toe assessment, collecting evidence, documenting trauma, and taking photographs—with the patient's consent. A detailed genital examination is conducted using high-resolution digital imaging, also contingent upon the patient's consent.

Forensic evidence is gathered throughout the head-to-toe and genital assessments, packaged securely, and maintained under a strict chain of custody until it is handed over to law enforcement. After the examination, the SANE discusses prophylactic medication options to prevent sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. Any post-examination prescriptions are fulfilled by the facility.

Provision (d): The facility has reported in the PAQ that the facility does not have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for outside advocate service, an organization that provides victim advocacy services for individuals affected by sexual abuse within the facility.

Additionally, the facility ensures that trained staff members are available to provide advocacy services as needed, further supporting victims with immediate and compassionate assistance.

The facility reported on the PAQ that it provides qualified staff members who have been specifically trained to serve as victim advocates when needed. As part of this commitment, the facility certified three staff members as Victim Advocates upon their

successful completion of training on October 2025.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates attempts shall be made to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to the offender victim first. If a rape crisis center is not able to provide the offender with victim advocate services, the unit shall make available a qualified staff member from a community-based organization. If a qualified staff member from a community-based organization is not able to provide the offender with victim advocate services, the unit shall make available a qualified staff member to provide the offender with victim advocate services.

Provision (e): The facility has reported on the PAQ that, upon request by the victim, a designated victim advocate, qualified agency staff members, or qualified community-based organization staff member will accompany and support the victim throughout the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews. This support includes emotional assistance, crisis intervention, informational guidance, and referral services. Additionally, the facility has provided Victim Advocate certification for three staff members, who successfully completed their training on October 2025.

As outlined in Provision (d), during the examination, the inmate meets with the advocate, who provides accompaniment throughout the forensic examination and investigation. The victim advocate offers emotional support, crisis intervention, and essential information, along with referrals as needed or requested.

Provision (f): In accordance with Provision (a), all allegations under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), whether administrative or criminal in nature, shall be thoroughly investigated by the agency/facility to ensure accountability and compliance with established protocols.

Provision (g): Auditors are not obligated to conduct an audit of this provision.

Provision (h): In alignment with Provision (d), the facility maintains trained staff members designated as victim advocates, available to provide support and services to individuals affected by sexual abuse.

Conclusion:

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.

115.22	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 103.06, Investigation of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment of Offenders, effective date 8/11/2022
- PREA Unit Allegations Report

INTERVIEWS

Agency Head or Designee

During the interview process, the Agency Head Designee emphasized that every allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment is treated with the utmost seriousness. Both administrative and criminal allegations are promptly and thoroughly investigated. The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) conducts its own investigations and does not rely on external sources. The agency's policy regarding the referral of allegations for investigation is available on its website.

Additionally, all referrals for criminal investigation related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment are meticulously documented.

Investigative Staff

During the interview process, investigative staff affirmed that all allegations undergo thorough examination. The agency/facility conducts investigations into both administrative and criminal allegations.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility has reported in the PAQ that the agency ensures all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment undergo a comprehensive administrative or criminal investigation. This commitment was verified through the interview process with the Agency Head Designee, affirming adherence to investigative protocols.

This is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p.30, G, 1, indicates all reports of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment will be considered allegations and will be investigated.

During the audit, it was disclosed that over the past twelve months, there were five reported allegations of sexual abuse or harassment. However, none were

substantiated, at the time of the audit, one investigation was pending outcome.

Provision (b): Referral of Allegations for Investigation The facility has reported on the PAQ that the agency maintains a comprehensive policy and established practice to ensure all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are appropriately referred for investigation. Specifically, any such allegation is directed to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, except in cases where the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. This policy is publicly accessible and is posted on the agency's official website at Georgia Department of Corrections Policy Compliance Unit.

The agency/facility maintains thorough documentation of all referrals related to allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. This practice was corroborated during the interview process with the Agency Head Designee.

This is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p.31, G, 8, a-c indicates appointing authorities or their designee shall report all allegations of Sexual Abuse with penetration and those with immediate and clear evidence of physical contact to their Regional Director, Regional SAC, and the Department's PREA Coordinator immediately upon receipt of the allegation.

a: Policy on Handling Allegations of Sexual Abuse In cases where allegations of sexual abuse cannot be resolved at the local level, as outlined in section G.5, the Regional Special Agent in Charge (SAC) shall determine the appropriate course of action upon notification. If it is deemed necessary to initiate a criminal investigation, the Regional SAC shall assign an agent or investigator who has undergone specialized training in sexual abuse investigations to ensure a thorough and sensitive approach.

b: Agents and investigators shall collect and safeguard both direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available electronic monitoring data. They shall conduct interviews with alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses. Additionally, they shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator to ensure a thorough investigation.

c. The credibility of any victim, suspect, or witness shall be evaluated on an individual basis, without consideration of their status as an offender or staff member. An offender who reports an allegation of sexual abuse shall not be compelled to undergo a polygraph examination or any other truth-verification procedure as a prerequisite for moving forward with the investigation.

The provision is also supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 103.06, Investigation of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment of Offenders, effective date 8/11/2022, p. 1, I, indicates it is the policy of the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) that allegations of sexual contact, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment filed by sentenced offenders against other offenders, departmental employees,

	<p>contractors, vendors, or volunteers be reported, fully investigated, and otherwise treated in a confidential and serious manner. Staff conducts and attitude towards such allegations will be professional and unbiased, and staff members will cooperate with the investigation into all Allegations. It is the policy of the GDC to assure that the investigations are conducted in such a manner as to avoid threats, intimidation, or future misconduct.</p> <p>Provision (c): In accordance with Provision (a), the agency/facility shall ensure that all administrative and criminal allegations are investigated thoroughly and impartially.</p> <p>Investigations must be conducted in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and internal policies, ensuring transparency, accuracy, and accountability in the findings. The agency/facility shall document all investigative actions and maintain records for review and auditing purposes.</p> <p>Provision (d): Auditors are not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Provision (e): Auditors are not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.31	Employee training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Staff Training Curriculum • PREA Acknowledgement Statements • Day One Training Rosters <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Random Staff Interviews</p> <p>All staff members undergo thorough PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) training to</p>

ensure compliance with standards and reinforce their commitment to maintaining a safe correctional environment. Upon hiring, each employee completes initial PREA training before they are permitted any contact with inmates. Additionally, personnel participate in annual training sessions, in-service PREA training, and shift turnout training to continuously reinforce knowledge and best practices. As part of their education, employees are trained in the ten essential elements of this standard, equipping them with the necessary understanding to uphold PREA guidelines effectively.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that all employees who may have contact with inmates are trained in:

- Zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.
- On inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- On the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- On the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.
- On the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims.
- On how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?
- On how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates.
- On how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates.
- On how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

During interviews, all randomly selected staff (100%) confirmed that they had received training on the ten items outlined in the GDC policy for this standard.

The policy that addresses this provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 19, 1, a, i-v, indicates all departmental employees shall be required to attend training annually on:

- i. The Department's zero-tolerance policy for Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment.
- ii. How to fulfill their responsibilities under the Department's Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.

- iii. Offenders' right to be free from Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment.
- iv. The right of offenders and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment.
- v. The dynamics of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment in confinement.
- vi. The common reactions of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment victims.
- vii. How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual Sexual Abuse.
- viii. How to avoid inappropriate relationships with offenders.
- ix. How to communicate effectively and professionally with offenders, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, or Gender Nonconforming offenders; and.
- v. How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of Sexual Abuse to outside authorities.

The Auditor conducted a thorough review of the PREA curriculum and training materials. The core training materials comprehensively address all ten elements outlined in this provision, ensuring that each aspect is covered in detail. To facilitate retention, the training incorporates numbered elements, reinforcing the required knowledge effectively. The complexity and depth of the training vary based on employee classification, with specialized curriculum tailored to align with specific job responsibilities.

The Auditor conducted a comprehensive review of staff training records across various categories. Each record contained the necessary documentation confirming that staff had met their initial PREA requirements. Additionally, the Auditor examined the signed PREA acknowledgment statements for the most recent refresher training, verifying that each employee had acknowledged receipt of the PREA training through their signatures.

Provision (b): The facility, as reported in the PAQ, ensures that training is specifically tailored to the gender of the inmates housed. In cases where employees are reassigned to a facility accommodating inmates of the opposite gender, they receive additional specialized training prior to beginning their duties, equipping them with the necessary skills and awareness to effectively manage the distinct needs of the population.

During interviews, all randomly selected staff confirmed that they had received training specific to the gender of the inmates in the facility.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 20, 1, b-d, indicates the following:

- b. In-service training shall include gender specific reference and training for staff as

it relates to the specific population supervised. Staff members transferring into a facility of different gender from prior institution shall receive gender-appropriate training.

c. New employees shall receive PREA training during the Pre-Service Orientation. Attachment 19, Staff PREA Brochure, can be used to assist in this training.

d. Specialized training shall be required for members of the Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) and any other staff members who are likely to be involved in the management and treatment of sexually abused victims and the perpetrators.

The policy regarding the agency/facility responsibility to provide training and education regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment is addressed in Provision (a).

The training provided by the agency addresses the needs of both male and female inmates. However, the facility-specific training is tailored to the male inmate population. The Auditor reviewed the staff training materials and found them to be consistent with PREA standards.

In cases where employees are reassigned to a facility with a different inmate composition, they undergo retraining or refresher courses specific to the demographics of the new facility before interacting with inmates. Additionally, the training curriculum includes specialized instruction on working with transgender inmates.

In accordance with Provision (a), the Auditor examined documentation related to PREA training and verified staff attendance.

Provision (c): The Auditor conducted a review of staff training records out of the 89 employees currently working at the facility. Documentation confirmed that 100% of the staff whose records were examined had completed PREA training within the past twelve months. Additionally, facility staff undergo refresher training every two years to reinforce PREA principles. The facility also provides ongoing education through annual PREA training sessions, shift training, staff meetings, educational materials, and the distribution of posters to ensure continuous awareness and compliance.

All randomly selected staff interviewed (100%) confirmed they had received PREA training. Formal training sessions are conducted at least once every two years, ensuring comprehensive education on PREA standards. In alternating years, employees participate in refresher training to stay up-to-date with the agency's latest policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Provision (d): PREA Training Documentation Requirements All employees are required to attend PREA-mandated training sessions. Attendance must be documented through employee signature as formal acknowledgment of the training received.

Upon completion, employees must either sign a PREA Education Acknowledgement Statement or provide electronic verification, confirming their comprehension of the material covered. Additionally, random audits will be conducted to verify staff

	<p>compliance with these documentation requirements.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.32	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Volunteer/Contractor PREA Training Curriculum • Volunteer/Contractor Signed PREA Acknowledgement Statements <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Contractor Interview</p> <p>During the interview process, a contractor recalled receiving PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) training prior to being permitted to work with inmates. The contractor emphasized that the training was tailored to their specific role and responsibilities within the facility. When questioned by the Auditor about their knowledge of PREA, the contractor was able to clearly define what PREA entails and, more importantly, articulate their role and responsibilities if confronted with an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.</p> <p>PROVISIONS</p> <p>Provision (a): The facility has reported, as documented in the PAQ, that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have completed training on their responsibilities under the agency’s policies and procedures regarding the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility has identified and approved 16 contractors and 3 volunteers for entry, all of whom interact with inmates. This information has been further verified through the interview process with contractors and staff.</p>

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 20, 2, a, indicates the department shall ensure that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with offenders are provided with a copy of this policy and have been trained in their responsibilities under the Department's PREA policies and procedures. Attachment 19, Staff PREA Brochure, can be used to assist in this training.

Provision (b): Volunteer and Contractor Training Compliance The facility has reported, as documented in the PAQ, that the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is determined based on the nature of services they provide and their level of contact with inmates. All volunteers and contractors have been informed of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Additionally, they have been instructed on the procedures for reporting such incidents. Verification of compliance was confirmed through the interview process with contractors and volunteers.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 20, 2, b, indicates the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with offenders, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with offenders shall be notified of the Department's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and be informed on how to report such incidents.

Provision (c): The facility affirms, as reported on the PAQ, that the agency maintains thorough documentation verifying that all volunteers and contractors comprehend the training they have received.

In accordance with Provision (b), the facility has reported that copies of the acknowledgment page from the PREA training are retained in the files of all volunteers and contractors. This provision mandates that the facility or agency maintain documentation verifying that these individuals have received and comprehended the training provided to them.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 21, 2, c, indicates participation must be documented through volunteer and contractor signature or electronic verification and will indicate that the volunteer and contractor understood the training they have received by signing Attachment 1, Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Education Acknowledgement Statement. At the conclusion of the training, volunteers and contractors are asked to seek additional direction from Department staff members if necessary to ensure understanding of the training.

	<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions of this standard.</p>
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115.33	Inmate education
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022. • Facility Handbook • Georgia Department of Corrections, Discussing Prison Rape Elimination Act Video, dated February 23, 2023. • Lionbridge User Guide • Georgia Department of Corrections, PREA Inmate Information Guide Brochure, undated • Video Remote Interpreting Usage Log • Hotline Numbers Posting - English/Spanish • Zero Tolerance Posting - English/Spanish • Outside Confidential Support Service Agency Posting - English/Spanish • Inmate PREA Orientation Signed Acknowledgements • Inmate PREA 30-day Education Signed Acknowledgments <p>OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>During the on-site review, the Auditor observed PREA-related information prominently displayed on the facility’s walls. These postings provided clear explanations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, along with detailed instructions on how to report such incidents. The facility maintains accessible PREA-related materials throughout, including hotline numbers for internal reporting to the GDC PREA Unit and external reporting. Additional postings emphasize the institution’s Zero Tolerance policy and include information about external confidential support services.</p> <p>PREA-related postings were strategically placed in each living unit, specifically near telephones, ensuring that inmates could easily access reporting resources. As part of the site tour, the Auditor conducted informal interviews with inmates to assess their understanding of PREA education and their sense of safety within the facility. All</p>

interviewed inmates confirmed that they had received training during intake.

The GDC, Montgomery State Prison Handbook, the PREA Inmate Information Guide Brochure, the PREA video Discussing PREA, as well as the PREA postings were observed during the on-site tour of the facility by the Auditor. The Auditor reviewed written materials in both English and Spanish. Braille is also available. The Discussing Prison Rape Elimination Act video is in English and Spanish with closed captions and American Sign Language.

INTERVIEWS

Intake Staff

During the intake process, staff ensures that inmates receive comprehensive information outlining the agency's zero-tolerance policy. This includes clear definitions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, preventative strategies to minimize the risk of victimization, and detailed methods for reporting sexually abusive behavior. Additionally, inmates are informed about available treatment options and support programs for victims, as well as procedures for monitoring, disciplining, and prosecuting sexual perpetrators. This crucial information is provided upon arrival to promote safety and awareness within the facility.

Furthermore, intake staff confirmed that within 15 days of intake, the agency/facility provides comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding:

- Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents.
- GDC policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.
- How to make a report verbally, in writing, by third party or anonymously.

During the interview process, intake staff confirmed that all inmates receive PREA-related education and training upon transfer to a different facility. This ensures that they are informed of any differences in policies and procedures between their previous facility and the new one.

Through the interview process, intake staff confirmed that PREA-related education and training are provided to all inmates upon transfer to a different facility, ensuring they understand any differences in policies and procedures compared to their previous location.

Intake staff also indicated that inmate education is designed to be accessible to all individuals, including those who are limited English proficient, hearing impaired, vision impaired, cognitively impaired, or have limited reading skills. This ensures comprehensive understanding and compliance with PREA guidelines.

Additionally, interviews with intake staff revealed that all incoming inmates receive a Facility Handbook upon admission. Each inmate signs an acknowledgment form for

PREA education, which is then retained in their record. Intake staff further stated that initial PREA training is conducted immediately upon arrival, before unit assignment, followed by a more in-depth PREA education during orientation in the days and weeks thereafter.

Random Inmates

During the interview process, inmates consistently acknowledged receiving clear information upon arrival about how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or harassment. All interviewees confirmed watching a PREA video, receiving written PREA materials, and being provided with a facility handbook. These resources included details about the facility's zero-tolerance policy and outlined the various reporting methods available.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): In accordance with the PAQ, the facility reported that inmates receive information at the time of intake regarding the zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment, as well as the procedures for reporting incidents or suspicions. While this initial education is not intended to be comprehensive, it provides an essential overview of PREA standards, ensuring that inmates are informed of key safety measures until they receive a more detailed PREA education from staff. Intake personnel have verified the delivery of this information.

According to the PAQ, the facility reported that 446 inmates were admitted over the past twelve months. During intake, 100% of these individuals received PREA information, as verified by the intake staff.

During the interview process, intake staff confirmed that inmates receive PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) information upon arrival.

During interviews, inmates consistently reported receiving PREA information upon arrival. Out of the thirty formally interviewed individuals, twenty confirmed that they had been provided with PREA materials within 24 hours or less of their admission.

The Auditor conducted a review of PREA education records for inmates. The findings indicated that all inmates had received PREA intake materials within 24 hours or less upon their arrival at the facility, demonstrating full compliance with intake education requirements.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention PREA, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 21, 3, which states in part, information on the GDC's zero-tolerance policy for Sexual Abuse and Harassment and information on how to report an allegation at the receiving facility shall be provided to every inmate upon arrival to the facility. In addition to verbal information, inmates will be provided an Attachment 17, PREA Inmate Brochure (English) or an Attachment 18, PREA Inmate Brochure (Spanish). Receipt of the initial PREA intake information will be documented in writing

by signature of inmate and placed in the inmate's institutional file.

Provision (b): According to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ), the facility reported that within the past twelve months, a total of 446 inmates were admitted with a length of stay exceeding thirty days. The PAQ indicates that 100% of these inmates were provided with the PREA 30-day Comprehensive Education, which covers their right to be free from sexual abuse, protection against retaliation, and the facility's zero-tolerance policy on sexual abuse. Additionally, inmates were informed about reporting procedures and facility policies through multiple educational components, including the PREA Video titled "Discussing Prison Rape Elimination Act" and further discussions on PREA guidelines. The PAQ further confirms that all inmates admitted to the facility within the past year received the required PREA education and information in accordance with established standards.

Georgia Department of Corrections, Discussing PREA video, dated February 23, 2023. This video is approximately 15 minutes long. It has closed captions and is available in English and Spanish. It also has an American Sign Language interpreter on screen in the right-hand corner. The video was created by Arks Media, LLC. The video discusses Zero Tolerance Policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct; definitions of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct; staff on inmate sexual harassment and sexual misconduct; the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a confinement setting; reasons inmates don't report; retaliation for reporting or for assisting with an investigation; imbalance of power between staff and inmates; prevention of sexual abuse in a confinement setting; know What to Look For; NO Means NO and YES is not allowed; how to report; where to report; every PREA report will be investigated; false reports; good faith reporting; what happens when you report; victim advocate; forensic examination; preserving important evidence; the investigation; inmate notification of the result of the investigation; receiving ongoing support services; staff responsibilities; and health relationships.

According to the PAQ the facility reported during orientation inmates receive comprehensive PREA information explaining:

1. The agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment (inmate brochure).
2. How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (inmate brochure, hotline numbers posting list ways to report and the outside confidential support services posting list ways to secure emotional support).
3. Their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment (inmate brochure).
4. Their right to be free from retaliation from reporting such incidents (inmate brochure).
5. An overview of the agency's policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. (Inmate handbook).

The intake staff confirmed that, in addition to the five items listed above, inmates are informed during orientation about the routine presence of both male and female staff in housing units, the prohibition against retaliation for reporting or assisting in the investigation of allegations, and the fundamental aspects of the investigative process.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention PREA, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 21, 3, in part states within 15 days of arrival, a comprehensive PREA education training will be conducted by assigned staff members to all inmates which will include a gender appropriate video on Sexual Abuse. Receipt of the comprehensive education will be documented in writing by signature of inmate and placed in the inmate's institutional file.

In the event of Exigent Circumstances, the required training may be postponed; however, the delay must not exceed 30 days. If the Exigent Circumstance persists beyond this period, justification and supporting documentation must be placed in the inmate's institutional file. Once the Exigent Circumstance no longer applies, the training must be provided without further delay. The completion of this education shall be documented in the same manner as it is for inmates who participated during the regularly scheduled orientation.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 21-22, 3, a, i-ix indicates the comprehensive PREA education will be provided by designated staff members and the presentation must include:

- i. The Department's zero tolerance of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment
- ii. Definitions of Sexually Abusive behavior and Sexual Harassment.
- iii. Prevention strategies the inmate can take to minimize his/her risk of sexual victimization while in Department custody.
- iv. Methods of reporting an incident of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment against oneself, and for reporting allegations of Sexual Abuse involving other inmates.
- v. Treatment options and programs available to inmate victims of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment.
- vi. How an investigation begins and the general steps to an investigation.
- vii. Monitoring, discipline, and prosecution of sexual perpetrators.
- viii. The prohibition against retaliation for reporting, and,
- ix. Notice that male and female staff routinely work and visit housing areas.

The Auditor reviewed the inmate comprehensive PREA education and found it addresses the following:

1. The Department's zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment
2. Definition of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
3. Prevention strategies I can take to minimize my risk of sexual victimization while in Department custody.
4. Methods of reporting an incident of sexually abusive behavior against me, and for reporting allegations of sexually abusive behavior involving other inmates.
5. Treatment options and programs available to inmate victims of sexually abusive behavior and sexual harassment.
6. Monitoring, discipline and prosecution of sexual perpetrators.

As previously stated, the intake staff confirmed that, in addition to the six items listed above, inmates are informed during orientation about the routine presence of both male and female staff in housing units, the prohibition against retaliation for reporting or assisting in an investigation, and the fundamental aspects of the investigative process.

The GDC, Montgomery State Prison Handbook, undated, PREA, is dedicated to PREA information. This section of the handbook covers topics such as zero tolerance of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, consensual and nonconsensual sex between inmates, ways to report alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment, retaliation, good faith reporting, sexual misconduct between staff and inmates, and explanations of what is a PREA violation and what is not. It also provides a telephone number for the GDC PREA Hotline and the Ombudsman Office, as well as an email address email PREA.report@gdc.ga.gov. The address for the Statewide PREA Coordinator is provided for them to write an agency individual with PREA concerns.

The address for the Director of Victim Services in Atlanta is provided for third parties to write with PREA concerns.

Ways to Report via Telephone This section provides four dedicated telephone numbers that inmates can use to report incidents. It also includes details on any conditions related to confidentiality and anonymity.

Ways to Report via Mail Here, inmates will find four mailing addresses where they can send reports. The section also specifies any relevant confidentiality or anonymity considerations.

Ways to Report via Email Inmates can report incidents using the provided email address, which is outlined in this section. Any applicable confidentiality conditions are also explained.

Third-Party Reporting Family members can submit a report on behalf of the inmate using one of the methods listed above. This section details how third-party reporting works and any associated guidelines.

This partnership underscores Montgomery State Prison’s commitment to fostering a safer, more supportive environment for victims and ensuring they have access to the care and advocacy they deserve.

The Montgomery State Prison Handbook, states Allegations can be reported:

1. From any dorm telephone by dialing 8, then 7732 (PREA) and leaving as message 24 hours a day.
2. By emailing prea.report@gdc.ga.gov
3. By telling any staff member
4. By writing to one of the following addresses:
 - Statewide PREA Coordinator, 300 Patrol Road, Forsyth, GA 31029
 - Ombudsman, P.O. Box 1529, Forsyth, GA 31029
 - Director of Victim Services, 2 MLKing Drive, SE, Atlanta, GA 30334

The Georgia Department of Corrections, PREA Inmate Information Guide Brochure outlines the zero-tolerance policy; the right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment as well as retaliation for reporting such incidents. As a GDC brochure it is a statewide brochure and lists addresses and telephone numbers to contact to report an allegation. All information in the brochure is agency information. It lists methods of reporting as well as victim resources.

The Hotline Numbers posting lists three telephone numbers. Two are GDC hotline numbers and one is the telephone number to the Outside Confidential Support Services Agency. The posting spells out how to dial each number, how to make an anonymous report, is the line monitored and/or recorded, if the call is confidential, and if the call is free.

The Auditor reviewed PREA education records for sixty-four inmates. The audit confirmed that each of the sixty-four inmate records indicated the individual had received comprehensive PREA education within 30 days of their arrival at the facility. All mandated components of PREA comprehensive education are covered through various resources, including the ZERO Tolerance postings, Hotline Numbers posting, Outside Confidential Support Services posting, the “Discussing Prison Rape Elimination Act” video, the Inmate Handbook, and the Inmate Information Guide Brochure.

Provision (c): In accordance with Provision (a), intake staff ensures that all incoming inmates receive Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) materials immediately upon arrival. Interviews with intake personnel confirm that each inmate, regardless of whether they are a new intake or a transfer from another facility, is provided with comprehensive intake materials—including PREA-related information—before being assigned to a housing unit. This practice is mandatory for all inmates to ensure awareness and compliance with PREA guidelines from the outset of their time at the

facility.

Provision (d): The facility ensures that PREA education is accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, hearing impaired, visually impaired, have limited reading skills, or are otherwise disabled. Educational materials are provided in appropriate formats to accommodate diverse needs. Additionally, the facility maintains thorough documentation of inmate participation in PREA education sessions to verify compliance and engagement.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) inmates receive information in Spanish, ensuring accessibility and comprehension. The auditor reviewed the PREA materials and confirmed that every resource available in English is also provided in Spanish.

Additionally, the PCM is fluent in Spanish, further supporting effective communication, as verified by the auditor. The facility also has access to Lionbridge, which offers interpretation services in multiple languages, including American Sign Language.

For Hearing Impaired inmates, information is conveyed visually through videos and written materials, enhancing accessibility. Furthermore, the facility provides Video Remote Interpreting services in American Sign Language to ensure effective communication.

Inmates with visual impairments receive information through auditory means, either read aloud by a staff member or delivered via recorded messages and videos.

Additionally, information is available in Braille.

For inmates with cognitive impairments, information is provided audibly, either read by a staff member or accessible through recorded messages or videos.

Those with limited reading skills also receive information through auditory formats, including staff-led readings, recorded messages, and videos.

Provision (e): Verification of Facility Compliance with PREA Education Requirements:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with PREA education standards by maintaining thorough documentation of inmate participation in PREA education sessions, as reported in the PAQ. The PCM verified the existence and accuracy of these records.

To further substantiate compliance, the Auditor reviewed signed attendance sheets for PREA Education sessions conducted over the past 12 months. This review confirmed that all inmates received Comprehensive PREA Education within 30 days of their arrival at the facility.

As outlined in Provision (b), the Auditor conducted an additional review of PREA education records for a sample of twenty-five inmates. The findings affirmed that each inmate in the sample had participated in the 30-day Comprehensive PREA Education within the required time frame, reinforcing the facility's adherence to PREA guidelines.

	<p>The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 22, 3, b, indicates the facility shall maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions in the inmate’s institutional file.</p> <p>As indicated in Provision (b) 100% of inmates who entered the facility during the past 12-months received the required PREA training at intake and during orientation.</p> <p>Provision (f): According to the PAQ, the facility has reported that it ensures key information regarding the agency’s PREA policies remains continuously available and easily visible to all individuals within the facility. This is accomplished through various written formats, including posters, inmate handbooks, and other accessible materials. During the facility tour, the Auditor observed these measures in place, confirming the facility’s commitment to maintaining awareness and accessibility of PREA-related information.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.34	Specialized training: Investigations
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • SOP 103.06 Investigation of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment • SOP 103.10 Evidence Handling and Crime Scene Processing • Investigator Training curriculum • Investigator Certification (1) <p>INTERVIEW</p> <p>Investigative Staff</p> <p>During the interview process, investigative staff verified participation in and</p>

successful completion of specialized investigator training. This training covered the appropriate application of Miranda and Garrity warnings, as well as the procedures for conducting Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment investigations within confinement settings.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility has indicated in its PAQ that agency policy mandates all investigators receive specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations within confinement settings. This training ensures that investigators possess the necessary expertise to handle such cases with sensitivity, thoroughness, and adherence to legal and ethical standards.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 23, 4, a-c, indicates:

- a. All staff investigating Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment allegations must be specially trained in conducting Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment investigations in confinement settings.
- b. Specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing Sexual Abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, Sexual Abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.
- c. The Department shall maintain documentation that agents and investigators, whether internal or external, have completed the required specialized training in conducting Sexual Abuse investigations.

Provision (b): The facility confirmed in its PAQ that investigators have received specialized training covering key areas, including techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper application of Miranda and Garrity protocols, collection of sexual abuse evidence in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence necessary to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.

Investigative staff verified the accuracy of this report.

Furthermore, as stated in Provision (a), investigative staff affirmed their attendance at the required training and confirmed their compliance with all training requirements.

Provision (c): The facility has reported in the PAQ that the agency maintains comprehensive documentation verifying that its investigators have successfully completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations. Investigative staff have reviewed and confirmed this documentation. At present, the facility employs three investigators, all of whom have completed the NIC Course Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting, ensuring they possess the necessary expertise to conduct thorough and compliant investigations.

Provision (d): The Auditor shall not be obligated to examine, review, or audit this

	<p>provision as part of their duties. No assurance or certification shall be required in relation to this provision, and the Auditor shall bear no responsibility for its accuracy, completeness, or compliance.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.35 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Training Curriculum for Health Services Staff • Training Certificates for Mental Health Services Staff • Training Certificates for Medical Services Staff • Contractor PREA Acknowledgement Statements • Health Services Personnel File Audits <p>• INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Facility Head</p> <p>During the interview process, the Facility Head confirmed that medical and mental health care practitioners had received both general and specialized PREA training.</p> <p>Medical Staff</p> <p>During the interview process, medical personnel confirmed that they had completed both the general PREA training and specialized PREA training tailored for medical and mental health practitioners.</p> <p>Mental Health Staff</p> <p>During the interview process, mental health personnel confirmed that they had received both general PREA training and specialized PREA training tailored for</p>

medical and mental health practitioners.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

During the interview process, the PCM verified that medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency/facility receive the training mandated for all employees under §115.31.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility has reported, through the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ), that the agency maintains a policy regarding the training of medical and mental health practitioners who work regularly in its facilities. At this facility, twenty-seven medical and mental health care practitioners have received the training mandated by agency policy. A thorough review of the provided lesson plan and training materials confirms compliance with this requirement. Additionally, the Auditor verified that all training standards have been met through an assessment of training certifications and the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 23, 5 indicates GDC and contracted medical and mental health staff members will be trained annually. Proof of training will be maintained in the employee training file. In addition to the specialized training, these same employees are required to attend GDC's annual PREA in-service training.

Provision (b): N/A - Facility medical staff are prohibited by policy from conducting forensic examinations on sexual abuse victims. The Department of Corrections contracts with Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) to perform forensic exams for all Georgia correctional facilities.

Provision (c): The facility has confirmed through the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) that the agency maintains documentation verifying that all medical and mental health practitioners have completed the required training. In alignment with Provision (a), the Auditor has reviewed training certifications and conducted staff interviews, confirming that all medical and mental health personnel have met the prescribed training requirements. As mandated, the facility retains all relevant training documentation in individual employee files.

Provision (d): The facility indicated in the PAQ that medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency receive the same mandated training as employees, contractors, and volunteers. This statement was corroborated through interviews with medical and mental health staff, confirming compliance with the required training protocols.

Medical and mental health practitioners reported receiving both specialized training and general PREA training. The auditor reviewed 7 personnel records of health services staff, all of which indicated completion of general PREA training.

	<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.41	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • GDC, SOP 208.06. Attachment 2, Revised 06-23-2022. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number 220.09 Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders • Inmate Initial Risk Assessment Records • Inmate Risk 30-Day Reassessment Records <p>• INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PREA Coordinator (PC)</p> <p>Through the interview process the PC indicated medical staff, mental health staff, classification staff and the PCM have access to the screening information collected during intake. All information is limited to a need-to-know basis for staff, only for the purpose of treatment, security, and management decisions, such as housing and cell assignments, as well as work, education, and programming assignments. The PC also verified the GDC does not detain inmates solely for civil immigration purposes.</p> <p>PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)</p> <p>Through the interview process the PCM acknowledged the purpose of the risk screening assessment is to make the inmate safer inside the facility. Pieces of information are collected through the risk screening instrument that when taken as a whole, can be analyzed by staff to determine if an inmate is at higher-than-average risk for sexual victimization or abusiveness. The screening information also assists the</p>

staff of the institution in keeping inmates safer by housing potentially abusive inmates in a different area than those who are potential victims.

Risk Screening Staff

Through the interview process risk screening staff indicated the initial risk screening is completed within the first 24 hours after the inmate arrives. This initial screening considers prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse. A second risk screening is completed within 30 days of the first risk screening. Additional screenings are also completed after a PREA allegation, if the inmate leaves the facility and returns to the facility, or new information becomes known regarding the possible safety of the inmate.

Transgender inmates are risk assessed within 24 hours, within the first thirty days and a minimum of every six months thereafter.

Through the interview process, risk screening staff confirmed inmates are not disciplined for refusal to answer questions during an assessment. The staff acknowledged they would verbally probe to attempt to remedy the opposition to answering any questions and then another attempt to engage the inmate would follow. However, disciplinary action is not taken if the inmate continues to choose not to respond.

Random Inmate

Through the interview process random inmates acknowledged being asked questions relative to their concern for sexual safety, and if they felt like they were in danger of being harmed. 100% of individuals interviewed remembered being asked questions about their sexual orientation, gender identity, if they had ever been sexually victimized and was this their first incarceration? They reported having their initial risk assessment within 24 hours of arriving at the facility and their 30-day risk assessment within a few weeks of arriving at the facility.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): On the PAQ the facility reported there is a policy that requires screening (upon admission to a facility or transfer to another facility) for risk of sexual abuse victimization or sexual abusiveness toward other inmates. This was verified by the PCM.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 23, D, 1. The policy states all inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates.

Through the interview process, 100% of the random inmates interviewed indicated they had participated in a risk assessment within the first 24 hours of arrival. Further, 100% of the inmates interviewed indicated they were reassessed within several

weeks of arrival. When asked, 100% of the inmates remembered being asked questions about their sexual orientation, gender identity, if they had ever been sexually victimized and was this their first incarceration.

The Auditor requested assessment and reassessments for all 32 random inmates interviewed, there were four targeted inmates identified, the Auditor reviewed inmate records.

The Auditor requested the facility submit all assessments and reassessments for inmates admitted to the facility since the first day of the on-site audit, October 20, 2025. The facility provided inmate records for review, all assessment were complete upon arrival and all reassessments were completed within 30 days of arrival.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that policy states inmates are screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of abusing other inmates within 24 hours of arrival. The Risk Screening Staff verified this.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 23-24, D, 2, indicates Counseling staff members will conduct a screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness in SCRIBE using SCRIBE's version of Attachment 2, PREA Sexual Victim/Sexual Aggressor Classification Screening Instrument. This screening will be conducted within 24 hours of arrival at the facility and again within 30 days of arrival. Information from this assessment will be used to determine classification decisions with the goal of keeping separate inmates at elevated risk of being sexually victimized from those at elevated risk of being sexually abusive.

Note: The results of the risk assessment should not hinder classification opportunities.

As stated in policy, counseling staff members conduct screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness. All individuals who conduct risk assessments acknowledged they are completed within 24 hours of the inmate's arrival and then again within 30-days of arrival. The inmates acknowledged during interviews they had participated in a risk assessment upon arrival and had been reassessed within several weeks after the initial assessment.

The Auditor reviewed the PAQ which indicated in the past 12 months, 100% of 446 inmates were screened for the risk of sexual victimization or sexual abusiveness within 72 hours of their entry into the facility. While the PAQ states 72 hours, the policy and practice of the facility is for inmates to be screened for risk of sexual victimization or sexual abusiveness within 24 hours of their entry into the facility. In a review of initial risk assessments all had been completed within 24 hours of arrival.

A list of inmates' arrival dates and dates of evaluation demonstrate compliance with this standard. From the roster of inmates, the Auditor chose twenty inmate records to review. The records were for inmates from varying housing units, ethnic and racial backgrounds. The names were chosen from a complete alpha roster of inmates. The

Auditor went down the list and randomly chose names, in no order or sequence, from the roster.

Provision (c): On the PAQ the facility reported the risk assessment is conducted using an objective screening instrument. The Auditor reviewed a copy of the intake form and screening assessment form. Staff members who conduct Intake screenings utilize SOP 208.06. Attachment 2, Revised 06-23-2022 Screening Form. The inmate is reassessed within thirty days, after the initial meeting.

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A review of the GDC, SOP 208.06. Attachment 2, Revised 06-23-2022, indicates the instrument is weighted and scored based upon responses to specific questions required in the Standard. Attachment 2 asks the questions required by the Standard and is a satisfactory assessment tool. Questions one through eight addresses the vulnerability of the inmate, and questions nine through fourteen addresses the possible sexual aggressiveness of the inmate. It adheres to the minimum criteria in the standard, as outlined in Provision (d).

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that their risk screening instrument includes all the elements of this provision. The risk screening staff verified this. Additionally, the Auditor reviewed the risk screening document, GDC, SOP 208.06. Attachment 2, Revised 06-23-2022.

The risk screening instrument does not address the question of detaining inmates solely for civil immigration purposes. However, the agency does not detain inmates solely for civil immigration purposes in any of their facilities. This was confirmed by the PC during the interview process. Therefore, for all intents and purposes the risk screening instrument includes the elements of this provision.

The Auditor reviewed the risk screening instrument. It included the following items:

1. Is the inmate a former victim of institutional (prison or jail) rape or sexual assault?
2. Is the inmate 25 years old or younger or 60 years old or older?
3. Is the inmate small in physical stature? (BMA <18.5)
4. Does the inmate have a developmental disability/mental illness (disability)/physical disability?
5. Is this the inmate's first incarceration ever (prison or jail)
6. Is or is perceived to be gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/intersex or gender non-conforming?
7. Does the inmate have a history of prior sexual victimization (sex abuse)?
8. The inmate's own perception of being vulnerable?
9. Does the inmate have a criminal history (convictions) that is exclusively non-violent?
10. Does the inmate have a conviction(s) for sex offenses against adult and/or child?
11. Does the inmate have a history of institutional (prison or jail) sexually aggressive behavior?

12. Does the inmate have a history of sexual abuse/sexual assault toward others (adult and/or children)?

13. Is the inmate's current offense sexual abuse/sexual assault toward others (adult and/or children)?

14. Does the inmate have a prior conviction(s) for violent offenses?

The scoring of the assessment is one point for each yes answer given to a question or part of a question. If a question has more than one part, then one point is given for each part of the question that is answered yes. An example would be question 4. If an inmate has a developmental disability and a physical disability, that would be a total of 2 points for the question.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that the initial risk screening considers prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive. This was confirmed by risk screening staff during the interview process. The questions referring to those things were also noted by the Auditor during the document review.

Through the interview process, risk screening staff acknowledged monitoring the inmate population, and re-assessing inmates when warranted due to a referral request, incident of sexual abuse or receipt of additional information that may have bearing on the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness.

Provision (f)

The facility reported on the PAQ that inmates are reassessed within thirty days of arrival at the facility. Additionally, the inmate will be reassessed for risk of victimization or abusiveness based on any additional relevant information received by the facility after the initial screening. This information was confirmed by the screening staff during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, specifies within a period, not to exceed 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, the inmate shall be reassessed for risk of victimization or abusiveness following receipt of any additional or relevant information received by the agency/facility since the initial intake screening.

The Auditor reviewed the PAQ which indicated that within the past 12 months, 446 inmates remained in the facility longer than 30-days from arrival. The facility reported 446 inmates were re-assessed for the risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusiveness of other inmates within 30-days of their entry into the facility.

Provision (g): On the PAQ the facility reported an inmate's risk level is reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or

abusiveness.

This was verified by the risk screening staff through the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 24, D, 2, c, indicates an inmate will also be re-screened when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of Sexual Abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.

According to the interviews with risk screening staff inmates are reassessed within 30-days of their arrival. Inmates are also reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of Sexual Abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.

Provision (h): The facility reported on the PAQ inmates are not disciplined for refusing to answer or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions asked during the assessment. This was verified by the risk screening staff during the interview process.

All individuals who conduct risk screenings acknowledged, during formal interviews and informal conversations, inmates are not disciplined for not answering questions on the risk screening instrument. They indicated they were willing to explain why the question was important and how the information obtained could help the inmate be safer, but if after explanation the inmate did not want to answer the question they would move to the next question. It was indicated they would ask the question at another time if the opportunity presented itself.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 24, D, 23, indicates, inmates should be encouraged to disclose as much information as possible for the Department to provide the most protection possible under this policy. If an inmate chooses not to respond to questions relating to his or her level of risk, the inmate may not be disciplined.

Provision (i): The facility reported on the PAQ that they control the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked during risk screening to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates.

Through a formal interview and informal conversations, the PREA Coordinator (PC) indicated medical staff, mental health staff, classification staff, intake staff and the PCM have access to the screening information collected during intake. All information is limited to a need-to-know basis for staff, and is only for the purpose of treatment, security, and management decisions, such as housing and cell assignments, as well as work, education, and programming assignments. The risk screening staff echoed this information.

	<p>The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates staff shall use appropriate controls to disseminate responses to questions asked pursuant to this plan within the units, ensuring that sensitive information is not exploited to the detriment of any inmate by staff or other inmate.</p> <p>CONCLUSION:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.42	Use of screening information
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Subject: PREA Standard 115.13, Facility PREA Staffing Plan, effective date 7/01/2023 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PREA Coordinator (PC)</p> <p>Through the interview process the PC indicated according to policy, the gender identification of each inmate is initially determined by their legal sex assignment, generally at birth; however, from that point forward every inmate is individually assessed and classified to ensure the safety of the inmate, as well as the safety of the inmate population.</p> <p>Through the interview process the PC indicated the transgender or intersex inmate’s view of their own safety is given great weight when making decisions regarding</p>

housing placement or programming assignments. Further regular classification reassessments are conducted a minimum of every six months, or if the inmate is involved in an incident of a sexual nature. Additionally, these inmates are interviewed further to determine enemies and potential or perceived threats. Housing placement and programming assignments are based on this information.

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening

Through the interview process, staff responsible for risk screening, indicated because of the assessment procedures being utilized, each inmate is individually evaluated.

Staff not only use the assessment procedures which are in place, additional consideration is given to the discussions with each individual inmate when making classification and housing decisions.

Through the interview process, staff are responsible for risk screening indicated transgender or intersex inmate's view of their own safety is taken into thoughtful consideration when determining housing placements and programming assignments. In addition, the staff who are responsible for risk screening indicated because of the assessments that are utilized, each inmate is evaluated individually.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

Through the interview process the PCM, revealed that neither the agency or facility are under a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment requiring the establishment of a dedicated facility, unit, or wing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex (LGBTI) inmates. All acknowledged that all LGBTI inmates are housed within the general population unless specific issues are present and only then the appropriate staff will meet with the inmate and address the concerns.

Through the interview process, the PCM indicated every assessment completed by staff is factored into the placement and programming of each inmate. Further, the inmate's risk levels, housing and program assignments are guided with the use of these various assessments ensuring that every inmate, especially those at elevated risk of being sexually victimized, are separated from those at considerable risk of being sexually abusive.

Transgender Inmates

At the time of the on-site audit there were zero transgender or intersex inmates in the facility to interview.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency/facility uses information from the risk screening to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive. The PCM verified this.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 24, 4, indicates the Warden/Superintendent shall designate safe housing for those offenders identified as highly vulnerable to Sexual Abuse.

Location(s) shall be identified in Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan and in Attachment 11, Staffing Plan Template.

Following a review of inmate records, the Auditor was able to verify the information from these assessments was being utilized in the various classification decisions made by staff.

Provision (b): The facility reported in the PAQ that the agency/facility makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 24-25, 5, indicates in deciding whether to assign a Transgender or Intersex offender to a male or female facility and in making other housing and programming assignments, the Department shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the offender's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems in accordance with SOP 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that in making housing and programming assignments, the facility shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement of a transgender or intersex inmate would present management or security problems.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders, effective date 7/26/2019, pp. 4-5, Section IV, 8, a-d states diagnostics staff will assist in gaining information about safe housing for transgender and intersex offenders by doing the following:

- a. Staff will conduct a classification interview for each offender to explore:
 - i. Medical and mental health issues.
 - ii. Public and institutional risk factors.
 - iii. Educational.
 - iv. Vocational.
 - v. Drug or alcohol involvement.
 - vi. Work history.

- vii. The PREA Sexual Victim/Sexual Aggressor Classification Screening.
 - viii. Any other areas pertinent to the needs and facility placement of the offender; and.
 - ix. This information shall be used to complete the Personal Data Sheet on all offenders. b. Each area will be discussed in depth to develop the Classification Profile.
 - x. c. Specific recommendations will be made by the interviewer, relating to:
 - xi. The offender's needs.
 - xii. Possible program assignments; and.
 - xiii. Housing placement.
 - d. If it is known that the offender is transgender or intersex on the sexual safety risk screening, then the diagnostics staff will complete the facility section of Attachment 1, Statewide Classification Committee (SCC) Referral Form and submit it to their Classification Committee for approval; Another policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders, effective date 7/26/2019, pp. 5-6, Section IV, 9, a-e states once the Classification Committee is notified of the offender's status, the Chairperson must ensure the following is completed:
 - a. The Classification Chairperson will review and forward the approved Statewide Classification Committee Referral Form to the PREA Unit via prea.report@gdc.ga.gov;
 - b. The Chairperson must enter the appropriate profile on the Transgender and Intersex Offender List (TIOL) in SCRIBE, which will include all intersex and transgender offenders in GDC custody;
 - c. The Classification Committee will determine, on a case-by-case basis, the most appropriate classification assignments for each transgender offender;
 - d. Transgender offenders must never be placed in dedicated units or housed only with other transgender offenders; and e. The offenders' own views with respect to their safety should be given serious consideration.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders, effective date 7/26/2019, p. 6, Section IV, 10, a-c states the GDC PREA Unit will:
- a. Ensure that the facility has entered the correct profile on the TIOL;
 - b. Arrange a private meeting with the offender in person, via video or telephone call within ten 10 business days of receiving the Statewide Classification Committee Referral Form; and

c. During the private meeting, the PREA Unit designee will complete the Transgender Questionnaire portion of the SCC Referral Form and make a recommendation to the remaining SCC Committee Members for review.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate are reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate. The risk screening staff verified this.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex offender shall be reassessed semiannually to review any threats to safety experienced by the offender.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that each transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments. The risk screening staff verified this.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders, effective date 7/26/2019, indicates a transgender or intersex offender's views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given thoughtful consideration.

Provision (f): The facility reported on the PAQ that transgender and intersex inmates are given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates. The PCM verified this.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders, effective date 7/26/2019, states offenders identified as transgender, or intersex shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other offenders.

According to the PC, PCM and the staff responsible for risk screening, each indicated the transgender or intersex inmate's views of their own safety is given sincere consideration when providing showering options. In addition, they clarified transgender or intersex inmates would be able to shower separately from other inmates by utilizing alternate shower times. As previously identified, each of the housing units has bathrooms with shower stalls that provide privacy for use by transgender inmates. The random staff who were interviewed also indicated that if a transgender or intersex inmate asked to shower separately, they would arrange a separate shower time from the other inmates. Finally transgender inmates reported being satisfied with their showering accommodations.

Provision (g): The facility reported on the PAQ that unless placement is in a dedicated

	<p>facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, the agency always refrain from placing lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status. The PC verified this.</p> <p>The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 220.09, Classification and Management of Transgender and Intersex Offenders, effective date 7/26/2019, indicates LGBTI offenders shall not be placed in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely based on this identification or status, unless the placement is in a dedicated unit wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting these offenders.</p> <p>CONCLUSION:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.43	Protective Custody
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022. <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee</p> <p>Through the interview process the facility head reported having ninety-six administrative segregation beds. Consequently, there were zero inmates at risk of sexual victimization held in involuntary segregated housing in the past twelve months. If an inmate needs to be held until transfer, they are placed in a holding cell until transportation arrives. Inmates are never placed in a holding cell overnight; the average length of time in a holding cell is 1 to 2 hours and rarely over 4 hours.</p> <p>Staff Who Supervise Inmate in Segregated Housing</p>

Staff interviewed confirmed, inmates at risk of sexual abuse are not housed in segregation. If an inmate is placed in segregation, the inmate still has access to programs and education.

The facility has 24 administrative segregation beds.

During the on-site portion of the audit, there was no inmate housed in segregation that were at risk of sexual abuse. Zero inmates could be interviewed for this standard.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency has a policy prohibiting the placement of inmate at elevated risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from abusers.

The facility reported on the PAQ that in the past twelve months there had not been any inmate placed into involuntary administrative or punitive segregation in accordance with this standard. The PCM indicated the facility does not have administrative segregation cells. Therefore, no inmate has been placed in protective custody or involuntary administrative/punitive segregation in the past twelve months for risk of sexual victimization or because they were a victim of sexual abuse.

Consequently, no inmates were interviewed relative to this standard. The Facility Head verified this.

The policy the staff were referring to on the PAQ is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates offenders at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in protective safekeeping unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and it is determined there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the assessment is not completed immediately, the staff may hold the offender in involuntary segregated housing while completing the assessment, for no longer than 24 hours.

The policy the staff were referring to on the PAQ is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 25, D, 8, a-d, indicates offenders at high risk for sexual victimization or aggression shall not be placed in involuntary segregation based solely on that determination unless a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. This placement, including the concern for the offender's safety, must be noted in SCRIBE case notes with documentation of why no alternative means of separation can be arranged.

a. Offenders placed in segregation will receive services in accordance with SOP

209.06, Administrative Segregation.

b. The facility shall assign such offenders to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days.

c. If offenders placed in segregated housing for this purpose have restricted access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, then the facility shall document: 1) the opportunities that have been limited, 2) the duration of the limitation, and 3) the reasons for such limitations.

d. Every 30 days, the facility shall conduct and document a review for each such offender to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

Provision (b): Inmates placed in segregated housing for risk of sexual victimization have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible. If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, the facility shall document: (1) The opportunities that have been limited; (2) The duration of the limitation; and (3) The reasons for such limitations.

Provision (c): The facility assigns such inmates to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days.

Provision (d): If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made (a) of this section, the facility clearly document: (1) The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety; and (2) The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged.

Provision (e): Every 30 days, the facility affords each inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.51	Inmate reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022
- Offender PREA Brochure (English and Spanish)
- Hotline Dialing Instructions
- Staff Guide on Prevention and Reporting of Sexual Misconduct with Offenders
- Hotline Numbers

OBSERVATIONS

During the on-site portion of the audit, the Auditor observed different PREA posters in both English and Spanish throughout the facility. The posters could be easily read, and it was easy to understand the verbiage. The text size and physical placement would accommodate most readers such as visually impaired and physically disable inmates. Posters were free of graffiti, damaged or missing. The Auditor verified the accuracy of reporting phone number by placing calls. These posters were observed in each housing unit, communal areas, main hallways, intake holding area, dining room, etc., accessible to staff, inmates, visitors, contractor, and volunteers.

The Auditor checked numerous inmate telephones throughout the facility, and all were in working order and readily available in each housing unit. Each phone that was evaluated was in working order and could be used to call out. The Auditor placed 4 calls to the GDC PREA Unit and received a confirmation email.

Detainees should put their mail in the mailbox before 8:30 A.M. on the day they want it to leave the facility. Mail is collected each weekday, except on observed State/ Federal holidays.

Indigent detainees may request postage three postage stamps for items of personal correspondence per week. Sufficient postage will be provided for legal mail of indigent detainees. (Indigent detainees are considered those account has had a balance of less than \$5.00 prior to the request for assistance). Deductions will be made from any future funds the detainee may receive to reimburse the account for the assistance provided.

During the site tour, the Auditor had informal conversations with staff, contractors, and inmates regarding reporting procedures. All were aware of numerous ways to report an allegation of sexual abuse and harassment; most inmates said they would report to a staff member of the Warden.

The Auditor observed the hard copy records storage room; inmates are not allowed in this area. A list of staff authorized to enter the room was posted at the entrance. The Auditor tested that the records room was locked. Electronic records are stored in the SCRIBE database; this information is password and has user ID restrictions.

INTERVIEWS

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

Throughout the interview process the PCM reported inmates could report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity. Inmates can report to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Office of Victim Services, as a reporting entity that is outside of the facility/agency.

Random Staff

Throughout the interview process the staff acknowledged they would accept a report or allegation from the inmate and provide it to their supervisor for further direction. They each also indicated inmates can report in diverse ways which includes telling a staff member, calling the PREA telephone number posted throughout the facility, or telling a family member.

Inmates can report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties.

Through the interview process, staff acknowledged there are multiple methods for staff to privately report sexual abuse of inmates were identified. All staff indicated they may choose to make a private report to their supervisor, another supervisor, PCM, or PC.

Random and Targeted Inmates

Through the interview process the inmates reported they were aware of multiple ways to report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. These included using the hotline number, contacting the PCM, having family members contact the institution, contacting a staff member.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency provides multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report:

Sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

This was verified by the PCM during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 26, E, 1, a-b, indicates the following:

a. Offenders may make a report of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment, or retaliation

by any of the following methods: in writing, or verbally, through internal or external methods available. Offenders shall be encouraged to report allegations immediately and directly to a staff member. All reports will be promptly documented and investigated. Offenders may choose to report these allegations anonymously.

b. The Department may choose to maintain a Sexual Abuse hotline, currently known as the "PREA hotline." Hotline calls will not require the use of the offender's PIN number. Should a Sexual Abuse hotline be maintained, monitoring of this line will be the responsibility of the OPS, with immediate oversight by the Department's PREA Coordinator or designee.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency provides at least one way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency. This was confirmed by the PCM during the interview process.

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, E, 2, a, i-iii, indicates third party reports may be made to:

1. The Ombudsman's Office at P.O. Box 1529, Forsyth, GA 31029, 478-992-5358;

ii. By email to the PREA Coordinator at PREA.report@gdc.ga.gov; and;

iii. State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Office of Victim Services, 2 Martin Luther King Drive, S.E. Balcony Level, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

The Ombudsman Office and the PREA Coordinator Office are both part of the agency. The State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Office of Victim Services, is not part of the agency.

The facility does not detain inmates solely for civil immigration purposes.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that staff accepts reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties. The staff promptly documents any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This was verified by the random staff during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, E, 2, b, indicates staff members shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, and from third parties and shall promptly document any verbal reports.

Provision (d): The PAQ indicates the agency provides a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. This was verified by the PCM during the interview process.

	<p>The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, E, 2, c, staff members shall forward all reports or suspicions of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment to their immediately supervisor or the designated SART member promptly.</p> <p>Staff Guide on Prevention and Reporting of Sexual Misconduct with Offenders is a good resource for the staff, outlining what to do and how to do it.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.52	Exhaustion of administrative remedies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Random Staff</p> <p>Through the interview process with staff, it was reported allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Random Inmates</p> <p>Through formal interviews and informal conversations with inmates, it was reported allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues. This was verified by staff during the interview process. If a grievance form is received with a PREA allegation on it, it is treated as a written report and is forwarded immediately for investigation. However, it does not</p>

	<p>proceed through the grievance process.</p> <p>The policy related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, E, 3, indicates allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues. They should be reported in accordance with methods outlined in this policy.</p> <p>Provision (b): N/A - As stated in Provision (a) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Provision (c): N/A - As stated in Provision (a) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Provision (d): N/A - As stated in Provision (a) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Provision (e): N/A - As stated in Provision (a) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Provision (f): N/A - As stated in Provision (a) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>Provision (g): N/A - As stated in Provision (a) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are not grievable issues.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.53	Inmate access to outside confidential support services
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior

Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022

- PREA Inmate Information Guide Brochure, undated.
- Hotline Numbers posting
- Outside Confidential Support Services Agency Information postings contact information NA
- Inmate Intake Package

OBSERVATIONS

During the tour of the facility, the Auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility in living units, work areas, programming areas, and the visitation area. The PREA Hotline Numbers are posted near telephones for ease of access. Two of the PREA hotline numbers are internal GDC hotline numbers. Posters were printed in English and Spanish. The text and placement of the posters were accessible to average height inmates, the font size was large enough for inmates with low vision disability to read, all signage was free of graffiti, and the Auditor did not observe any signage that was torn or ripped off.

Signage posted was easily read and accessible to inmates, staff, contractors, volunteers, and visitors. Language was clear and easy to understand.

The Auditor also placed calls to the PREA Unit Hotline number from different inmate phones.

During the tour of the facility, the Auditor evaluated multiple inmate telephones to ensure they worked. Each time the telephones functioned appropriately and a call to the outside support agency was made without difficulty. The Auditor was able to reach the Outside Confidential Support Services Agency. The Auditor was not required to provide any identifying information to call out to the agency. When the call was answered, no personal information was required to speak with an advocate.

The Auditor had informal conversations with staff and inmate regarding reporting methods. All interviewed could name several ways to report and inmates were aware of how to access the outside advocate service.

The Auditor informally interviewed the mail room staff; the mail process is as follows:

OUTGOING MAIL: Detainee's mail should be sealed and have correct postage on it before being placed in the dormitory mailbox. The correct return address is also required on each out-going envelope. Letters with outside writing, except for the name/address, on the envelopes will be returned to the proper detainee.

Detainees should put their mail in the mailbox before 8:30 A.M. on the day they want it to leave the Center. Mail is collected between 8:30 and 9:00 A.M. each weekday, except on observed State/Federal holidays.

Indigent detainees may request from their counselor postage for three items of personal correspondence per week. Sufficient postage will be provided for legal mail of indigent detainees. (Indigent detainees are considered those account has had a balance of less than \$5.00 prior to the request for assistance). Deductions will be

made from any future funds the detainee may receive to reimburse the account for the assistance provided. Stamps are sold in the store for non-indigent detainees.

INTERVIEWS

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

Through informal conversations and a formal interview process the PCM indicated the facility does not have a MOU for outside victim services however, the facility has two trained staff members to provide services.

Intermediate-or-Higher-Staff

Through informal conversations and a formal interview process, intermediate-or-higher-level staff reported checking the inmate phones daily to ensure they are in working order to reach family and the outside support agency without difficulty.

Random Inmate

Through the interview process 100% of inmates indicated there was a telephone number and address available to contact the outside confidential services. They understood those limits to be if they were going to hurt themselves, if they were going to hurt someone else, or harm would come to a vulnerable person and if a crime had been or was about to be committed as part of the report.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on PAQ, that the agency/facility provides inmates with access to victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse.

According to the Hotline Number posting, this call is free. Calls can be made anonymously and does not require the inmate to leave identifying information. The line is a 24-hour crisis line, which is monitored and recorded. This number can be called to secure emotional support services for sexual victimization past and present.

The policy which is related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 17, B, e, indicates the Institution PREA Compliance Manager, under the direction of the Warden/Superintendent, shall attempt to enter into agreement, or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with a rape crisis center to make available a victim advocate to inmates alleging Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment upon request. If the facility cannot do so, efforts must be documented, and local staff shall be identified and specially trained to provide this service. If a MOU is entered, the contact information for the provider, including mailing addresses and telephone numbers (including toll-free hotline numbers where available) will be posted in all areas accessible to inmates. In addition, the facility will include in this posting information the extent to which such communications will be allowed and monitored. Documentation of training must be maintained by the

employee's manager and made available to the local PREA Compliance Manager upon request. The facility advocate must ensure completion of Attachment 12, PREA Victim Advocate Request Form on all allegations of Sexual Harassment or Sexual Abuse. Note: Any agreement must be approved through the Legal Services Office prior to implementation.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that it informs inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

During inmate interviews, 100% of the inmates acknowledged there were limits to confidentiality with the information provided. The inmates acknowledged that if they disclosed information regarding intent to hurt themselves or others or if they disclosed information with regard to a crime being committed, such as the suspected abuse or neglect. Staff would be legally bound to report what they had been told to law enforcement.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 18, B, f, indicates victim advocates from the community used by the facility shall be pre-approved through the appropriate screening process and subject to the same requirements as contractors and volunteers who have contact with inmates. The victim advocate serves as emotional and broad support, navigating the inmate through the treatment, evidence collection, and investigation process. The victim advocate has access to the inmate like that of medical staff at the facility.

Victim advocates are not authorized to make decisions regarding inmate care or interfere with escort, security, or investigation procedures that are deemed necessary by the facility/investigator.

Provision (c): On the PAQ the facility reported it does not have an outside advocate service to provide inmates with emotional support services related to sexual abuse, past and present. The facility has three trained staff members to provide advocate services.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.54	Third-party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022
- GDC PREA Offender Brochure
- GDC Website <https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-PREA>

OBSERVATIONS

During the tour of the facility, the Auditor observed PREA information posted throughout the facility in living units, work areas, programming areas, and the visitation area. The PREA Hotline Numbers are posted near telephones for ease of access. Two of the PREA hotline numbers are internal GDC hotline numbers. Posters were printed in English and Spanish. The text and placement of the posters were accessible to average height inmates, the font size was large enough for inmates with low vision disability to read, all signage was free of graffiti, and the Auditor did not observe any signage that was torn or ripped off.

Signage posted was easily read and accessed to inmates, staff, contractors, volunteers, and visitors. Language was clear and easy to understand.

The Auditor also placed calls to the PREA Unit Hotline number from different inmate phones.

During the tour of the facility, the Auditor evaluated multiple inmate telephones to ensure they worked. Each time the telephones functioned appropriately and a call to the outside support agency was made without difficulty.

The Auditor had informal conversations with staff and inmate regarding reporting methods. All interviewed could name several ways to report and inmates were aware of how to access the outside advocate service.

The Auditor informally interviewed the mail room staff; the mail process is as follows:

OUTGOING MAIL: Detainee's mail should be sealed and have correct postage on it before being placed in the mailbox. The correct return address is also required on each out-going envelope. Letters with outside writing, except for the name/address, on the envelopes will be returned to the proper detainee.

Detainees should put their mail in the mailbox before 8:30 A.M. on the day they want it to leave the Center. Mail is collected between 8:30 and 9:00 A.M. each weekday, except on observed State/Federal holidays.

Indigent detainees may request from their counselor postage for three items of

personal correspondence per week. Sufficient postage will be provided for legal mail of indigent detainees. (Indigent detainees are considered those account has had a balance of less than \$5.00 prior to the request for assistance). Deductions will be made from any future funds the detainee may receive to reimburse the account for the assistance provided. Stamps are sold in the store for non -indigent detainees.

INTERVIEWS

Random Inmates

Through the interview process the inmates indicated they were aware of third-party reporting and would use it if necessary. The facility/agency publicly distributes information on how to report resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of residents.

Provision (a): On the PAQ the facility reported the facility/agency provides a method to receive third-party reports of resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The methods provided are listed in the GDC Resident Brochure, undated and on the agency’s website <https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-PREA>.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 26-27, E. 2, a, i-iii, indicates third party reports may be made to:

- i. The Ombudsman’s Office at P.O. Box 1529, Forsyth, GA 31029, 478-992-5358.
- ii. By email to the PREA Coordinator at PREA.report@gdc.ga.gov; and
- iii. State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Office of Victim Services, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E., Balcony Level, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

The website, offender brochure and Reporting is the First Step posted notices assist third party reporters in reporting allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The random inmates (100%) interviewed indicated they were aware of third-party reporting methods.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.61	Staff and agency reporting duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022

OBSERVATIONS

During the site tour, staff participated in informal interviews where they articulated the various ways available for reporting sexual abuse and harassment. They confirmed that reporting information was readily accessible to them. However, all staff stated that, if faced with such a situation, they would report directly to their immediate supervisor.

INTERVIEWS

PREA Coordinator (PC)

During the interview process, the PC affirmed that the facility ensures all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including those made by third parties or anonymously, are promptly reported to the designated investigators.

Facility Head or Designee

During the interview process, the Facility Head affirmed awareness of the requirement to report abuse allegations to the appropriate agency, in accordance with legal mandates, as well as to the PCM and agency investigators. Staff members are obligated to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment occurring within a facility, regardless of its affiliation with the agency. This reporting directive also applies to instances of retaliation or staff neglect in connection with sexual abuse or harassment.

Medical and Mental Health Practitioners

During the interview process, medical and mental health professionals demonstrated a clear understanding of the requirement to promptly report any allegations of sexual abuse. Everyone articulated their comprehension of the policy, their rights, and their responsibilities. They also acknowledged their obligation to inform the victim (inmate) about the limitations of confidentiality, as mandated by the mandatory reporting law, prior to initiating services.

Random Staff

During the interview process, staff demonstrated a clear understanding of the requirement to immediately report allegations of sexual abuse in compliance with established policies. Each staff member articulated that information received from a victim must remain confidential, shared only with personnel who have a legitimate

need to know, such as supervisors or medical staff. They emphasized that disclosing details related to a sexual abuse report is strictly prohibited unless necessary for treatment, investigation, security, or management purposes. Furthermore, all staff (100%) confirmed that PREA-related allegations and reports are directed to the PCM, who is responsible for notifying the investigative team.

The facility reported in the PAQ that the agency mandates all staff to promptly report any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment occurring within a facility, regardless of whether the facility is part of the agency. This requirement also extends to reporting instances of retaliation or staff neglect related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The Facility Head confirmed this directive through the interview process.

The policy related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, E, 2, c, indicates staff members shall forward all reports or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to their immediate supervisor or the designated SART member promptly. Staff members shall immediately report, according to policy, any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurs; retaliation against offenders or staff who reported an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Provisions:

Provision (b): According to the PAQ, facility staff strictly adhere to confidentiality protocols regarding sexual abuse reports. Except for disclosures required by agency policy to facilitate treatment, investigation, security, or management decisions, staff refrain from discussing any related information beyond designated supervisors or officials. Compliance with this policy was confirmed through interviews with randomly selected staff members.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 24, 3, NOTE, indicates staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than designated supervisors or officials, and only to the extent necessary to make informed treatment, investigative, security, and management decisions.

Provision (c): The facility indicated in the PAQ that medical and mental health practitioners are required to inform inmates, at the initiation of services, about the practitioner's duty to report and the limitations of confidentiality. This requirement was confirmed during interviews with medical and mental health practitioners.

Mandatory Reporting Policy Unless otherwise precluded by federal, state, or local law, medical and mental health practitioners are required to report instances of sexual abuse at the initiation of services. Practitioners must also inform offenders of their

duty to report and provide a clear explanation of the limitations of confidentiality. This policy is designed to ensure compliance with legal mandates while maintaining transparency with individuals seeking care.

Provision (d): If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or qualifies as a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, the facility shall report the allegation in accordance with applicable mandatory reporting laws. The agency ensures that such reports are directed to the designated State or local services agency. Compliance with this reporting requirement was verified through the interview process with the Facility Head.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from offenders before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the offender is under the age of 18. If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, the agency shall report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting Laws.

Provision (e): The facility has confirmed, through the PAQ, that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment—including those submitted by third parties and anonymous sources—are promptly reported to the facility's designated investigator. This process was verified by the PREA Coordinator through the interview process, ensuring compliance with reporting protocols.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates all staff members shall immediately report, according to policy, any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurs; retaliation against offenders or staff who reported an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Conclusion:

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022, attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan

INTERVIEWS

Facility Head or Designee

During the interview process, the Facility Head affirmed that immediate measures would be taken to ensure the safety of the victim (inmate). Depending on the circumstances, this could involve relocating the victim to a different area within the facility or transferring them to another facility entirely. If the perpetrator is identified, they will be placed in an administrative holding cell until arrangements for their transfer are finalized.

Random Staff

During the interview process, staff confirmed that upon receiving an allegation from an inmate, they would take immediate action to ensure the safety and well-being of those involved. Their priority would be to protect the inmate by promptly separating the victim from the alleged perpetrator. Additionally, staff would safeguard the victim, notify their supervisor, and take steps to preserve any relevant evidence.

Provisions

Provision (a): The facility has affirmed, as reported on the PAQ, that it maintains a proactive approach in safeguarding inmates from substantial risks of imminent sexual abuse. In instances where such risks are identified, the agency/facility commits to taking immediate and appropriate action to ensure the inmate's safety. Notably, within the past twelve months, the agency/facility has reported zero determinations of inmates being subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. This indicates either the absence of such threats within the facility or the effectiveness of preventative measures currently in place.

This information was validated through both structured interviews and casual discussions with various staff members, including the Facility Head.

The provision is addressed by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard

	<p>Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan provides a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership. When the agency/facility learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse it takes immediate action to protect the inmate.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.63	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Agency Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process, the Agency Head Designee affirmed that any notification regarding a PREA incident—whether it involves sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or staff sexual misconduct occurring within any facility—will be thoroughly investigated in accordance with the guidelines established by the GDC.</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process, the Facility Head emphasized that any allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment received from another agency is promptly assigned for investigation. Additionally, when an inmate reports sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred at a different facility, the Facility Head ensures that the facility where the incident occurred is notified as soon as possible, and always within 72 hours.</p>

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported in the PAQ that, upon receiving an allegation of sexual abuse involving an inmate confined at another facility, the head of the receiving facility promptly notifies the head of the facility or the appropriate agency office where the alleged abuse occurred. Over the past twelve months, the facility reported receiving zero such allegations. This information has been verified by the Facility Head.

The policy which is related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, 2, a, indicates in cases where there is an allegation that Sexual Abuse occurred at another Department facility, the Warden/Superintendent (or his/her designee) of the victim's current facility will provide notification to the Warden/Superintendent of the institution where the allegation allegedly occurred and the Department's PREA Coordinator. In cases alleging Sexual Abuse by Staff at another institution, the Warden/Superintendent of the offender's current facility refers the matter directly to the Regional SAC and the Department's PREA Coordinator. For non-Department facilities, the Warden/Superintendent will notify the appropriate office of the facility where the abuse allegedly occurred and the Department's PREA Coordinator.

Provision (b): The facility has reported, in accordance with the PAQ, that agency policy mandates the Facility Head to provide notification at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 72 hours following the receipt of an allegation. The Facility Head has verified compliance with this requirement.

The policy that is related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28, 2, b, indicates such notification shall be provided as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

Provision (c): The facility has documented, as reported on the PAQ, that it provides notification within 72 hours of receiving an allegation. However, the facility confirmed that no such notifications were required in the past twelve months. The Facility Head has verified this record.

As outlined in Provision (b), the policy mandates that any inmate allegation of sexual abuse, occurring while confined at another facility, must be reported to the Facility Head of the facility where the alleged abuse took place within 72 hours of receiving the allegation.

The provision is addressed by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28, 2, b & c, indicates such notification shall be provided as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation and the facility shall

	<p>document that it has provided such notification.</p> <p>Provision (d): As reported in the PAQ, the facility's policy mandates that any allegations received from other facilities or agencies are investigated in accordance with PREA standards. Over the past twelve months, the facility has reported receiving zero allegations of sexual abuse from another facility involving an inmate who was abused while housed at this facility.</p> <p>This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28, 2, d, indicates the facility head or Department office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated only if a previous investigation did not occur.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.64	Staff first responder duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Security Staff - First Responders</p> <p>During the interview process, security staff first responders affirmed their training in the PREA procedures, citing annual in-service sessions, on-the-job instruction, and staff meetings as key components of their education.</p> <p>Non-Security First Responders</p>

During the interview process, non-security staff expressed their understanding of critical response procedures. They stated that, in such situations, they would promptly notify security staff, ensure the separation of the victim and the perpetrator, and instruct both parties to preserve any potential evidence by refraining from any actions that might compromise it. Additionally, they emphasized their commitment to maintaining scene security until security personnel arrived. Furthermore, they acknowledged the importance of confidentiality in all cases, demonstrating a clear understanding of its necessity.

Random Staff

Throughout the interview process, staff consistently demonstrated their ability to clearly articulate to the Auditor the step-by-step procedures for responding to a PREA incident. All staff understood the critical mandate to separate the perpetrator from the victim, preserve physical evidence—including securing the area where the incident occurred—seek medical assistance when necessary, and promptly report the incident.

Inmates Who Reported Sexual Abuse

During the on-site audit, zero inmates reported allegations of sexual abuse.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility has reported, as indicated in the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ), that the agency maintains a first responder policy specifically addressing allegations of sexual abuse. This policy outlines the immediate actions required to safeguard victims, secure evidence, and ensure a timely and appropriate response in accordance with agency protocols and legal obligations.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28, 3, indicates each facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of Sexual Abuse among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership. This plan will be kept current and include names and telephone numbers of coordinating parties and be a part of Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan.

Another policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 27, F, 1, indicates First Responder, and Department reporting duties are as follows:

- a. Response protocols shall follow the guidelines outlined in Attachment 7, Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan.
- b. The PREA Unit will be notified of all allegations within two (2) working days after

receiving the allegations via PREA.report@gdc.ga.gov using Attachment 10, PREA Initial Notification Form.

After learning of an allegation that an offender was sexually abused, the first correctional officers responding to the report shall:

1. Identify, separate and secure inmates involved, if necessary.
2. Identify the crime scene and maintain the integrity of the scene for evidence gathering.
3. Notify a shift supervisor of the incident as soon as practical.
4. Do not allow any inmates involved to shower, wash, drink, brush teeth, eat, defecate, urinate, or change clothes until examined if doing so could be expected to destroy biological, forensic, or physical evidence related to such sexual abuse.
5. Promptly document incident on CN 6601, Incident Report and forward to a shift supervisor in accordance with Administrative Directive 6.6, Reporting of Incidents.
6. Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.

According to the PAQ, over the past twelve months, there have been one reported allegations of sexual abuse involving inmates.

Provision (b): In accordance with the facility's PAQ report, if the initial staff responder is not a security personnel, they shall be required to instruct the alleged victim to refrain from any actions that may compromise or destroy physical evidence.

Among the reported allegations of sexual abuse involving inmates within the past twelve months, there were zero instances where a non-security staff member acted as the initial responder.

Auditor's Review of PREA Training Curriculum

The PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) training curriculum has been designed to ensure that all facility staff, volunteers, and contractors are adequately prepared to respond effectively to incidents of sexual abuse or assault. One of the key elements of this training is the designation of the first recipient of information regarding an incident as a First Responder. This designation applies to any staff member, volunteer, or contractor who is the initial point of contact for such disclosures.

As First Responders, these individuals are trained to follow a structured protocol to maintain the integrity of the response and ensure the safety of all parties involved. Their responsibilities include:

Isolating and containing the situation to prevent further harm or escalation.

	<p>Securing the scene to preserve any physical evidence that may be critical to the investigation.</p> <p>Separating the alleged victim from the alleged perpetrator to prevent further contact and ensure safety.</p> <p>Removing all uninvolved parties to minimize interference with the response process.</p> <p>Relaying pertinent observations to the Shift Supervisor or PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) in a timely and accurate manner.</p> <p>This systematic approach reinforces the importance of immediate and decisive action in responding to incidents of sexual abuse. The PREA training curriculum ensures that all individuals in the facility—regardless of their role—are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to uphold the facility’s commitment to safety, dignity, and compliance with PREA standards.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.65	Coordinated response
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Facility Head</p> <p>During the interview process, the Facility Head confirmed that the coordinated response plan clearly outlines the specific responsibilities assigned to each staff</p>

member and position. To ensure preparedness and adherence to the plan, training is conducted regularly through annual in-service programs, monthly staff meetings, and on-the-job training sessions.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): Institutional Response Plan: The facility has reported, as documented in the PAQ, the development of a comprehensive written institutional plan designed to coordinate actions among staff, first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership in response to incidents of sexual abuse. This plan ensures a structured and effective approach to addressing such incidents, promoting safety, accountability, and support for those affected. The Facility Head has verified the existence and implementation of this plan.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28, 3, indicates each facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of Sexual Abuse among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership. This plan will be kept current and include names and telephone numbers of coordinating parties and be a part of Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan.

Another policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan, Revised 06-23-2022, is a two page document and the purpose of the document is to provide a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators and facility leadership. This plan provides contact information for everyone who will need to be notified during the reporting and investigating of a PREA allegation. It breaks down the reporting duties into 15 steps, which are well thought out and measurable. It takes into consideration victimization screening, safe housing and identifying "at risk" inmates in the facility.

Conclusion:

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

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Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEW</p> <p>Agency Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process, the Agency Head Designee clarified that the State of Georgia does not engage in collective bargaining.</p> <p>PROVISIONS</p> <p>Provision (a): The facility, as reported on the PAQ, confirms that the State of Georgia does not engage in collective bargaining. This statement has been verified by the Agency Head Designee.</p> <p>Provision (b): Auditors shall not be obligated to review, verify, or audit the contents of this provision as part of their responsibilities.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>

115.67	<p>Agency protection against retaliation</p>
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • GDC, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Attachment 8,

Retaliation Monitoring Checklist, effective date 6/23/2022

- Montgomery State Prison PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan

INTERVIEWS

Agency Head or Designee

Retaliation monitoring is conducted for a period of 90 days following an allegation. The monitoring begins on the day the allegation is made and continues for the full duration unless the allegation is deemed unfounded, in which case monitoring may cease. Any individual associated with the allegation who expresses concerns about potential retaliation will be included in the monitoring process to ensure their safety and well-being.

Facility Head or Designee

The Facility Head emphasized that multiple measures are in place to safeguard both inmates and staff from retaliation. These protective steps include closely monitoring any changes in housing assignments, work placements, or an increase in disciplinary reports for inmates. Similarly, staff members are observed for signs of retaliation, such as negative performance evaluations or sudden work reassignments. The team responsible for overseeing retaliation concerns echoed these assurances, reinforcing the commitment to maintaining a fair and secure environment.

Retaliation Monitor

During the interview process, the Retaliation Monitor emphasized that retaliation is taken very seriously at the facility. Staff and inmates are consistently reminded that they can discuss the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) without fear of retaliation. While retaliation monitoring primarily focuses on the victims of alleged abuse, any individual who cooperates with an investigation and expresses concerns about retaliation will also be monitored to ensure their safety.

Retaliation monitoring is conducted for a period of 90 days from the date of the allegation, with extensions applied as needed. This process includes at least one monthly status check on the monitored individual, ensuring thorough oversight. Each status check is formally documented using Attachment 8, the Retaliation Monitoring Checklist. Over the past twelve months, there have been zero reported instances of retaliation.

Inmates in Segregated Housing for Risk of Sexual Abuse

During the on-site audit, the facility confirmed that no inmates were housed in segregation due to concerns of sexual victimization or allegations of sexual abuse.

Inmates who Reported Sexual Abuse

During the on-site audit, the facility reported zero inmates who disclosed incidents of sexual abuse.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): Protection Against Retaliation The facility has reported, through the PAQ, that the agency has established a comprehensive policy to safeguard all inmates and staff who report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, or who cooperate with related investigations, from retaliation by other inmates or staff.

Furthermore, the agency/facility has designated specific staff members or departments responsible for monitoring potential retaliation. This monitoring process is implemented for a minimum duration of 90 days, with the possibility of extension if deemed necessary. The Retaliation Monitor has verified the effectiveness and enforcement of these protective measures.

The facility has officially appointed multi-functional officers as the Retaliation Monitor. The following policies address this provision:

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28, 4, a, indicates anyone who retaliates against a staff member or an offender who has reported an allegation of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment or who has participated in a subsequent investigation shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28-29, 4, b, indicates the Department shall protect offenders and staff members who report Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment from retaliation. The Warden/Superintendent shall designate a staff member to serve as the facility Retaliation Monitor and identify them as such in Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan. Multiple protection measures include offender housing changes or transfers, removal of alleged staff member or offender abusers from contact with victims and emotional support services for offenders or staff members who fear retaliation for reporting or for cooperating with investigations.

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28-29, 4, c, indicates the designated Retaliation Monitor shall, for at least 90 days following a report of abuse, monitor the conduct and treatment of offenders or staff members who reported the Sexual Abuse or who participated in an investigation to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation, and will act promptly to remedy any such retaliation.

Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28-29, 4, c, i-iii, indicates:

i. This monitoring will include review of any offender disciplinary reports, housing or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff members. The monitor shall make periodic in-person status checks as well. Attachment 8, Retaliation Monitoring Checklist, shall be completed for each offender monitored. The original shall be kept in a master file by the monitor and a copy placed in the SART investigation file upon completion.

ii. This monitoring will include negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff members. Attachment 8, Retaliation Monitoring Checklist, shall be completed for each employee monitored. The original shall be kept in a master file by the monitor.

iii Such monitoring shall continue beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. The obligation for monitoring will terminate if the Allegation is Unfounded.

Provision (b): The facility has documented in the PAQ that it implements multiple protection measures to safeguard inmate victims and prevent further incidents. These measures include housing adjustments or transfers for affected individuals, the removal of alleged abusers—whether staff or inmates—from any contact with victims, and access to emotional support services for those who fear retaliation due to reporting sexual abuse or harassment or cooperating with investigations.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28-29, 4, b, indicates the Department shall protect offenders and staff members who report Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment from retaliation. The Warden/Superintendent shall designate a staff member to serve as the facility Retaliation Monitor and identify them as such in Attachment 7, PREA Local Procedure Directive and Coordinated Response Plan. Multiple protection measures include offender housing changes or transfers, removal of alleged staff member or offender abusers from contact with victims and emotional support services for offenders or staff members who fear retaliation for reporting or for cooperating with investigations.

Provision (c): The facility has indicated in its PAQ that it actively monitors the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who have reported sexual abuse, as well as those who have been identified as victims of sexual abuse. This monitoring is conducted to identify any behavioral or circumstantial changes that could indicate potential retaliation by either inmates or staff. The standard monitoring period is 90 days, with the option to extend if warranted. Furthermore, the facility has reported that, in the past twelve months, there have been zero instances of retaliation. This finding has been independently verified by the Retaliation Monitor.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 28-29, 4, c, indicates the designated Retaliation Monitor shall, for at least 90 days following a report of abuse, monitor the conduct and treatment of

	<p>offenders or staff members who reported the Sexual Abuse or who participated in an investigation to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation, and will act promptly to remedy any such retaliation.</p> <p>Provision (d): The facility has reported, as indicated in the PAQ, that for inmates, retaliation monitoring includes regular status checks to ensure their safety and well-being.</p> <p>Provision (e): If any individual cooperating with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, as reported on the PAQ, the agency or facility shall implement appropriate protective measures to safeguard that individual from any form of retaliation. The policy which addresses this provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates if any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency/facility shall respond appropriately to protect that individual against retaliation.</p> <p>Provision (f): The Auditor shall have no obligation to review, examine, or audit this provision as part of any audit, assessment, or review.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.68	Post-allegation protective custody
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process, the Facility Head confirmed that, if necessary, either the</p>

abuser or the victim could be relocated to another facility.

Staff who Supervise Inmates in Segregated Housing

Staff supervising inmates in segregation have confirmed that these individuals are granted access to various programs, educational opportunities, privileges, and work assignments.

Inmates in Segregated Housing for Risk of Sexual Abuse

During the onsite portion of the audit, no inmates were housed in Segregation/ Isolation for interview.

Provision (a): Involuntary Segregated Housing for Inmates Alleging Sexual Abuse.

The facility has affirmed, as reported in the PAQ, that the agency maintains a policy prohibiting the placement of inmates who allege sexual abuse in involuntary segregated housing unless all available alternatives have been assessed and no feasible means of separation from abusers exist.

During the past twelve months:

Zero inmates were involuntarily housed for a duration between one to 24 hours while awaiting completion of assessment.

Zero inmates were held involuntarily for a period exceeding 30 days while awaiting alternative placement.

This information has been verified by Segregated Housing Staff.

The facility reported in the PAQ that, in cases where an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made, each affected inmate is provided a review every 30 days to assess whether continued separation from the general population remains necessary. The Facility Head has verified this process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 25, 8, a-d, indicates offenders at elevated risk for sexual victimization or aggression shall not be placed in involuntary segregation based solely on that determination unless a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from abusers. This placement, including the concern for the offender's safety, must be noted in SCRIBE case notes with documentation of why no alternative means of separation can be arranged.

a. Offenders placed in segregation will receive services in accordance with SOP 209.06, Administrative Segregation.

b. The facility shall assign such offenders to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days.

	<p>c. If offenders placed in segregated housing for this purpose have restricted access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, then the facility shall document: 1) the opportunities that have been limited, 2) the duration of the limitation, and 3) the reasons for such limitations.</p> <p>d. Every 30 days, the facility shall conduct and document a review for each such offender to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.71	Criminal and administrative agency investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>During the site review, the Auditor observed the secure records room where hard copy file are stored, the Auditor tested the door to ensure it was secure. Through discussion with staff that has access to the SCRIBE database, staff stated users' ID's are issued and password protected. The user ID determines what information the employee has access to review or enter into the database.</p> <p>Inmate medical information is stored in a secure location within the medical department in secure filing cabinets; medical records are also entered into the SCRIBE secure database.</p> <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PREA Coordinator (PC)</p> <p>During the interview process the PC indicated the agency retains all written reports</p>

pertaining to the administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. Additionally, most of the inmate information is stored permanently in their SCRIBE database.

Facility Head or Designee

Through the interview process the Facility Head reported in the past twelve months there were zero substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal that were referred for prosecution.

Investigative Staff

During the interview process the investigator indicated:

1. Investigations begin immediately following notification of the incident. The same protocols are used regardless of how the incident is reported, whether it is in person, telephonic-ally, verbally; third party, by mail or anonymously.
2. Confirmed attendance at the required training sessions. The Auditor reviewed the investigators training records and verified attendance and participation in all mandated training.
3. All investigations follow the same investigative format. Interviews are conducted with the victim first, then any witnesses, leaving the perpetrator for last. Protocol varies slightly if it is an alleged sexual harassment rather than an alleged sexual assault or sexual abuse.
4. If it is an alleged sexual assault or sexual abuse incident, the victim is met at the dedicated SAFE/SANE location if applicable. Except in the cases where the SAFE/SANE team collects the evidence, the investigator collects and secures all evidence.
5. Investigative staff are trained in evidence collection. The Auditor reviewed training records, which provided confirmation.
6. When the evidence appears to support a criminal act that has been committed, the agency shall conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution. The OPS-Criminal Division confirmed if the case appears to be criminal Miranda warnings are given to the person(s)
7. The credibility of anyone involved in the investigation is determined through the investigative process. Everyone is treated as credible and truthful unless the investigation proves otherwise. Polygraph is not used in the investigative process of PREA cases.
8. In administrative investigations the evidence is followed as the investigation unfolds. In following the evidence, an attempt is made to determine if staff actions or failure to act contributed to the allegation. All findings are summarized in the investigative report.

9. If the investigation uncovers evidence that a crime has been committed, the allegation is investigated by the OPS-Criminal Division

10. Confirmed that if a principle (victim or abuser) is released or terminated from the agency, it in no way alters the investigation. The investigation continues to its natural end regardless of the employment or residence of the individuals involved.

11. Confirmed the facilities cooperate with the OPS-Criminal Division and endeavor to keep the facility informed of the progress of the investigation.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)

Through the interview process the PCM indicated the agency ensures that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.

Inmates Who Reported Sexual Abuse

At the time of the onsite audit, there were zero inmates at the facility who reported sexual abuse.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the GDC has a policy related to criminal and administrative investigations. This was verified by the investigative staff during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates investigations of sexual abuse threatened sexual abuse, and sexual harassment shall be conducted promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that where sexual abuse is alleged, the agency uses investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.

The facility investigator in charge of investigating sexual abuse allegations has successfully completed the NIC Curriculum, PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting. The Auditor verified this through the completion certificate.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates investigations involving allegations of sexual abuse shall be conducted by investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to this plan.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA

evidence and any available electronic monitoring data. The investigator interviews alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses. Investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 32, 9, indicates all allegations of sexual abuse shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that when the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the agency conducts compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 32, 10, indicates substantiated allegations of conduct that are deemed criminal shall be referred for prosecution if there is enough evidence to prosecute.

Another policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 32, 11, indicates all Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment investigations shall be prompt, thorough, and objective.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as inmate or staff. The agency investigates allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 31, 8, c, indicates the credibility of the victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and will not be determined by the person's status as offender or staff member. An offender who alleges Sexual Abuse shall not be required to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.

Provision (f): The facility reported on the PAQ that administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to

the abuse.

Administrative investigations document in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates staff shall document the description of physical and testimonial evidence in the body of the report, the reasoning behind credibility assessment, and investigative facts and findings. Furthermore, whether information regarding staff action or inaction that may have contributed to the alleged abuse shall be included in the investigative report.

Provision (g): The facility reported on the PAQ that criminal investigations are documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where possible. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.

When asked about handling criminal investigations, the investigative staff reported all steps are thoroughly documented, including investigative steps, interviews, facts, and findings, up until the point the allegation is determined to be criminal in nature. When the incident rises to the level of criminal prosecution, everything is immediately turned over to the OPS-Criminal Division.

Provision (h): The facility reported on the PAQ that in the past twelve months there were zero substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal that were referred for prosecution.

Provision (i): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency retains all written reports pertaining to the administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years. This was verified by the PREA Coordinator (PC) during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates the following:

- i. if the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the Department, plus five years; or,
- ii. as long as required by State records retention policies; or,
- iii. as required by a litigation hold notice, whichever is longer.

	<p>Provision (j): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency ensures that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation. This was verified by the PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) and the investigative staff during the interview process.</p> <p>The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates the departure of the alleged assailant or victim from employment or custody of the GDC shall not be the basis for terminating an investigation.</p> <p>Provision (k): The Auditor Is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Provision (l): The facility reported on the PAQ that when outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, the facility will cooperate with the outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. However, as stated earlier, the agency does not have an outside agency or outside investigators whose job it is to investigate PREA allegations. The agency conducts all investigations administrative and criminal within the facility/agency. The investigative staff verified this during the interview process.</p> <p>The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates an outside agency is not in charge of PREA investigations.</p> <p>Investigations are all completed by the SART team.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.72	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022

INTERVIEW

Investigative Staff

Through the interview process investigative staff relayed that:

1. During an investigation, all available evidence is collected (from the victim, from the perpetrator, from the scene; interviews; etc.).
2. GDC imposes no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

PROVISION

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. This was verified by the investigative staff during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 30, G, 5, indicates no standard higher than the preponderance of evidence shall be imposed in determining if allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.73	Reporting to inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022, attachment 3, GDC PREA Disposition Offender Notification Form

INTERVIEWS

Facility Head or Designee

Through the interview process the Facility Head acknowledged when an inmate alleges that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against an inmate, if the allegation is substantiated, we will inform the inmate whenever:

1. The staff member is no longer in the inmate's housing unit;
2. The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
3. The Department learns that the staff member has been arrested on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
4. The Department learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

When there is a substantiated inmate-on-inmate allegation of sexual abuse, the facility notifies the inmate (victim) when the inmate (abuser) has been indicted, charged or convicted of the sexual abuse.

Investigative Staff

During the interview process investigative staff indicated the last step of the investigation process takes place after all findings have been determined. At the conclusion of any PREA investigation the investigator drafts an investigative report with details of how the decision was made regarding the outcome. This report is provided to the facility. The facility is then responsible for notifying the inmate of the outcome of the investigation. If it is a Criminal investigation the Criminal OPS Division is responsible for notifying the inmate and the Facility head.

Inmates Who Reported Sexual Abuse

At the time of the onsite audit, there were zero inmates remaining at the facility who reported sexual abuse. Therefore, no inmates were interviewed.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency has a policy requiring that any inmate who alleges suffering sexual abuse in an agency facility is informed, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be

substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded following an investigation by the agency. The Facility Head verified this.

The facility reported on the PAQ that there was one criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse that was completed by the agency/facility in the past 12 months.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 33, G, 17, indicates following the close of an administrative investigation into an offender's allegation that he or she suffered Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment in a Department facility, the Warden/Superintendent shall ensure the offender is notified as to whether the Allegation has been determined to be Substantiated, Unsubstantiated, Unfounded, Unsubstantiated-forwarded to OPS, Substantiated-forwarded to OPS, or not PREA. This will be completed by a member of the local SART unless appointing authority delegates to another designee. In the event an allegation is forwarded to OPS for investigation, the facility shall also notify the offender of the outcome of the OPS investigation upon completion. Such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented on Attachment 3, PREA Disposition Offender Notification Form. The Department's obligation to report under this standard shall terminate if the offender is released from the Department's custody.

Provision (b): This provision is not applicable. An outside entity does not conduct any PREA investigations. The agency/facility is responsible for conducting all administrative and criminal investigations of PREA allegations. The investigative staff verified this.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the facility shall subsequently inform the inmate (unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded) whenever:

1. the staff member is no longer in the inmate's housing unit;
2. the staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
3. the Department learns that the staff member has been arrested on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
4. the Department learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

The Facility Head verified this.

The facility reported on the PAQ that there was zero substantiated or unsubstantiated complaint of sexual abuse committed by a staff member against an inmate in the past 12 months. The Facility Head verified this.

As previously stated in provision (a), upon completion of this investigation, the facility will also be responsible for notifying the inmate(s) regarding the outcome of the investigation. This notification is completed via SOP 208.06, attachment 3, GDC PREA Disposition Offender Notification Form.

Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the facility shall subsequently inform the inmate (unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated) whenever:

1. the staff member is no longer in the inmate's housing unit;
2. the staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
3. the Department learns that the staff member has been arrested on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
4. the Department learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

During the document review the Auditor found there were zero sexual abuse allegations.

Provision (d): In provision (c) with a staff-on-inmate allegation, when there is an inmate-on-inmate allegation, the victim will be notified when:

1. the alleged assailant has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the unit; or
2. the alleged assailant has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the unit. The Facility Head Designee confirmed this.

During the document review the Auditor found seven inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse allegations. However, no allegation was determined to be substantiated.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that in the past 12 months zero inmates was provided notification, in writing, of the outcome of sexual abuse investigation, the facility had twelve allegations of sexual abuse or harassment. Completed investigations determined one staff-on-inmate sexual harassment was substantiated. The policy which relates to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022 indicates the requirement to provide offender notification shall terminate if the offender is released from the custody of the DOC.

Provision (f): Auditors are not required to audit this provision.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on

analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation.
- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022

INTERVIEW

Facility Head or Designee

Through the interview process the Facility Head indicated:

- All staff are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment or sexual misconduct policies.
- In the past twelve months, there were zero staff who have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment or sexual misconduct policies.
- In the previous twelve months there had been zero terminations or resignations of staff for violation of the agency’s sexual abuse or sexual harassment or sexual misconduct policies.
- The presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who has engaged in sexual abuse is termination.

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that facility staff are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. This was confirmed through the interview process with the Facility Head.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 33, H, 1, a, indicates staff members who engage in sexual abuse with an offender shall be banned from correctional institutions and subject to disciplinary action, with termination being the presumptive discipline, and may also be referred for criminal prosecution when appropriate.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that in the past 12 months, there was one staff from the facility that have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. In the past twelve months there have been zero staff been

terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. This was verified through the interview process with the Facility Head.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 33, H, 1, a, in part says termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff that have been found to have engaged in sexual abuse.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that the disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories. Additionally, in the past 12 months there was zero staff from the facility who were disciplined, short of termination, for violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse). This was confirmed through the interview process with the Facility Head.

The policy which aligns with this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 33, H, 1, b, indicates disciplinary sanctions for violations of Department policy related to Sexual Harassment will be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff members with similar histories.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal) and to any relevant licensing bodies.

Additionally, in the past 12 months, there were zero staff members from the facility who were reported to law enforcement or licensing boards following their termination (or resignation prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. This was confirmed through the interview process with the Facility Head.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 34, H, 1, c, indicates all terminations for violations of the Department Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment policies, or resignations by staff members that would have been terminated if not for their resignation shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal.

	<p>These shall also be reported, as required, to the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST).</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.77	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022 <p>INTERVIEW</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee</p> <p>During the interview process the Facility Head acknowledged during the previous twelve months there had been zero contractors or volunteers reported to law enforcement agencies and/or relevant licensing bodies for engaging in sexual abuse of inmates. Further there had been zero volunteers or contractors reported to law enforcement for engaging in sexual abuse of inmates.</p> <p>PROVISIONS</p> <p>Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be reported to law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal) and to relevant licensing bodies. Further any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse is prohibited from contact with inmates. However, in the past twelve months zero contractors and zero volunteers have been reported to law enforcement agencies and/or relevant licensing bodies for engaging in sexual abuse of inmates. The Facility Head verified this.</p> <p>The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination</p>

	<p>Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 34, 2, indicates any contractor or volunteer who engages in Sexual Abuse shall be prohibited from contact with offenders and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. The facility shall take appropriate remedial measures and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with offenders in the case of any other violation of Department Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.</p> <p>Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that the facility takes appropriate remedial measures and considers whether to prohibit further contact with inmates in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer. The Facility Head verified this.</p> <p>According to the PAQ the facility has had no remedial measures against a contractor or a volunteer to prohibit further contact with inmates due to a violation of agency sexual abuse or harassment policies, in the past twelve months. The Facility Head verified this.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.78	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee</p> <p>Through the interview process the Facility Head indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC prohibits sexual activity between inmates.

- There were zero administrative findings of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that occurred at the facility in the past twelve months.
- There were zero criminal findings of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that occurred at the facility.
- Inmates are disciplined for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.
- Disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred is prohibited.

Medical and Mental Health Staff

Through the interview process medical and mental health staff stated the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse. The facility considers whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits.

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that:

- Inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse.
- Inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse.
- In the past 12 months, there were zero administrative finding of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that occurred at the facility.
- In the past 12 months, there were zero criminal findings of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility.

The Facility Head verified this.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 34, H, 3, a, indicates the Department prohibits all consensual sexual activity between offenders, and offenders may be subject to disciplinary action for such activity. Consensual (non-coerced) sexual activity between offenders does not constitute sexual abuse but is considered a disciplinary issue. Note: All instances of sexual contact between offenders will be treated as non-consensual unless proven otherwise during an investigation.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 34, H, 3, b, indicates offenders shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions

pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the offender engaged in offender-to-offender sexual harassment, offender-to-offender sexual abuse, or a criminal finding of guilt for offender-to-offender sexual abuse.

These sanctions shall be imposed in accordance with SOP 209.01, Offender Discipline.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that sanctions are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories.

The Facility Head verified this.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 35, H, 3, c, indicates sanctions shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the offender's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other offenders with similar histories.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that when determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, the disciplinary process considers whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior. This was verified with the Facility Head through the interview process.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 35, H, 3, d, indicates the disciplinary process shall consider whether the offender's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, will be imposed. See SOP 508.18, Mental Health Discipline Procedures.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that it offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility considers whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits. Medical and mental health staff verified this.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 35, H, 3, e, indicates if the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to offer or require the perpetrator to participate in such interactions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency disciplines inmates for sexual conduct with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact. This was verified with the Facility Head through the interview process.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 35, H, 3, f, indicates an offender may be disciplined for sexual contact with a staff member only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

Provision (f): The PAQ indicates the agency prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation. This was verified with the Facility Head through the interview process.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 35, H, 3, g, indicates for the purposes of a disciplinary action, a report of Sexual Abuse made in good faith upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation.

Provision (g): The PAQ indicates the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates and deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced. This was verified with the Facility Head through the interview process.

This provision is supported by Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 34, H, 3, a, indicates the Department prohibits all consensual sexual activity between offenders, and offenders may be subject to disciplinary action for such activity. Consensual (non-coerced) sexual activity between offenders does not constitute Sexual Abuse but is considered a disciplinary issue. Note: All instances of sexual contact between offenders will be treated as non-consensual unless proven otherwise during an investigation.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.81	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Reference Number: VH82-0001, Informed Consent, effective date 4/01/ 02 • Georgia Department of Correction, SOP 507.04.91 Medical Management of Suspected Sexual Assault • Georgia Department of Correction, SOP 508.22 Mental Health Management of Suspected Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Risk Screening Staff</p> <p>Through the interview process staff who conducts intake screenings confirmed all medical and mental health records are contained in a separate and secure database. This database is accessed only through medical or mental health staff, and information is only provided to classification and high-level staff on a need-to- know basis.</p> <p>Medical and Mental Health Staff</p> <p>Through the interview process medical and mental health staff acknowledged they obtain informed consent prior to reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting unless the inmate is under the age of 18. Inmates are offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health professional, within 14-days of intake. If the screening indicates the inmate is at substantial risk for victimization, aggressiveness or has a history of victimization.</p> <p>Inmates who Disclosed Prior Victimization</p> <p>At the time of the onsite audit there were zero inmates who disclosed prior victimization. Therefore, zero no inmates were interviewed regarding this standard.</p> <p>PROVISIONS</p> <p>Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that all inmates who disclosed any prior sexual victimization during a screening are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner. Further a follow-up meeting is offered within 14-days of intake screening. Medical and mental health services staff document all encounters with inmates.</p>

Medical and mental health staff verified this.

The policy related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 25, D, 7, indicates offenders whose screenings indicate they have experienced prior sexual victimization or have a history of sexually assaultive behavior, or inmates that are alleged victims or aggressors of a Sexual Harassment or Sexual Abuse allegation, must be offered a follow-up meeting with medical and mental health counseling within 14 days of the screening. Staff must complete Attachment 14, PREA Counseling Referral Form.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that all inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse are offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner. The meeting is no more than 14 days from the time the staff becomes aware of the predatory behavior. Mental health staff maintains logs of all mental health service encounters. This information was verified through the interview process with mental health staff. The facility reported there were zero inmates who fell into this category at the time of the on-site audit. Consequently, none could be interviewed.

The policy that addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 25, D, 7, indicates offenders whose screenings indicate they have experienced prior sexual victimization or have a history of sexually assaultive behavior, or inmates that are alleged victims or aggressors of a Sexual Harassment or Sexual Abuse allegation, must be offered a follow-up meeting with medical and mental health counseling within 14 days of the screening. Staff must complete Attachment 14, PREA Counseling Referral Form.

Provision (c): This provision is not applicable because the facility is not a jail.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is strictly limited to informing security and management decisions, including treatment plans, housing, beds, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by federal, state or local law. This was verified through the interview process with Risk Screening Staff.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that medical and mental health professionals obtain informed consent prior to reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting unless the inmate is under the age of 18. This was verified by medical and mental health staff during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Reference Number: VH82-0001, Informed Consent, effective date 4/01/02, p. 3, VI, A, 1-4, indicates:

	<p>1. Upon entry to the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) inmate/probationers will be asked to read and sign a general informed consent document. This document will serve as consent to perform noninvasive examinations, procedures, and treatments (i.e., physical examinations and lab work) until the inmate/probationer's release from GDC. Form P82- 0001.01 is the English version and form P82-0001.02 is the Spanish version.</p> <p>2. Inmate/probationers unable to speak read or write English or Spanish (i.e., blind, deaf, mute, non-English or non-Spanish speaking persons, etc.) will have the consent read and explained in language that they understand.</p> <p>3. The signed consent form will be filed in the consent section of the health record.</p> <p>4. Subsequent to signing the General Consent for Medical Treatment Form, the inmate/probationer's agreement to any examination, treatment, or procedure following an explanation will serve as an implied consent.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.82	Access to emergency medical and mental health services
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Medical and Mental Health Staff</p> <p>Through the interview process medical and mental health staff reported treatment is provided immediately and is based on their professional judgment. Medical and mental health staff work together to ensure the inmate receives the appropriate treatment. Information about and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted diseases prophylaxis, is offered in accordance with professionally</p>

accepted standards of care and where medically appropriate.

Through the interview process, medical staff reported that upon arriving at medical after a report of sexual assault, an inmate will receive a cursory examination by the physician to provide feedback for use of SART or if the inmate should be immediately transported to a hospital due to the nature of his injuries. If the SART is utilized, before leaving the facility, the nurse will provide 'recommendations' for treatment and care. The facility physician will complete the orders. As part of the process, the inmate receives information about sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis and other necessary care information.

Inmates Who Reported Sexual Abuse

At the time of the on-site audit, zero inmates had reported sexual abuse in the facility.

First Responders (Security and Non-Security)

During the interview process security first responders indicated that their primary responsibility is to protect the victim, notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners and preserve evidence.

During the interview process the non-security first responders said that their primary responsibility was to protect the victim, notify security first responders and stay with the victim until the security first responders arrived.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. This was verified during the interview process as well as casual conversations with medical staff. Additionally, the Auditor reviewed the PREA file of an inmate who alleged sexual abuse and the inmate was offered a referral to medical and mental health. Because the inmate was no longer in the facility, the individual could not be interviewed.

The facility reported on the PAQ that medical and mental health practitioners determine the nature and scope of such services according to their professional judgment. The medical and mental health staff document the timeliness of emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services that were provided; the appropriate response by non-health staff in the event health staff are not present at the time the incident is reported; and the provision of appropriate and timely information and services concerning contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis. Medical and mental health staff verified this.

The policy related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, I, indicates the Department shall provide prompt and appropriate medical and mental health services in compliance with 28 CFR § 115 and

in accordance with SOP 507.04.85, Informed Consent and SOP 507.04.91, Medical Management of Suspected Sexual Assault.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that if no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim. Then immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners. This was verified during the interview process with first responders.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, I, indicates the Department shall provide prompt and appropriate medical and mental health services in compliance with 28 CFR § 115 and in accordance with SOP 507.04.85, Informed Consent and SOP 507.04.91, Medical Management of Suspected Sexual Assault.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate. This was verified through the interview process with medical staff.

As previously stated, medical and mental health staff reported during interviews that treatment is provided immediately and is based on their professional judgment.

Medical and mental health staff work together to ensure the inmate receives the appropriate treatment. Information about and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted diseases prophylaxis, is offered in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care and where medically appropriate.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, indicates offenders who become victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered timely information about and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, according to professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

Provision (d): The facility reported in the PAQ that treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. This was verified through the interview process with medical staff.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 16, B, c, indicates treatment services shall be provided to the offender victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the

	<p>abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising from the incident.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.83	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <hr/> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 508.22, Mental Health Management of Suspected Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment, effective date 5/3/2018 <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Medical and Mental Health Staff</p> <p>During the interview process medical and mental health staff indicated; treatment is provided immediately and is based on their professional judgment.</p> <p>Medical and mental health staff offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse.</p> <p>Medical and mental health staff provides victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.</p> <p>Medical and mental health staff acknowledged treatment services are provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.</p> <p>Medical and mental health staff work together to ensure the inmate receives the appropriate treatment. Information about and access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted diseases prophylaxis, is offered in accordance with</p>

professionally accepted standards of care and where medically appropriate.

Further medical and mental health staff support compliance in evaluation, follow-up, treatment plans and referral services. The statement of medical and mental health staff indicates an active understanding of the importance of appropriate evaluation, follow-up, treatment planning and service referral.

Mental Health staff indicated through the interview process that a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers is attempted within 60 days of learning of such abuse history. Treatment is offered when deemed appropriate and beneficial.

Medical Staff indicated through the interview process that inmate victims of sexual abuse, while incarcerated, are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Inmates Who Reported Sexual Abuse

At the time of the on-site audit, zero inmates who had reported sexual abuse were housed at the facility.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that it offers medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse. This was verified by medical and mental health staff during the interview process.

The Auditor reviewed records, produced by the facility, documenting the community standard of care, the evidence of sexually transmitted infection testing, prophylaxis treatment, psychiatry and psychology services, crisis intervention. These services are free of charge to inmates regardless of whether the abuser is named or whether the inmate cooperates with an investigation.

The policy which relates to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 508.22, Mental Health Management of Suspected Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment, effective date 5/3/2018, pp.3-4, 3, indicates offenders stating that they have been subjected to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, or Sexual Harassment will be treated in a professionally sensitive and non-judgmental manner. Mental health staff will perform an initial evaluation to assess the emotional impact of the alleged incident victim within one business day, or sooner if deemed an emergency. This is NOT an investigation but a clinical evaluation. The mental health staff person who performs the initial evaluation will not participate in the investigation process, to include documentation of witness statements or incident reports, unless the staff member directly witnessed the alleged violation. Mental health staff will not be involved in determining guilt or innocence, truth or falsehood. Staff will make no judgment regarding whether the reported incident occurred or not but will refer the person for an appropriate mental health evaluation, treatment, and interventions as clinically indicated.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody. This was verified by medical and mental health staff during the interview process.

As stated in provision (a) the evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include as appropriate, follow-up services, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following a transfer to, or placement in, another facility, or a release from custody.

The policy which is related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates the evaluation and treatment of such offender victims shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in other units or their release from custody.

Documentation and records reviewed supported attentiveness to follow-up services and treatment plans. The files demonstrated detailed and professional notes on the evaluations conducted by medical and mental health staff and their follow-up appointments with inmates. Follow-up consisted of routine inmate visits with medical and mental health staff.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that it provides victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care. This was verified by medical and mental health staff during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates offender victims shall be provided medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.

Provision (d): N/A - Facility is an all-male facility.

Provision (e): N/A - Facility is an all-male facility.

Provision (f): The facility reported on the PAQ that victims of sexual abuse, while incarcerated, are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. This was verified through the interview process with medical staff.

The policy which is related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, mandates that offenders who become victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Provision (g): The facility reported on the PAQ that treatment services are provided to

the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. Medical staff confirmed this.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 16, B, c, indicates in part, treatment services are provided to alleged victims without financial cost, regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperated with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Provision (h): The facility reported on the PAQ that it attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. This was verified through the interview process with the mental health staff.

The policy that addresses this is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 25, D, 7, indicates offenders whose screenings indicate they have experienced prior sexual victimization or have a history of sexually assaultive behavior, or inmates that are alleged victims or aggressors of a Sexual Harassment or Sexual Abuse allegation, must be offered a follow-up meeting with medical and mental health counseling within 14 days of the screening. Staff must complete Attachment 14, PREA Counseling Referral Form.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.86	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022

- Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022, attachment 9, Sexual Abuse Incident Review (SAIR) Checklist

INTERVIEWS

Warden Interview

During the interview process the Warden confirmed the members of the Incident Review Team are executive level, upper-level management and cross many departments. The Warden expressed the facility's commitment to consider and incorporate recommendations from team members.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) Interview

During the interview process the PCM indicated the report from the Sexual Abuse Incident Review team is submitted to the PCM and the Warden. Additionally, the PCM confirmed the SAIR meets within thirty days of the close of the investigation.

Incident Review Team (IRT) Interview

Members of the IRT (SAIR) included upper-level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.

Members of the sexual abuse incident review team indicated the team considers all criteria listed in this standard, as required by PREA policy. The report from the Sexual Abuse Incident Review team is submitted to the Warden and the PCM.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that it conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. The facility reported in the past twelve months there was five criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility. This was verified during the interview process with the Warden.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, J, 1, indicates the facility SAIRT shall conduct a Sexual Abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of every Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Sexual Abuse investigation to review and assess the facility's PREA prevention, detection, and response efforts as stipulated in Attachment 9, Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist. Reviews are not necessary for sexual harassment allegations or incidents with a disposition of Unfounded or not PREA.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ the facility ordinarily conducts a sexual abuse incident review (SAIR) within 30 days of the conclusion of the criminal or

administrative sexual abuse investigation. The facility reported in the past twelve months, there was three criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility that were followed by a SAIR within 30 days, excluding only "unfounded" incidents.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, attachment 9, Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist, is the form the Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team uses to document their reviews.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ the SAIR includes upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. This was verified during the interview process with the Warden Designee. This was verified during the interview process with the Warden.

The policy which addresses this provision is, Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates an administrative review shall be completed for all alleged sexual abuse and staff sexual harassment incidents, unless determined to be unfounded. Adding the Warden shall obtain input from the security supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners when completing the review. An administrative review shall be completed for all alleged sexual abuse and staff sexual harassment incidents, unless determined to be unfounded. The warden shall obtain input from the security supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners when completing the review.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that it prepares a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews including, but not necessarily limited to, determinations made pursuant to this section and any recommendations for improvement and submits such report to the Warden and PREA Compliance Manager. This was verified during the interview process with the PCM.

This policy which addresses this provision is, Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates the facility SAIRT shall conduct a Sexual Abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of every Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Sexual Abuse investigation to review and assess the facility's PREA prevention, detection, and response efforts as stipulated in Attachment 9, Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist. Reviews are not necessary for harassment Allegations or incidents with a disposition of Unfounded or not PREA.

Provision (e): The facility reported on the PAQ that it implements the recommendations of the SAIR, for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so. This was verified during the interview process with the Warden.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC),

	<p>Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates an administrative review shall be completed for all alleged sexual abuse and staff sexual harassment incidents, unless determined to be unfounded. The Warden shall obtain input from the security supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners when completing the review. The review team shall include upper-level management, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners; and the unit shall implement recommendations that result from the review or document the reasons for not doing so. Approval for any improvements must receive approval from the GDC.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.87	Data collection
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • 2021 - 2024 GDC PREA Annual Report • Private Facility PREA Report • Incident Demographic Information Form • 2024 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV2) <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PREA Coordinator (PC) Interview</p> <p>Through the interview process the PC indicated upon request, the agency would provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30th. The agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files and sexual abuse incident reviews. The agency obtains incident based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its</p>

inmates.

PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) Interview

Through the interview process the PCM indicated the agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. The PC verified this.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, 2, a, indicates each facility shall submit a report to the Department's PREA Analyst each month using the electronic spreadsheet provided from the PREA Coordinator's office. This form shall be submitted by e-mail no later than the third calendar day of the month following the reporting month. All allegations investigated within the month shall be included in this report along with the appropriate disposition. The monthly report shall be completed in accordance with the Facility PREA Log User Guide.

Another policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, 2, b, indicates in addition to the electronic spreadsheet (see section 2.a above), each facility shall submit a copy of Attachment 9, Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklists from each SAIRT meeting held that month. These forms shall be submitted by e-mail no later than the third calendar day of the month following the reporting month.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ, that the agency aggregates incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually. This was verified by the PC during the interview process. The Auditor reviewed the most recent Annual PREA Report.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 37, 2, c, indicates the Department shall review data collected and aggregated of all Sexual Abuse allegations in order to improve staff performance, identify problem areas, and improve facility operations and offender sexual safety.

The Department shall publish the data in an annual report, comparing each year's data, and provide an assessment of progress in addressing offender Sexual Abuse. It shall make this publicly available on its website.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ the standardized instrument includes,

at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice. This was verified by the PC during the interview process.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 36-37 J, indicates the annual report shall be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Justice (Bureau of Justice Statistics). Upon request by the Department of Justice, the Department shall also provide all such data for the previous calendar year.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ the agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files and sexual abuse incident reviews. This was verified through the interview process with the PC.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 36, 2, a, indicates each facility shall submit a report to the Department's PREA Analyst each month using the electronic spreadsheet provided from the PREA Coordinator's office. This form shall be submitted by e-mail no later than the third calendar day of the month following the reporting month. All allegations investigated within the month shall be included in this report along with the appropriate disposition. The monthly report shall be completed in accordance with the Facility PREA Log User Guide.

Provision (e): On the PAQ the facility reported that the agency obtains incident based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates. This was verified through the interview process with the PC.

The policy which addresses this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDOC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, pp. 36-37, J, indicates this report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The report shall be approved by the Commissioner and be made readily available to the public through the Department's website. Prior to being made publicly available, information that would present a safety and security threat if made public can be redacted from the report with an explanation as to the nature of the redacted information.

Provision (f): On the PAQ the facility reported the agency provides the Department of Justice with data from the previous calendar year upon request. This was verified through the interview process with the PC. The Auditor reviewed the most recent SSV2 submitted by the agency.

	<p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.88	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • Most Recent Survey of Sexual Victimization (Form SSV-2) • Most Recent PREA Annual Data Report 2021-2023 • Website Address for GDC http://www.gdc.ga.gov/Divisions/ ExecutiveOperations/ PREA <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>Agency Head or Designee Interview</p> <p>Through the interview process the Agency Head Designee reported the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years. PREA annual report are on our agency website http://www.gdc.-ga.gov/Divisions/ExecutiveOperations/PREA</p> <p>The purpose of the annual report is to capture the facilities and the agency as whole are keeping our inmates and staff safe from sexual victimization. It assists us in locating problem areas as quickly as possible. It also helps us to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Facility Head or Designee Interview</p> <p>Through the interview process, the Warden acknowledged the facility Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team reviews each allegation, and that information is provided to the PC for the annual review.</p>

PREA Coordinator (PC) Interview

Through the interview process, the PC indicated the agency reviews data collected pursuant to 115.87 and assesses the effectiveness of the sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices, and training. The agency prepares an annual report and posts the information on the website. The PC continued by stating that the only information redacted from the agency report is personal identifying information. All other information is included in the annual report.

PREA Compliance Manager

Through the interview process, the PREA Compliance Managers indicated that most PREA information can be found on the agency website.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): On the PAQ the facility reported the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to §115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, and training, including:

1. Identifying problem areas;
2. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
3. Preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and any corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

The PC verified this.

The policy related to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, indicates the PC shall review data collected to assess and improve the effectiveness of appropriate GDC policies and procedures. The PC shall prepare a report on each institution for the Commissioner identifying problem areas, suggesting corrective action, and providing comparisons from the previous year's data reports.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ, the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years. This was verified by the Agency Head Designee through the interview process.

The Auditor reviewed the most recent PREA annual report and found it to follow the PREA standards, including a comparison to the findings in previous reports to assess progress in addressing sexual abuse. This annual report can be located at <http://www-gdc.ga.gov/Divisions/ExecutiveOperations/PREA>.

Provision (c): The PAQ indicates the agency makes its annual report readily available to the public at least annually through its website.

As required by standard, the GDC places all annual reports on its website, accessible for public view. <http://www.gdc.ga.gov/Divisions/ExecutiveOperations/PREA> allows

	<p>access to the GDC PREA webpage, which contains each annual report.</p> <p>The Agency Head Designee verified this. Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ when the agency redacts material from an annual report for publication, the redactions are limited to specific materials where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility. This was verified by the PC during the interview process.</p> <p>The PC indicated that the agency reviews data collected pursuant to 115.87 while only redacting personal identifying information. All other information is included in the annual report.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.89	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) and supporting documentation. • Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/ 2022 • GDC Annual PREA Reports 2014 -2023 • Records Room Access <p>OBSERVATIONS</p> <p>During the facility tour, the Auditor observed the hard copy records storage room, inmates are not allowed in this area. The cabinets were locked and only the individuals with authority to review the data had a key to open the lockable cabinets. A list of staff authorized to enter the room was post at the entrance. The Auditor tested that the records room was locked. Electronic records are stored in the SCRIBE database; this information is password and has user ID restrictions.</p> <p>INTERVIEWS</p>

PREA Coordinator (PC) Interview

During the interview process the PC indicated the facility/agency retains data in secure locations. At the local level, data is retained within a local Risk Management System and access to the system is limited to those staff with a need to know.

Additional data is retained at the Agency level as required for completion of the SSV-2, and within the GDC website for public access.

During the interview process the PC indicated the agency reviews data collected pursuant to 115.87, and that the only information redacted from the agency report is personal identifying information. Most information related to inmates is kept permanently in the SCRIBE database.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency ensures incident-based and aggregate data is securely retained. Information that is not immediately stored digitally is stored in locked filing cabinets inside locked offices. The Auditor observed these lockable file cabinets while on site. Only those with approved access to the records have a key to the file storage cabinets. The PC verified this.

Pictures of the lockable, secure records room were uploaded and the notice to inmates, (Restricted Area) signage is posted in this area.

Agency policy requires that aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts be made readily available to the public at least annually through its website. <http://www.gdc.ga.gov/Divisions/ExecutiveOperations/PREA>.

Provision (b): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency policy requires that aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts be made readily available to the public at least annually through its website. The GDC PREA webpage provides multiple reports relative to sexual abuse data from the various facilities in accordance with PREA standards. Data can be accessed at <http://www.gdc.ga.gov/Divisions/ExecutiveOperations/PREA>. The PC verified this.

Provision (c): The facility reported on the PAQ that before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency removes all personal identifiers. The PC verified this.

Provision (d): The facility reported on the PAQ that the agency maintains sexual abuse data collected for at least 10 years after the date of initial collection, unless federal, state, or local law requires otherwise. The facility further indicated most inmate information is kept permanently in the SCRIBE database. The PC verified this.

The policy that relates to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective

date 6/23/2022, p. 39, B, indicates criminal investigation data, files, and related documentation - for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five (5) years; or ten (10) years from the date of the initial report, whichever is greater.

The policy that relates to this provision is Georgia Department of Correction (GDC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Policy Number: 208.06, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program, effective date 6/23/2022, p. 39, C, indicates administrative investigation data, files, and related documentation - for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years; or ten years from the date of the initial report, whichever is greater.

The Auditor reviewed data from previous years, as required by the PREA compliance standard. Reports were posted as mandated.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgia Department of Corrections publicly accessible website: https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-PREA <p>INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PREA Coordinator (PC) Interview</p> <p>During the interview process the PC indicated this audit was in the third year of the new current three-year audit cycle. GDC webpage https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-prea provides multiple reports relative to sexual abuse data from the various facilities in accordance with PREA standards.</p> <p>The PC reported each facility within the GDC had been audited within the previous three-year audit cycle (2023- 2025).</p>

Random Inmate Interviews

Through the interview process all inmates reported they were provided the opportunity to send out confidential mail or correspondence to the Auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel.

PROVISIONS

Provision (a): The current audit cycle is 2025 - 2027. Copies of all audit reports are on the GDC website for public information and review. GDC PREA webpage provides multiple reports relative to sexual abuse data from the various facilities in accordance with PREA standards. Data can be accessed at: <https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-prea>.

Provision (b): The Auditor learned this audit was in the second year of the new current audit cycle. GDC web-page provides multiple reports relative to sexual abuse data from the various facilities in accordance with PREA standards.

Provision (c): N/A

Provision (d): N/A

Provision (e): N/A

Provision (f): N/A

Provision (g): N/A

Provision (h): During the on-site portion of the audit, the Auditor had complete, unimpeded access to every area of the facility. Throughout the on-site portion of the audit agency and facility staff were available to accompany the auditor and give her complete access to any part of the facility she requested to see.

Provision (i): At all times throughout the audit process, GDC and the facility provided the Auditor with all requested information in a timely and complete manner. After the on-site portion of the audit, the Auditor requested additional information, documents, photos, and clarification of operational practices. The facility PCM was responsive in a timely manner.

Provision (j): N/A

Provision (k): N/A

Provision (l): N/A

Provision (m): The Auditor was provided with a secure, private space to conduct all interviews during the on-site portion of the audit. The Auditor conducted interviews with selected staff, inmates, and contractors. No inmates refused to be interviewed by the Auditor, all interviewed individuals were forthcoming.

Provision (n): Through the interview process all (100%) inmates reported they were

	<p>provided the opportunity to send out confidential mail or correspondence to the Auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel. During the on-site portion of the audit, the Auditor observed audit notice posted throughout the facility, all staff, inmates, contractors, volunteers, and visitors this information was accessible to all parties. The Auditor received no corresponds from any party.</p> <p>Provision (o): N/A</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.403 Audit contents and findings	
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>DOCUMENT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgia Department of Corrections publicly accessible website: https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-PREA <p>PROVISION</p> <p>Provision (f): The GDC website provides multiple reports relative to sexual abuse data from the various facilities in accordance with PREA standards. Data can be accessed at: Georgia Department of Corrections publicly accessible website: https://gdc.georgia.gov/organization/about-gdc/research-and-reports-0/prison-rape-elimination-act-PREA.</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>The Auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observations, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>

Appendix: Provision Findings		
115.11 (a)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.11 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes
	Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities?	yes
115.11 (c)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
	Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
115.12 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates	
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.)	yes
115.12 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates	
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure	yes

	that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of inmates.)	
115.13 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Generally accepted detention and correctional practices?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated)?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the inmate population?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The number and placement of supervisory staff?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The institution programs occurring on a particular shift?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into	yes

	consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?	
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?	yes
115.13 (b)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)	na
115.13 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?	yes
115.13 (d)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts?	yes
	Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility?	yes

115.14 (a)	Youthful inmates	
	Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
115.14 (b)	Youthful inmates	
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
115.14 (c)	Youthful inmates	
	Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
	Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	na
115.15 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.15 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	na
	Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the	na

	facility does not have female inmates.)	
115.15 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates)?	na
115.15 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility have policies that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility have procedures that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit?	yes
115.15 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex inmates for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status?	yes
	If an inmate's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner?	yes
115.15 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes

115.16 (a)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who are blind or have low vision?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have psychiatric disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: inmates who have speech disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication	yes

	with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have intellectual disabilities?	
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities including inmates who: are blind or have low vision?	yes
115.16 (b)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
115.16 (c)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?	yes
115.17 (a)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who	yes

	may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	yes
115.17 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates?	yes
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes
115.17 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency, consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?	yes
115.17 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes

115.17 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes
115.17 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?	yes
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?	yes
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
115.17 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
115.17 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)	yes
115.18 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	na
115.18 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	

	If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	na
115.21 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.21 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.21 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?	yes
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?	yes

	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.21 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member? (N/A if the agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.21 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?	yes
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.21 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na
115.21 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	yes
115.22 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	

	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes
115.22 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?	yes
	Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
	Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
115.22 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).)	na
115.31 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes

	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	yes
115.31 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa?	yes
115.31 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates received such training?	yes
	Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?	yes
	In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.31 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.32 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	

	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
115.32 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates)?	yes
115.32 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.33 (a)	Inmate education	
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
115.33 (b)	Inmate education	
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.33 (c)	Inmate education	
	Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)?	yes

	Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
115.33 (d)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?	yes
115.33 (e)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.33 (f)	Inmate education	
	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
115.34 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators receive training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.34 (b)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does this specialized training include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and	yes

	Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	Does this specialized training include sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.34 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.35 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how and to whom to report allegations or	yes

	suspicious of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	
115.35 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	na
115.35 (c)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
115.35 (d)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.31? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.)	yes
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.)	yes
115.41 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
	Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
115.41 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.41 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective	yes

	screening instrument?	
115.41 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the inmate about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the inmate is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10)	yes

	Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?	
115.41 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes
115.41 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	yes
115.41 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
115.41 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Is it the case that inmates are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section?	yes
115.41 (i)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive	yes

	information is not exploited to the inmate’s detriment by staff or other inmates?	
115.42 (a) Use of screening information		
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?	yes
115.42 (b) Use of screening information		
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate?	yes
115.42 (c) Use of screening information		
	When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, does the agency consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether a placement would ensure the inmate’s health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns inmates to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)?	yes
	When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex inmates, does the agency consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether a placement would ensure the inmate’s health and safety, and whether a placement would	yes

	present management or security problems?	
115.42 (d)	Use of screening information	
	Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate?	yes
115.42 (e)	Use of screening information	
	Are each transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?	yes
115.42 (f)	Use of screening information	
	Are transgender and intersex inmates given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates?	yes
115.42 (g)	Use of screening information	
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing	yes

	solely for the placement of LGBT or I inmates pursuant to a consent degree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	
115.43 (a)	Protective Custody	
	Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers?	yes
	If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment?	yes
115.43 (b)	Protective Custody	
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
	If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the opportunities that have been limited? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	na
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the duration of the limitation? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	na
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the reasons for such limitations? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	na
115.43 (c)	Protective Custody	

	Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged?	yes
	Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?	yes
115.43 (d) Protective Custody		
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety?	yes
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged?	yes
115.43 (e) Protective Custody		
	In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
115.51 (a) Inmate reporting		
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.51 (b) Inmate reporting		
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?	yes
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain	yes

	anonymous upon request?	
	Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? (N/A if the facility never houses inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	na
115.51 (c)	Inmate reporting	
	Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.51 (d)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?	yes
115.52 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.	no
115.52 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency permit inmates to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency ensure that: An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from	na

	this standard.)	
	Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates? (If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.).	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
	Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.52 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	na
115.53 (a)	Inmate access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	no
	Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers,	na

	including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? (N/A if the facility never has persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	no
115.53 (b)	Inmate access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?	no
115.53 (c)	Inmate access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?	no
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	no
115.54 (a)	Third-party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate?	yes
115.61 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against inmates or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual	yes

	abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	
115.61 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
115.61 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.61 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.61 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?	yes
115.62 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate?	yes
115.63 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?	yes
115.63 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes

115.63 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.63 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes
115.64 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
115.64 (b)	Staff first responder duties	
	If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?	yes
115.65 (a)	Coordinated response	
	Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in	yes

	response to an incident of sexual abuse?	
115.66 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers	
	Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limit the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	yes
115.67 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff?	yes
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.67 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?	yes
115.67 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of	yes

	sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate housing changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor inmate program changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignments of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.67 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.67 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?	yes
115.68 (a)	Post-allegation protective custody	
	Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?	yes
115.71 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations	yes

	of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.71 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.34?	yes
115.71 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
115.71 (d)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution?	yes
115.71 (e)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as inmate or staff?	yes
	Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?	yes
115.71 (f)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?	yes

	Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?	yes
115.71 (g)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?	yes
115.71 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.71 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
115.71 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115.71 (l)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	na
115.72 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations	
	Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?	yes
115.73 (a)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes

115.73 (b)	Reporting to inmates	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)	na
115.73 (c)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.73 (d)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually	yes

	abused by another inmate, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	
115.73 (e)	Reporting to inmates	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.76 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.76 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.76 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories?	yes
115.76 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.77 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes

	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.77 (b)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates?	yes
115.78 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.78 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories?	yes
115.78 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
115.78 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits?	yes
115.78 (e)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Does the agency discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?	yes
115.78 (f)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish	yes

	evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	
115.78 (g)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates, does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.)	yes
115.81 (a)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison).	yes
115.81 (b)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.)	yes
115.81 (c)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a jail).	yes
115.81 (d)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?	yes
115.81 (e)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior	yes

	sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18?	
115.82 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Do inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?	yes
115.82 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62?	yes
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.82 (c)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	yes
115.82 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes
115.83 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
115.83 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?	yes
115.83 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse	

	victims and abusers	
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
115.83 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if "all male" facility. Note: in "all male" facilities there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	na
115.83 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if "all male" facility. Note: in "all male" facilities there may be inmates who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	na
115.83 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
115.83 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes
115.83 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)	yes

115.86 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?	yes
115.86 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.86 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes
115.86 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility?	yes
	Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.86(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.86 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes

115.87 (a)	Data collection	
	Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions?	yes
115.87 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.87 (c)	Data collection	
	Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?	yes
115.87 (d)	Data collection	
	Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?	yes
115.87 (e)	Data collection	
	Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.)	yes
115.87 (f)	Data collection	
	Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)	na
115.88 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant	yes

	to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?	
115.88 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse?	yes
115.88 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.88 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?	yes
115.89 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?	yes
115.89 (b)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.89 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.89 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?	yes
115.401 (a)	Frequency and scope of audits	

	During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	yes
115.401 (b)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	no
	If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the second year of the current audit cycle.)	yes
	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	na
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?	yes
115.403	Audit contents and findings	

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	The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or, in the case of single facility agencies, there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)	yes