



*Youth Opportunity Evert Youth Center Staff Secure Male Annual Report
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Youth Opportunity Evert Youth Center Staff Secure Male (YOEYC-SSM) contracts with the State of Michigan to provide juvenile justice residential services and is, therefore, required to adopt and comply with all standards of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Youth Opportunity Evert Youth Center's PREA Policy states that all facility personnel have zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents. YOEYC-SSM has had preventive plans in place and, should allegations regarding sexual abuse or harassment be made, all personnel are appropriately trained to take action to rapidly restore safety, attend to and support the victim, and promptly initiate the investigative process.

Audits are required to ensure compliance with PREA standards. YOEYC-SSM (formerly Muskegon River Youth Home-Male) was audited and found fully compliant with all of the PREA juvenile standards in July 2020. Copies of both PREA audit final reports are listed on the YO website.

Reporting Sexual Abuse or Harassment

- YOEYC-SSM policy requires that YOEYC-SSM provide youths with multiple ways to report sexual abuse and harassment, including suspected sexual abuse, and youth must be given an orientation on the multiple reporting options available to them. YOEYC-SSM ensures that youth that report sexual abuse or harassment and supporting witnesses are protected from retaliation. YOEYC-SSM informs youth that they will be protected from retaliation. Reporting options include:
 - Verbally or in writing to any staff, counselor or administrator.
 - In writing through the youth and family grievance process.
 - Verbally or in writing to an advocate or parent.
 - Externally by telephoning Children's Protective Services (CPS) at (855) 444-3911.
 - Any member of the public that suspects sexual abuse or sexual harassment is occurring has occurred at the facility may also report by calling CPS.
 - All personal information is redacted.

2020 Aggregate Sexual Abuse Data

Data listed below is for juvenile justice program residents housed at YOEYC-SSM during calendar year 2020.

Demographic Data

Number of youths held in YOEYC-SSM on December 31, 2020:



- Male 12
- Female 0
- Total 12

Age of the youths:

- Age 17 or younger 11
- Ages 18-20 1
- Age 21 or older 0
- Total 12

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations during calendar year 2020:

Youth-on-youth allegations: 0
Staff-on-youth allegations: 0
Total Allegations: 0

2019 Calendar Year Comparison Data

Youth-on-youth allegations (non-consensual sexual act): 0
Staff-on-youth allegations: 0
Total Allegations: 0

Changes Made to Policy and Procedure due to Findings of Investigations

YOEYC-SSM now wand searches all employees prior to entering the secure unit for any objects that are not allowed within the secure units, such as, personal keys, cell phones, food/beverages, bags/purses etc. YOEYC-SSM will also secure all personal belongings of visitors prior to entering the secure units.

YOEYC-SSM reviews camera footage for blind spots, fidelity of programming at least twice a week at random. YOEYC-SSM has implemented a “Youth Movement” system were staff have to radio for approval from a master control every youth movement. YOEYC-SSM has also increased staffing to add a Program Supervisor to each housing unit.

Report Approval

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