



# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

## AGENCY OVERVIEW

The D.C. Department of Corrections (DOC) is one of several agencies under the oversight of the Deputy City Administrator/ Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice. DOC currently operates one of the largest municipal jail systems in the country with an average daily population of approximately 2,100 inmates. Those in the custody of DOC include males 93% and females 7%. The DOC system is comprised of two primary correctional facilities—the Central Detention Facility (CDF) also known as the DC Jail and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF). In addition, DOC contracts with two privately operated halfway houses for the community placement of male/female residents that offer a variety of educational opportunities and other programming services.

## PREA REPORTING

DC DOC responds, investigates and takes appropriate action on all reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Inmates who are sexually abused or sexually harassed are encouraged to report incidents immediately. The agency also accepts third-party reports regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment of an inmate/arrestee in custody at any of its facilities. Third parties may use the following reporting methods: (1) Call the confidential DC Victim Hotline at 1-844-4HELPDC or 1-844-443-5732, or (2) Send a letter to the DC DOC PREA Coordinator, 1901 D. Street, SE, Washington DC 20003. False reporting has serious consequences and may lead to criminal prosecution.

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## MISSION & VISION

The mission of the DOC is to ensure public safety for citizens of the District by providing an orderly, safe, secure and humane environment for the confinement of pre-trial detainees and sentenced inmates, while providing meaningful opportunities for community reintegration.

The vision of DCDOC is to become a benchmark corrections agency. We will serve with pride, professionalism, and passion in caring for human lives.

## INMATE PROFILE

The inmate population within DOC consists of adult males and females with maximum, medium, and minimum security levels. All inmates within the agency's custody are either pre-trial offenders, sentenced misdemeanants, or convicted felons awaiting transfer to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) or short-term sentenced felons designated by them to the agency.

As of September 2018, approximately 65 FBOP short-term felons have been designated to the agency as well as 170 US Marshals Services inmates. Approximately 36.1% of the male population is between the ages of 21-30 and about 3.9% of the female population is between the ages of 31-40. The DOC inmate population is 86% Black or African American, 6% Hispanic or Latino, and 4% White or Caucasian. Approximately 50.1% of men and 6% of women in custody self-reported that they have at least a High School Diploma or GED.

Approximately 54% of the male inmate population is held on pre-trial felony status. Their average length of stay is 225 days. Male pre-trial misdemeanants represent 3.2% of the male inmate population with an average stay of 28 days. Female inmates with a pre-trial felon custody level represent approximately 39% of the female population and have an average stay of 105 days. Fifteen percent of the female population is pre-trial misdemeanants with an average length of stay is 19 days.

At DC DOC, approximately 35% of male inmates and 21% of female inmates are incarcerated on charges involving violent or dangerous offenses.

**“Sexual Abuse is a Choice and is not tolerated at D.C. Department of Corrections.”**

**ELIMINATE**  
SEXUAL ABUSE & SEXUAL HARASSMENT

D.C. Department of Corrections provide multiple and confidential methods to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

- Call the confidential DC VICTIM HOTLINE at 844-443-1312
- Report to any staff, volunteer or contractor
- Submit an Inmate Grievance (IGP)
- Submit a letter to the PREA Coordinator

**VICTIM & SURVIVOR SUPPORT SERVICES**  
PREA Victim Services provide trauma specific, individual and group therapy for inmate survivors struggling with anxiety, depression and other psychological trauma resulting from sexual victimization with the ultimate goal of community-based referral and transition services to further assist and empower survivors of sexual violence. To access these services, please use the Inmate Request Slip.

**CONFIDENTIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES**  
If you or someone you know are experiencing sexual abuse or sexual harassment and would like to receive help, call the DC VICTIM HOTLINE. A trained Victim Assistance Specialist will help you understand your options.

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## PREA AT DC DOC

The DC DOC has a zero-tolerance policy regarding all forms of sexual abuse, sexual assault, and sexual harassment involving any person who works, visits or is confined in its facilities and/or contract operated facilities. Prevention is a top priority for the D.C. Department of Corrections.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law that seeks to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates. It applies to all correctional facilities, including prisons, jails, juvenile, military, Indian Country and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities. The final rule became effective August 20, 2012.

DC DOC rules strictly prohibit sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual acts and sexual contact between inmates (including arrestees, detained inmates, and halfway house residents) to include that of a consensual nature. Forced or coerced sexual behavior among the detained population violates agency rules and is a criminal offense. The Department takes action to prevent, detect, report, investigate and hold perpetrators accountable, including prosecution, which may result in additional imprisonment.

DC DOC rules and the law also strictly prohibit staff from any type of sexual activity with an inmate. By law, an incarcerated person is unable to legally consent to sexual activity of any kind with a staff member. This type of activity is referred to as staff misconduct and is punishable up to and including loss of employment, civil penalties, or imprisonment. Any reports of such incidents are investigated thoroughly, and the employee is held accountable for substantiated findings. Inmates who are sexually abused or sexually harassed, by anyone, are encouraged to report the incident immediately.



*Keisha Culbreth-Brooks, Victim Services Coordinator (left), Cicily Harrington, PREA Coordinator, Lennard Johnson, Warden, and Prechelle Shannon, Community Corrections Administrator (right)*


## PREA MOVING FORWARD

DC DOC hosted several Community Stakeholder Focus Groups culminating in a PREA Symposium, facilitated by the Moss Group, in April of 2018 in an effort to continue strengthening valuable community support services from outside agencies throughout the District of Columbia.



## 4th Annual Paving the Way Conference

In addition to the 2018 PREA Stakeholder Symposium, PREA staff endeavored in the commitment toward sustainable strategies of community collaboration by participating in many informative and rewarding events and opportunities. PREA kicked off the year by taking part in the 4th Annual Paving the Way Conference, sponsored by Common Justice. The event took place at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York and focused on Channeling Resilience for young men of color and their communities who have been harmed by violence.



# You're Invited!

## PREA COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER SYMPOSIUM

Victim-Centered Services for People in Confinement


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**APRIL 17 - 18, 2018 • FRANK D. REEVES CENTER**  
 April 17 8:30am - 4:30pm • April 18 8:30am - 12:00pm

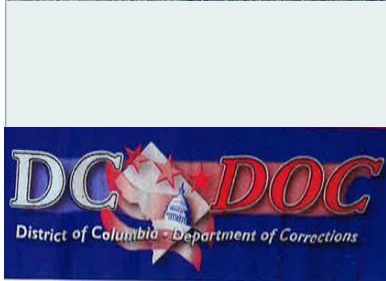
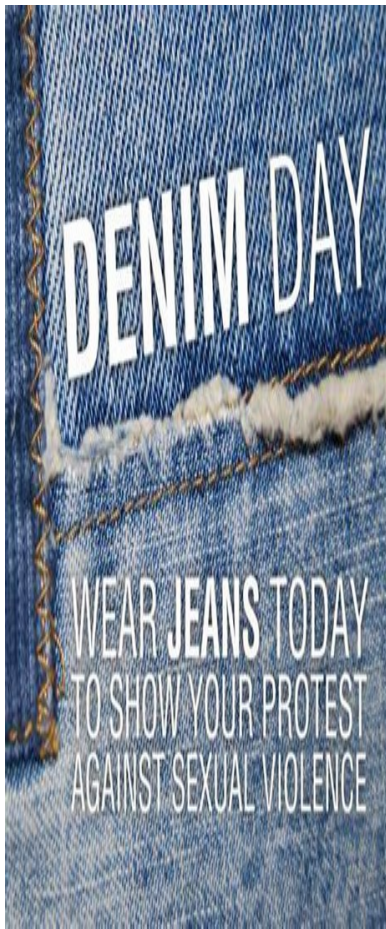
The DC Department of Corrections (DC DOC), in its effort toward ongoing compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), is providing the opportunity to bring together community stakeholders from the DC metro area to collaborate and identify sustainable strategies for responding to victims of sexual abuse in confinement. DC DOC has partnered with The Moss Group (TMG), a DC based criminal justice consulting firm to facilitate this event.

To provide adequate victim services and a continuum of care to those sexually abused in confinement, DC DOC recognizes the importance of collaboration with our community stakeholders and partners. With that, we would also like to invite you to participate in a workshop to identify available resources and opportunities to make connections between agencies to support our community and the residents of Washington, DC.

PLEASE RSVP TO CICILY HARRINGTON, DC DOC PREA COORDINATOR BY **MARCH 29, 2018**  
 CULHARRINGTON@DC.GOV OR (202) 513-7275 (OFFICE)

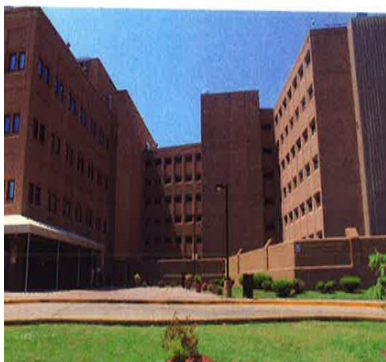


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# PREA

## OVERVIEW/SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM RESPONSE



## VICTIM SERVICES

After a much anticipated arrival, the Department hired a Victim Services Coordinator to develop, implement and oversee DC DOC’s plan pursuant to the national PREA standards to address inmate support service needs with victim-centered, trauma-informed and culturally competent therapy to victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Forty-nine inmate victims were served under the DC DOC Victim Services Program between May –December 2018.

In April, PREA staff joined survivors, citizens and community partners with the Victim Services Branch of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department for their Embrace Your Voice Annual Denim Day to support sexual assault awareness.

In May 2018, PREA hosted U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics for a DC DOC

tour to provide further insight into the practical application of prevention, detection, and responding to sexual abuse in confinement settings.

In September 2018, DOC PREA staff partnered with the Department of Youth and Rehabilitative Services which hosted a trauma training facilitated by community partner and Executive Director of the DC Rape Crisis Center (DCRCC), Indira Henard, who examined the anti-oppression, survivor-centered mutual healing of violence against women.

In November 2018, to ensure continued efforts of compliance and advocacy, PREA staff completed training as Human Rights Liaisons with the DC Office of Human Rights on policies and practices of federal and local human rights laws.

## DEDICATION TO SAFETY AND SECURITY

The DC DOC has received certification of PREA compliance for its Central Detention Facility, Community Correctional Facilities (CCC) Fairview (Female Halfway House) and Hope Village (Male Halfway House) and the Central Cell Block (CCB). The agency is completing PREA audits for its second PREA certification for its facilities and for the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) by the end of 2019.

As part of DC DOC’s commitment to improve sexual safety and develop best practices to support those efforts, DC DOC is building and sustaining partnerships with community stakeholders to ensure that victims of sexual abuse within its facilities receive services and support comparable to those services provided to victims of sexual abuse in the community.

The Department recognizes the importance of community stakeholders in providing services to victims of sexual abuse in confinement. PREA standards set clear expectations for involvement of community partners in order for compliance to be complete. PREA standards that specifically address the role of community stakeholders in providing services to victims of sexual abuse include:

1. Inmates with disabilities or who are limited English Proficient require access to all aspects of PREA efforts;
2. Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations;
3. Facilities make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to provide confidential support services to a victim;
4. Inmate access to outside confidential support services;
5. MOU Agreements with community service providers;
6. Inmate Reporting;
7. Third-Party Reporting.

By strengthening the collaboration between DCDOC and the essential stakeholders and leveraging untapped resources, DC DOC sustains its capacity to respond to the threat of sexual abuse in confinement.

# ELIMINAR

## ABUSO SEXUAL y ACOSO SEXUAL

El Departamento Correccional ofrece múltiples formas confidenciales de denunciar el abuso sexual y el acoso sexual.

- ⇒ Llame confidenciales DC VICTIM HOTLINE et 844-443-5732
- ⇒ Informe a cualquier personal, voluntario o contratista
- ⇒ Presentar una queja (QJF)
- ⇒ De una carta al Coordinador de PREA o al Especialista en Cumplimiento de PREA
- ⇒ Anonimamente, por un miembro de la familia, amigo o cualquier persona fuera de la facilidad usando uno de los metodos siguientes

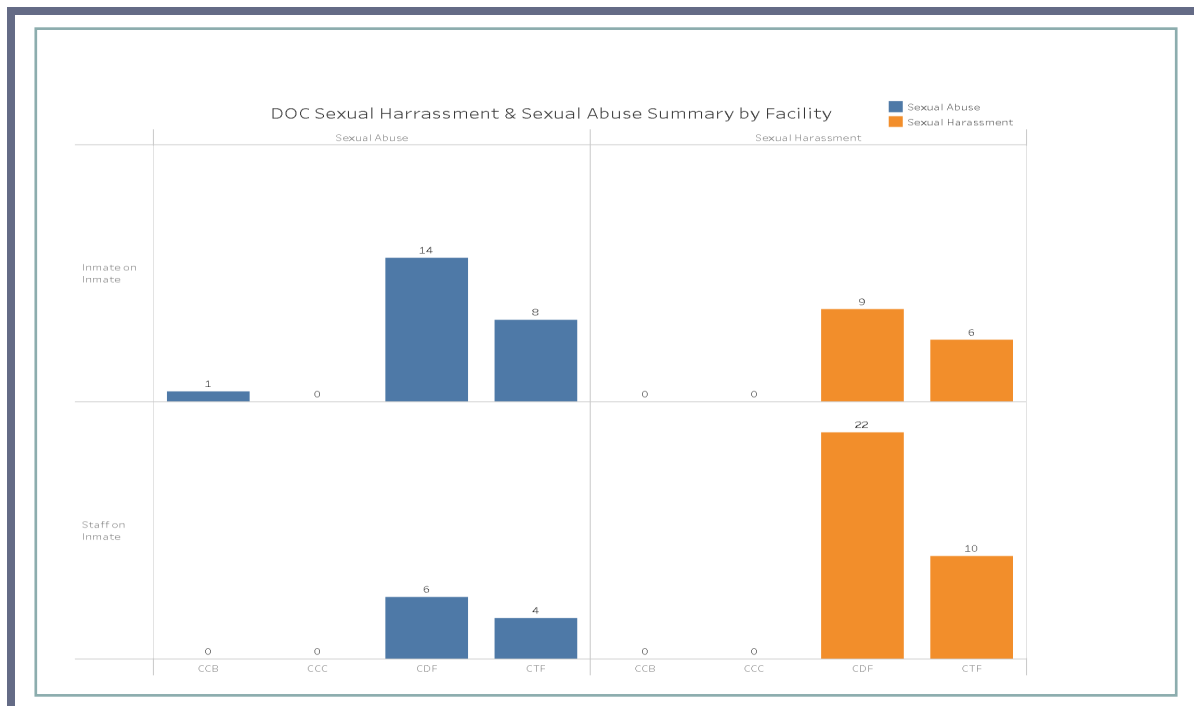
**Servicios de apoyo a víctimas y sobrevivientes**

Los servicios de la víctima de PREA proporcionan terapia específica del trauma, individual y de grupo para los sobrevivientes del preso que luchan con ansiedad, la depresión y el otro trauma psicologico resultando de la victimización sexual con la meta última de la referenzación comunitaria-basada y servicios de transición para ayudar y empoderar a sobrevivientes de violencia sexual. Para acceder a estos servicios, por favor utilice el Inmate Request Slip.

**Servicios de apoyo emocional confidencial**

Si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, está experimentando abuso sexual o acoso sexual y le gustaría recibir ayuda, llame al DC VICTIM HOTLINE para información confidencial y referencias. Un especialista capacitado en asistencia a víctimas puede ayudarle a entender sus opciones.

## PREA SAFETY STATISTICS CY18



## CORRECTIVE ACTION

### PREA Findings Summary for CY 2018

The Sexual Assault Incident Review Team (SAIRT) has reviewed a total of nineteen (19) sexual abuse cases and reports the following findings:

Substantiated— 1

Unsubstantiated— 18

Inmates receive information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment through inmate orientation, posters, handbooks and ongoing communication.

### PREA Corrective Action Summary for CY2018

**Substantiated**-an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced sufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

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

The DCDOC investigates and when substantiated, takes appropriate action on all reports of sexual abuse and sexual assault. False reporting, however, will carry serious consequences and may result in criminal prosecution.

## PREA STATISTICS CY18

