

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual PREA Report

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Completed for the time period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Volunteers of America of Western New York, Inc. (VOA) is committed to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and ensuring the safety and security of residents/inmates and staff in our facilities. This report is a summary of our PREA compliance efforts throughout the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Following is a summary of the reports received during the period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

Inmate – on - Inmate Sexual Harassment Allegations				
Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation	
0	0	0	0	

Inmate – on - Inmate Sexual Abuse Allegations				
Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation	
0	0	0	0	

Staff, Volunteer, Contractor-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment Allegations					
Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation		
0	0	1	0		

Staff, Volunteer, Contractor-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse Allegations				
Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation	
0	0	0	0	

There was one incident reported during the time period, and it was at VOA's Residential Reentry Center in Rochester, New York. An investigation was conducted and a determination of unfounded was made.

The one allegation is less than the three allegations that occurred in the prior year, and VOA attributes this to our focus on staff training, prevention efforts, and our zero-tolerance stance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. VOA has comprehensive policies and procedures in place to prevent sexual harassment and abuse, and we respond to reports/incidents immediately. Both staff and residents receive on-going education on how to identify sexual abuse and harassment and how to report suspected or observed incidents. VOA will continue an ongoing monitoring of complaints and will ensure appropriate action is taken if any trends are identified.