

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual PREA Report

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Volunteers of America of Western NY 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 2017-2018.

Following is a summary of the reports received during the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

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	1	0	0		

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

There were two incidents reported during the time period. One was unfounded as determined by the Bureau of Prisons. The second report, which was made by a VOA employee to the NYS Dept. of Corrections, was investigated by the NYS Dept. of Corrections and was substantiated. The employee in this situation was no longer employed by the VOA at the time that the VOA was informed of the allegation.

The substantiated incident involved a staff person who had a prior romantic relationship with the parolee. VOA requires all staff to disclose any prior or current personal relationships with residents or their families at hire and during their tenure as VOA employees.

VOA has a zero-tolerance stance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. VOA has extensive procedures in place to prevent sexual harassment and abuse, and we respond to reports/incidents immediately. VOA will continue an ongoing monitoring of complaints and will ensure appropriate action is taken if any trends are identified.