

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 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 2018-2019.

Following is a summary of the reports received during the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

Inmate – on - Inmate Sexual Harassment Allegations			
<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Under Investigation</i>
0	0	0	0

Inmate – on - Inmate Sexual Abuse Allegations			
<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Under Investigation</i>
0	0	0	0

Staff, Volunteer, Contractor–on-Inmate Sexual Harassment Allegations			
<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Under Investigation</i>
0	0	0	1

Staff, Volunteer, Contractor-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse Allegations			
<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Under Investigation</i>
0	0	0	2

There were three incidents reported during the time period. One is under investigation by the Bureau of Prisons and two are under investigations by NYS Dept. of Corrections.

VOA has a 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.