

Annual PREA Review pursuant to PREA Standard 115.288
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2012 mandates that correctional facilities and prisons provide a copy of their annual review (PREA Standard 115.288) of all related PREA investigations inclusive of any potential problem areas and any and all corrective actions taken by the respective facility. The annual review considers the investigative reports, review team assessments and any other related information.

In 2024, the S.A.T.F. Staff received one PREA allegation. The report was an allegation from a staff member who reported sexual misconduct observed between a Staff and a Resident. After a thorough investigation including video evidence, statements and interviews, the allegation of sexual misconduct was observed. However with the refusal of reporting information and lack of corroboration from the resident, this investigation was determined unsubstantiated. The Staff involved in this investigation was terminated and the Resident who was allegedly involved absconded from the facility after the course of the investigation.

The PREA Review Team did conduct a review which included; examining factors that motivated this incident including age, issues relating to power and control, resident manipulation, interactions between staff and residents, and the importance of following PREA policy.

Following the 2024 PREA Investigation, the PREA review team considered any/all measures that could be taken to prevent future events like this. Aside from increasing staffing PREA refresher knowledge, the PREA team proceeded with a facility walk-through and identified an area where an additional camera would be beneficial. The facility Director approved the request and a camera was installed.

The PREA Team members conducted a comparative analysis of this 12 month period with the preceding 12 month period of 2023. In 2023, there was also one (1) PREA report. In 2024 there was one (1) PREA report that was fully investigated and was unsubstantiated. SATF fully embraces a zero- tolerance approach. Residents, Staff, Vendors and Volunteers are keenly aware of PREA policies and the consequences of policy violations.

We strive to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone at our facility including Residents, Staff, Vendors and Volunteers. Sexual abuse and sexual harassment is a crime and will not be tolerated at Nueces County Substance Abuse Treatment Facility.