

## 2017 PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT

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### YEAR 2017

Substantiated allegations	5
Unsubstantiated allegations	9
Unfounded allegations	8
<b>Total allegations</b>	<b>22</b>

### ALLEGATIONS BREAKDOWN BY FACILITY

ADAPT	0	
Burnet Intensive Services	1	Unsubstantiated
Community Correctional Center (CCC)	4	2 Unfounded, 2 Substantiated
Cornerstone	3	1 Unfounded, 2 Unsubstantiated
Pathways for Women	3	2 Unsubstantiated, 1 Substantiated
Serenity Hall	0	
Spring Grove	2	2 Unsubstantiated
Turtle Creek Center	9	5 Unfounded, 2 Substantiated, 2 Unsubstantiated

### IDENTIFIED VULNERABILITIES

No cameras located at Turtle Creek Center at this time.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

1. Turtle Creek Center applied for a grant to purchase cameras, which has been awarded, however monies have not yet been received at time of this report.
2. Burnet Intensive Services changed scheduling for laundry facilities in response to report to ensure laundry was limited during overnight hours.
3. Staff re-trained on how to avoid and detect vulnerabilities that could indicate PREA activities.
4. Pathways and Turtle Creek Center worked with referral agencies to remove clients that were determined to be harassers.
5. CCC utilized behavior management system to sanction clients who were determined to have harassed other clients and develop stronger education strategies to orient clients to PREA standards at admission to reduce incidents.

### ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Talbert House is required to abide by the PREA Standards for Community Confinement Agencies that were enacted in June 2012. Talbert House has an existing zero-tolerance practice. The agency will continue to ensure employees are trained on PREA standards. Policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and updated. Upon admission, clients are provided with a handbook informing them of their rights and options related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and/or retaliation. This process for educating clients is still an ongoing practice. An increase in the numbers of cameras over the past 4 years has proven to be helpful in doing investigations. In several allegations, the use of cameras has either confirmed or denied the inappropriate behavior occurred. We continue to seek funding to increase camera monitoring at all Talbert House sites. As noted above, Talbert House applied for PREA grant to obtain cameras for Turtle Creek Center and was awarded the grant in late summer of 2017, however monies have still not been received. Additionally, we have found the following practice to be helpful in maintaining safety: hiring same sex staff whenever possible and transferring staff to same-sex facilities when needed. Agency PREA procedures were reviewed in December 2017 and update will be released in January to update language to be consistent with standards. Reports from second round of audits were uploaded to Agency website for Pathways, CCC and Cornerstone. Second round audits are schedule for February 2018 for Turtle Creek Center, Serenity Hall, Spring Grove and ADAPT/BIS.

## PREA COORDINATORS

Cathy Jo Vanderpool, Director of Regional Corrections, and Cheryl Burns, Compliance Coordinator are the PREA Coordinators for Talbert House.

## DEFINITIONS

<i>Substantiated allegation</i>	an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred
<i>Unfounded allegation</i>	an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred
<i>Unsubstantiated allegation</i>	an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred

Definitions provided by PREA Resource Center, Prisons and Jail Standards - § 115.5 General definitions  
[www.prearesourcecenter.org/training-technical-assistance/prea-101/prisons-and-jail-standards](http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/training-technical-assistance/prea-101/prisons-and-jail-standards)