

2021 PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT
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YEAR 2021

Substantiated allegations	3
Unsubstantiated allegations	6
Unfounded allegations	7
Pending allegations	1
Total allegations	17

ALLEGATIONS BREAKDOWN BY FACILITY

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

IDENTIFIED VULNERABILITIES

1. Not all areas of the facilities are monitored through video surveillance.
2. Entry level and new staff are more likely to be named in a PREA allegation, with an average tenure of 6 months.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. Additional camera equipment was purchased through a PREA Tips grant.
2. The PREA Tips grant has also allowed us to create two trauma-informed care trainings that will be conducted for all staff at correction sites.
3. A PREA Co-Coordinator was identified to assist with compliance and overall administration of the standards.
4. Five sites passed the required audit in March 2021 – ADAPT, BIS, Spring Grove, Serenity Hall and Turtle Creek Center.

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 reviewed and updated annually. Upon admission, clients are provided with a handbook informing them of their rights and resources related to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and/or retaliation. The process for educating clients is an ongoing practice. An increase in the numbers of cameras over the past 5 years has proven to be helpful in doing investigations. In several allegations, either the use of cameras has confirmed or denied inappropriate behavior occurred. We continue to seek funding to increase camera monitoring at all Talbert House sites. As noted above, Talbert House received a PREA TIPS grant to obtain additional equipment, increase education for clients and staff plus implement more trauma-informed approach for any victim clients in our care. 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 are updated each January, or more often, if indicated. All facilities' most recent PREA audits have been uploaded onto the Talbert House website.

PREA COORDINATORS

Chris Steed and Cathy Jo Vanderpool of the Quality and Compliance Dept. 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