

**2022 PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT**  
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**CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

Substantiated allegations	9
Unsubstantiated allegations	5
Unfounded allegations	2
Pending allegations	4
<b>Total allegations</b>	<b>20</b>

**ALLEGATIONS BREAKDOWN BY FACILITY**

ADAPT	0	
Burnet Intensive Services	1	1 Unsubstantiated
Community Correctional Center (CCC)	8	2 Substantiated, 2 Unsubstantiated, 1 pending (administration), 1 pending (law enforcement)
Cornerstone	0	
Pathways for Women	0	
Serenity Hall	5	2 Substantiated, 1 Unsubstantiated, 2 Unfounded
Spring Grove	4	4 Substantiated
Turtle Creek Center	2	1 Substantiated, 1 Unsubstantiated

**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 5.7 months.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

1. The PREA Tips grant has allowed us to create two trainings - Basic Trauma Informed Care and Advanced Trauma-Informed Care. All staff were initially trained, and the course continues to be offered quarterly for new staff.
2. Correctional sites have made aesthetic changes to the facilities to create a less institutional and more welcoming environment for clients.

**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 maintaining safety and completing investigations. In several allegations, 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.

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](http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/training-technical-assistance/prea-101/prisons-and-jail-standards)