# **PREA Facility Audit Report: Final**

Name of Facility: Northstar Community Residential Center

Facility Type: Community Confinement
Date Interim Report Submitted: NA
Date Final Report Submitted: 08/18/2022

Auditor Certification		
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.		<b>7</b>
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.		V
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.		V
Auditor Full Name as Signed: Robert Manville  Date of Signature: 08/18/2022		

AUDITOR INFORMATION	
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Start Date of On-Site Audit:	07/12/2022
End Date of On-Site Audit:	07/13/2022

FACILITY INFORMATION	
Facility name:	Northstar Community Residential Center
Facility physical address:	3022 Parks Highway, Fairbanks, Alaska - 99709
Facility mailing address:	

Primary Contact	
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Facility Director	
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Facility PREA Compliance Manager	
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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	99
Current population of facility:	46
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	56
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	Both females and males
Age range of population:	20-67
Facility security levels/resident custody levels:	Minimum
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with residents:	18
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	10

AGENCY INFORMATION	
Name of agency:	The GEO Group, Inc.
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
Physical Address:	4955 Technology Way, Boca Raton, Florida - 33431
Mailing Address:	
Telephone number:	

Agency Chief Executive Officer Information:	
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#### **SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS**

The OAS automatically populates the number and list of Standards exceeded, the number of Standards met, and the number and list of Standards not met.

Auditor Note: In general, no standards should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA." A compliance determination must be made for each standard. In rare instances where an auditor determines that a standard is not applicable, the auditor should select "Meets Standard" and include a comprehensive discussion as to why the standard is not applicable to the facility being audited.

#### Number of standards exceeded:

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- 115.211 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
- 115.216 Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient
- 115.217 Hiring and promotion decisions
- 115.231 Employee training
- 115.233 Resident education
- 115.251 Resident reporting
- 115.286 Sexual abuse incident reviews

#### Number of standards met:

34

#### Number of standards not met:

0

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION		
GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION		
On-site Audit Dates		
Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2022-07-12	
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2022-07-13	
Outreach		
10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No	
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living	
AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION		
14. Designated facility capacity:	99	
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	56	
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	2	
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)</li> </ul>	
Audited Facility Population Characteristics Audit	on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the	
Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics	on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
36. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:	40	
38. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1	
39. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
40. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	

41. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1		
42. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0		
43. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1		
44. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0		
45. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0		
46. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1		
47. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0		
48. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	The facility is a community correctional facility and does not have a segregation unit.		
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit			
49. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	18		
50. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	10		
51. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	0		
52. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	No text provided.		
INTERVIEWS			
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews			
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews			

53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	15
54. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	☐ Age ☐ Race ☐ Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic) ☐ Length of time in the facility ☐ Housing assignment ☐ Gender ☐ Other ☐ None
If "Other," describe:	No text provided.
55. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?	I interview resident from all of the housing units and own different times that residents returned from work, or treatment programs.
56. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?	<ul><li>⊙ Yes</li><li>○ No</li></ul>
57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	I interview staff that worked outside of the facility on first and second shift to ensure that resident that are not at the facility during normal hours have access to PREA related training and reporting.
Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
58. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	4
As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted in cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulneral questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are a inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interview housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/controlled in the audited facility, enter "0".	able to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing w, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted ws an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview
60. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
61. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to the resident selections the PREA compliance manager, facility director, operating manager and I reviewed each resident Screening and discussed the residents. The staff are actively involved with all residents and knew each of the residents' strengths and weaknesses.
62. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<ul> <li>✓ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</li> <li>☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</li> </ul>
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to the resident selections the PREA compliance manager, facility director, operating manager and I reviewed each resident Screening and discussed the residents. The staff are actively involved with all residents and knew each of the residents' strengths and weaknesses.
63. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	1
64. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<ul> <li>✓ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</li> <li>☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</li> </ul>
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to the resident selections the PREA compliance manager, facility director, operating manager and I reviewed each resident Screening and discussed the residents. The staff are actively involved with all residents and knew each of the residents' strengths and weaknesses.

65. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	1
66. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.
	The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to the resident selections the PREA compliance manager, facility director, operating manager and I reviewed each resident Screening and discussed the residents. The staff are actively involved with all residents and knew each of the residents' strengths and weaknesses.
67. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.
	☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to the resident selections the PREA compliance manager, facility director, operating manager and I reviewed each resident Screening and discussed the residents. The staff are actively involved with all residents and knew each of the residents' strengths and weaknesses.
68. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:	1
69. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.  The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The facility does not have a segregation unit and no way of segregating residents.
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	No text provided.
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews	
Random Staff Interviews	
71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	12
72. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>□ Length of tenure in the facility</li> <li>□ Shift assignment</li> <li>□ Work assignment</li> <li>□ Rank (or equivalent)</li> <li>☑ Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)</li> <li>□ None</li> </ul>
If "Other," describe:	I interviewed all staff at the facility during the two days of on-site audit.
73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No
74. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	No text provided.
Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews	
Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the sp apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information w	ecialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may rould satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.
75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	6

76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	• Yes
	C No
77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	⊙ Yes
<b>3 3</b>	C No
78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	⊙ Yes
	C No
79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	⊙ Yes
manager:	○ No
	NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)

80. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>□ Agency contract administrator</li> <li>☑ Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment</li> <li>□ Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable)</li> <li>□ Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable)</li> <li>□ Medical staff</li> <li>□ Mental health staff</li> <li>□ Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>✓ Administrative (human resources) staff</li> <li>☐ Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault</li> <li>Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff</li> <li>✓ Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative</li> </ul>
	investigations  Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations
	<ul> <li>✓ Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness</li> <li>☐ Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in</li> </ul>
	isolation  ✓ Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team  ✓ Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation
	✓ First responders, both security and non-security staff
	✓ Intake staff □ Other
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<ul><li>⊙ Yes</li><li>○ No</li></ul>
a. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS who were interviewed:	1

b. Select which specialized VOLUNTEER role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	<ul> <li>□ Education/programming</li> <li>□ Medical/dental</li> <li>□ Mental health/counseling</li> <li>☑ Religious</li> <li>□ Other</li> </ul>
82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<ul><li>○ Yes</li><li>⊙ No</li></ul>
83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	No text provided.
SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTA	ATION SAMPLING
Site Review	
PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring purchase, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate review, you must document your tests of critical functions, implication with facility practices. The information you collect through the your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your access.	audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The rocess that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine estrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting ortant information gathered through observations, and any issues a site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of
84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	• Yes
	○ No
Was the site review an active, inquiring process that incli	uded the following:
85. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No
86. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?	<ul><li>⊙ Yes</li><li>○ No</li></ul>
87. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<ul><li>⊙ Yes</li><li>○ No</li></ul>
88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No

89. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).

During the site review, the locations of cameras and mirrors, room layout, restrooms and the placement of PREA posters and information was observed. Facility Notices in English and Spanish provided to the facility during the Pre-Onsite Audit Phase were found displayed in various locations throughout the facility. PREA reporting information and other PREA posted information is in both English and Spanish and posted in all housing units and in numerous locations throughout the facility. Reminders of opposite gender announcements are stenciled near the entries of housing have curtains for privacy. All toilets had partitions and walls in front of the toilet area. Residents stated they are not seen by staff when showering or using the restroom. The residents stated that staff announce their presence when entering their living unit and don't come in the area where they shower and use the toilet when that area is being utilized by residents. The intake staff was able to walk through all steps that residents would go through during intake. The staff provided me with a resident PREA Education handbook, a resident PREA handbook and a PREA brochure. The staff provided a copy of the acknowledgment sheet residents sign after they have received the PREA orientation and comprehensive education. The staff indicated that after the video, they use the pamphlet to read to each resident. All residents interviewed stated they felt safe at the facility and were engaging with the auditor and staff accompanying the auditor. The facility director and supervisory staff were in the housing areas most of the time I was at the facility. All staff and residents knew each other's name. Each camera was reviewed to determine if it provided enhancements to safety and at the time allow residents to shower change clothing and use the toilet without being seen on the monitor. While touring the facility, residents were involved in group counseling. Northstar Center is a coed facility. The facility has undergone two previous PREA audits. The reporting option numbers were called to determine if the calls were accessible to reentrants. The number for the RAINN National Hotline Network and provided two options to the resident. One was to make an allegation and one was to contact a local Crisis Center. The Alaska State Police was answered by a dispatcher and indicated he would take accept a call; however, it would be routed to closest ASP. Ak. DOC call was answered by staff from the Ak.DOC PREA Coordinators office.

### **Documentation Sampling**

Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.

90. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?

Yes

No

91. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).

Resident Files Reviewed: Ten (10) resident records were reviewed. These records included the following information. • Identification Number • Date of Birth • Date of Arrival • Date of Screening • Date of Follow-up Screening • Date of Initial PREA notification • Date of PREA orientation/education: Employee Background Checks: Ten background clearance files including five (5) new hired staff, three (3) employees that had over five years tenure at the facility and two (2) promotions. All files contained background checks including Ak.DOC NICIC and Accurate employment history. Ten (10) employee training records were reviewed. Included in the employee training records were random monitors (direct care staff), supervisors, Investigator, PREA Compliance manager. All training has been completed in the last 12 months. Interviews with random staff indicated they had received refresher training during the last six (6) months. The monitors indicated during the tour they are provided weekly briefings about PREA. This was confirmed by interviews with shift supervisors and daily briefing logs. Most staff interviewed stated they had received the questionnaire for their specific duties prior to the audit and were prepared for the audit. There were no investigative files to review. Five investigative files were reviewed. This includes sexual abuse and sexual harassment administrative files. There was no criminal investigation during the last twelve months. The logbooks and computerized unannounced rounds were reviewed in each housing unit and the control room. The auditor requested a specific date for unannounced PREA round and was provided with a PREA unannounced rounds document for that date.

# SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

#### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

Remember the number of allegations should be based on a review of all sources of allegations (e.g., hotline, third-party, grievances) and should not be based solely on the number of investigations conducted. Note: For question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, or detained sexual abuse allegations and investigations, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

# 92. Total number of SEXUAL ABUSE allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual abuse allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on- inmate sexual abuse	1	0	1	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	1	0	1	0
Total	2	0	2	0

93. Total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT allegations and investigations overview during the 12 months preceding the audit, by incident type:

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	1	0	1	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	2	0	2	0
Total	3	0	3	0

#### **Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes**

#### **Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently (i.e., if a criminal investigation was referred for prosecution and resulted in a conviction, that investigation outcome should only appear in the count for "convicted.") Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detained sexual abuse investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

#### 94. Criminal SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/Court Case Filed	Convicted/Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

#### 95. Administrative SEXUAL ABUSE investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	1	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	1	0	0
Total	0	1	1	0

#### **Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes**

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently. Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term "inmate" in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

#### 96. Criminal SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Referred for Prosecution	Indicted/Court Case Filed	Convicted/Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

#### 97. Administrative SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation outcomes during the 12 months preceding the audit:

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	1
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	1	2

## Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review			
98. Enter the total number of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2		
99. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>		
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files	Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files		
100. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1		
101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>		
102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>		

103. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>
105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)</li> </ul>
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Revie	w
106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	3
107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)</li> </ul>
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112. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</li> </ul>	
113. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</li> </ul>	
114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	No text provided.	
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION		
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff		
115. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	<ul><li>○ Yes</li><li>ⓒ No</li></ul>	
Non-certified Support Staff		
116. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	<ul><li>○ Yes</li><li>○ No</li></ul>	
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION		
121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	<ul> <li>The audited facility or its parent agency</li> <li>My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)</li> <li>A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	

#### **Standards**

#### **Auditor Overall Determination Definitions**

- Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions)

#### **Auditor Discussion Instructions**

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

#### 115.211 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2 Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Community Residential Center (NCRC) Policy 2019-1-PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements

PREA Agency Organizational Chart

Facility Organizational Chart

115.211 (a): The agency and center policies outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy and practices provide a zero-tolerance for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Residents are informed orally about the zero-tolerance policy and the PREA program during in processing and additional admission and orientation presentations. The orientation is offered in English and in Spanish. Additional program information is contained in the resident's manual, and postings distributed throughout the center (observed during the tour). All written documents are available in English and Spanish. Additional interpretive services are available for residents who do not speak or read English. Both center staff and residents are provided with a wealth of opportunities to become aware of PREA policies and procedures. All employees receive initial training and annual training, as well as updates throughout the year. The agency and center exceed the standards with all the programs they have implemented to ensure the residents and staff understand its position on zero- tolerance.

115.211 (b): GEO employs an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator at the corporate level. The agency's organizational chart depicts his position within the agency. The PREA Coordinator oversees the agency's efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of GEO's facilities. Within the GEO PREA coordinator office are additional staff that provides technical assistance to PREA compliance managers, conducts yearly PREA assessments for each facility, and provides quality control in reviewing all investigations, incident review reports and PREA audits. GEO ensures that all of its facilities have a PREA Compliance Manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facilities PREA efforts. The GEO staff are instrumental in working with the local PREA compliance managers in carrying out the expectation of the agency to exceed the expectations of the National PREA standards. In addition to conducting yearly PREA assessments the staff work with the PREA auditors to assist the facility in gathering documents, developing Corrective Action Plans and documenting plans.

GEO ensures that all of its facilities have a PREA Compliance Manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facilities PREA efforts. The facility's organizational chart illustrates PREA Compliance Manager's position within the facility. GEO and Facility policy outline the responsibilities of the PREA Compliance Manager. At Northstar Center the PREA compliance manager works directly to the facility director. Interview with the facility director confirmed that he supervises the PREA compliance manager. The PREA compliance manager interviewed indicated the work closely with the Alaska based Investigator that also serves as a regional PREA support staff. The PREA compliance manger and facility director indicated they have several support staff outside the facility to provide PREA related issues. This includes the Alaska based investigator, the PREA coordinator team leader for Alaska and the PREA Coordinator. The facility director interviews confirmed that the center meets on a regular basis to discuss facility's efforts to comply with PREA and to develop a culture to maintain a Safe environment for staff and residents.

The facility exceeds expectations through the collaborative measures that operations, therapist, unit managers, PREA compliance manager, facility director and facility director that make NCRC a sexual safe environment. The facility had implemented PREA tools to assure a safe environment for resident and staff. This includes the screening instrument, rescreening instrument, videos that provide PREA orientation and training, and reviewing the standards on a regular basis to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the culture the facility has developed at the facility.

115.212	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2 Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities.
	Alaska DOC Contract with GEO
	Not Applicable for GEO facilities
	NCRC Policy 2019-1-PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements
	The facility does not contract with other entities to house residents. A review of the documentation submitted substantiates that the Alaska Department of Corrections requires the entities which they contract for the confinement of residents (residential reentry centers or "halfway houses") to adopt and comply with the PREA standards. Compliance was determined by review of facility contract agreement and interviews with the GEO PREA coordinator and Facility Administrator.

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115.213	Supervision and monitoring
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2 Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-1-PREA Staffing and facility requirements
	Approved Facility Staffing Plan
	Annual PREA Facility Assessment 9/09/2021
	PREA Unannounced Supervisor Round Log Security Staff Schedule Sample
	Facility diagram with cameras locations
	115.213 (a): The GEO Group has developed and documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and uses video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse. The agency took into consideration the physical layout of the facility, the composition of the population and the prevalence of substantiated incidents of sexual abuse, and the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels in the development of the facility's staffing plan.
	115.213 (b): There were no deviations from the contractually approved staffing plan during the review period. The facility maintains the required two alert staff at all times. In the event of staff vacancies, callouts or PTO requests, the facility uses overtime as needed to ensure all shifts are covered in accordance with staffing plan.
	115.213 (c): GEO conducts an annual PREA facility assessment. PREA assessments for the last 3 years were reviewed by the auditor. The present staffing plan is based on 99 residents while the number of residents assigned to the facility during the audit was 56. The facility has a mandatory staffing plan that requires the center to provide over time, call in, and use of specialized staff to provide staff to meet the mandatory posts. All staff at the facility are provided training on providing direct care supervision of residents. The facility director indicated that per contract the facility must maintain a minimum of two staff awake and alert at all times. Unannounced random rounds by the facility supervisor staff during weekends and nights are conducted to insure the appropriate awake and alert staff are on duty at all times.
	During the tour of the facility, there were staff noted in the general areas wherever residents were located. The camera system provides additional support for providing supervision of the population. Random staff interviewed during the tour indicated they are required to be relieved from their post prior to leaving their assigned post. All residents interviewed indicated they felt safe at the facility. It was noted during the tour that a large number of the population were actively involved

indicated they felt safe at the facility. It was noted during the tour that a large number of the population were actively involved in educational or drug treatment programs. There were direct care staff assigned to each of the program areas.

Compliance was determined by review of policies, documents viewed during the tour of the facility, review of the cameras and interviews with PREA compliance manger and facility director.

115.015	
115.215	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019-4 Resident Searches, Viewing, and Contraband PREA Staff Training Curriculum (Pre-Service/In-Service)

PREA Staff Training Acknowledgements Random Staff Training Files

115.215 (a): Based on review of GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 2019-4, the agency and facility have policies in place regarding resident searches. Cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches are prohibited except in exigent circumstances or when performed by a medical practitioner. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no cross-gender strip or visual body cavity searches conducted.

115.215 (b): Northstar Center houses male and female residents. GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 2019-4 clearly defines that transgender cannot be examined to determine their genital status. All staff interviewed acknowledge they had received training on cross gender pat down searches and were aware of the policy that forbids staff from examining a transgender person to determine their genital status. Local policy mandates that transgender residents will be offered a preference on gender to conduct pat down searches. The facility director indicated that the facility would not restrict access to programs due to a resident's gender. The facility director indicated that the decision to house a transgender resident would be determined by the resident's preference and the overall security and safety of the resident population.

115.215 (c): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 2019-4 mandate that all gross gender searches be documented. Based on interviews with PCM and PAQ there have been no cross-gender searches at the facility.

115.215 (d): The agency and facility have policies and practices that allow residents to shower, use the toilet and change clothing without opposite gender staff viewing them, absent of exigent circumstances or instances when the viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Opposite gender staff are required to announce their presence when entering opposite-gender housing units or restroom areas. All residents are required to change their clothes in the resident bathroom area to ensure their privacy. Signs posted near the restroom area informs residents that the restroom is an authorized changing area. In the event a staff observes an opposite-gender resident for any reason, the staff member is responsible for making an immediate report of the incident and submit the report to the facility director. In interview with residents, they all feel they have privacy to shower, toilet, and change clothing when opposite gender staff are in their housing area. They also reported that staff do not come into the restrooms area of the other gender and all staff advise resident they are entering the showering and toilet areas. All showers and toilets had curtains that allowed privacy for residents to use the shower. There are signs located in the front of each housing unit reminding staff to announce their presence when entering a housing unit. A review of the showering areas confirmed there were privacy for residents to shower, use the toilet and dress in privacy.

115.215 (e): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 2019-4 clearly defines that transgender cannot be examined to determine their genital status. The center would determine the housing plan and genital status by interviews by medical professionals in consultation with Alaska Department of Corrections. All staff interviewed acknowledge they had received training on cross gender pat down searchers and were aware of the policy that forbids staff from examining a transgender person to determine their genital status. Local policy mandates that transgender residents will be offered a preference on gender to conduct pat down searches. The facility director (PCM) and facility director indicated that the facility would not restrict access to programs and placement in the program due to a resident's gender.

115.215 (f): All employees of Northstar Center receive training on how to conduct cross-gender pat searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner. The Guidance in Cross-Gender and Transgender Pat Searches lesson plan was provided for review. Staff sign a PREA Basic Acknowledgement form acknowledging receiving and understanding the training provided. Review of random staff training records and in interview with security staff, revealed staff are receiving this training at pre-service and annually through on-line training. There were no transgender or intersex residents assigned to the facility during the on-site audit.

During interviews with female staff all indicated they had not been pat searched by male staff. The male staff would utilize a wan to detect metals objects. Male staff indicated they utilize a wan and if it goes off, they request a female staff to conduct the pat search.

There are showers curtains around the showers. There are partitions in the restrooms. Compliance was determined by interviews with residents, direct care staff and review of policies and practices.

#### 115.216 Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019-2 PREA Intake and Orientation

PREA Education Manual for Residents- English

PREA Education Manual for Residents- Spanish

PREA Education Manual for Residents- English (Large Print)

PREA Education Manual for Residents- Spanish (Large Print)

Photo of the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)

Resident Reporting Options Posters (English/Spanish)

Language Line Contract

Statement of Fact (No resident interpreters)

115.216 (a): GEO and Northstar Center policies mandates that the facility shall not discriminate against residents with known disabilities and shall provide reasonable accommodations to ensure access to programs, activities, and services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the provisions established in this Policy. Through policy and practice, the facility staff ensures that residents with all disabilities listed in 115.16a have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. There was one deaf resident housed at the facility during this audit period. The resident indicated he would prefer to communicate by handwritten notes. He is going deaf and was able to comprehend the PREA orientation and training program. He was extremely pleased with the facility's staff, their willingness to carry him to many medical appointments and as he said the "patience and courtesy they have shown him". The female staff have another resident take a statement to the resident advising him a female was coming to his area. The facility has TTY telephone and hard of hearing telephones for residents. PREA manual is provided in English and Spanish in Large Print. The facility staff that conduct PREA orientation and comprehensive education indicated that all orientation and comprehensive education is read to the residents, and they sign a statement acknowledging they understand the PREA program. The staff indicated that residents with learning disabilities are provided the same training program, however all of the training programs at the center are individualized and learning-disabled residents are provided training including reading documents. The facility has a Language Line Contract.

115.216 (b): All PREA related information (written information), including postings, brochures and handouts are available in English, and Spanish. The facility has access to translation services for written access in other languages. Staff also may read information to residents when necessary. Agency and facility policies prohibit residents to be relied on as readers or any types of assistants, except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety. All staff interviewed indicated they would utilize staff that were bilingual or the language line if staff were not available. There were no LEP residents at the facility during the audit.

115.216 (c): The facility director provided a memo of record indicating that the center has not utilized resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants during this accreditation period. The use of residents under these circumstances must be justified and documented in a written investigative report. Staff interviewed knew residents were not to be used for these purposes. Interviews with first responders, medical, mental health and monitors confirmed their awareness of the prohibition of using resident interpreters for PREA compliance functions.

Exceed Compliance of this standard by review of policies, contracting agreement and interviews with intake staff, facility director and the additional measures the facility has taken to accommodate a resident that has recently lost his hearing.

# 115.217 Hiring and promotion decisions Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard Auditor Discussion

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019-1 PREA Staffing and facility requirements

New Hire Application

GEO Background Check on New Hires

Annual Performance Evaluation & Disclosure (PREA Questionnaire) Promotion PAF & Disclosure

Five Year Background Check

Background Random Background Checks for new hires, promotions, and five years tenured staff.

115.217 (a): All employees, contractors and volunteers have had criminal background checks completed prior to being employed by Northstar Center. The facility does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents, and does not enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer that may have contact with residents, who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other center; has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse, or if the person has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity. Incidents of sexual harassment are considered by the facility in determining whether to hire or promote anyone or to enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer who may have contact with residents. The facility utilizes Accurate, a private vendor to conduct background check on all applicants. Additionally, the Client also conducts criminal backgrounds checks and documents that an applicant has been cleared to hire. The Client also conducts the 5-year criminal background checks for the facility.

115.217 (b): GEO and the facility considers any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents. There is a questionnaire that all persons applying for a position or applying for a promotion must complete that ask if they have any incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

115.217 (c) The agency requires all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents have a criminal background check. Criminal background checks for all potential employees are completed through a contract with Accurate. For those considered for promotions or who transfer from another facility, an internal background check through GEO is requested on the Prison Rape Elimination Act Questionnaire Internal Promotion/Transfer form (HR-104), and an "Accurate" background check is conducted. If an applicant answers on their application, they are a prior institutional employee, information from prior institutional employers shall be requested through Accurate. From information provided on the Preaudit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, 33 background checks were completed by Accurate and Ak. DOC.

115.217 (d): The facility performs criminal background checks through Accurate before enlisting the services of any contractor or volunteer. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no criminal background checks conducted for volunteers or contractors.

115.217 (e): Criminal background checks are conducted through Accurate every five years for employees and volunteers. The facility provided three five-year background checks at the auditor's request.

115.217 (f): The agency asks all applicants and employees who have contact with residents directly about previous sexual misconduct. Applicants are asked these questions on the GEO application. For consideration for promotions or transfers, employees complete a PREA Disclosure and Authorization Form Promotions – PREA Related Positions form (PREA-102). Annually at the time of performance evaluations, employees sign a PREA Disclosure and Authorization – Annual Performance Evaluations form (PREA-101).

115.217 (g): GEO and the facility policy mandates that material omissions regarding sexual misconduct and the provision of materially giving false information are grounds for termination as required by this standard. Employees have a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any sexual misconduct. This was verified by interviews with the administrative staff.

115.217 (h): Unless prohibited by law, GEO's Reentry Services Corporate Human Resource Department will provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a

request from an institutional employer for whom the individual has applied for work.

Exceed compliance was determined by the extensive background checks that are conducted independent of each other by the AK. DOC and Accurate prior to offering employment. Also, all staff files reviewed had yearly appraisal that included the PREA checklist of required by this standard.

115.218	Upgrades to facilities and technology
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-1 PREA Staffing and facility requirements
	PREA Annual Facility Assessment for last three years
	115.218 (a): The facility has not made any major modifications in the last three years. The facility did add two cameras during the last three years based on an annual assessment in August 2020.
	115.218 (b): The facility has an annual PREA assessment that includes needs for cameras and monitoring upgrades. There were no recommendations during the August 25, 2021, annual PREA assessment.
	Compliance was determined by review of the camera mapping program, review of camera placement, and interviews with facility director.

#### 115.221 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: Evidence Protocol and Forensic Medical Examination

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexual Abuse Behavior and Evidence Emails and conversation with Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living

Northstar Center Policy 2019.6

MOU with Fairbanks Medical Center

Interviews Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and Fairbanks Medical Center

115.221(a): Investigating PREA Allegations policies establishes that the evidence protocol to be utilized in sexual assault cases involving residents to mirror the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women's "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations for Adults/Adolescents." A victim of sexual abuse at Northstar will be transported to Fairbanks Medical Center. Northstar Center would also contact Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living to provide a victim advocate accompany the victim to the hospital and support the victim. Fairbanks Medical Center has a fulltime SART program and would provide a victim advocate if one was not available at the time of the assault.

115.321 (b): and (F): To the extent the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. (b) The protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth and as appropriate, shall be adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols. Policy provides for the uniform Protocols to be followed. The Protocol is outlined regarding appropriateness for youth and adults Alaska State Police investigate sexual abuse allegations that are criminal in nature. Staff interviews confirmed an understanding of the facility's protocol for obtaining usable physical evidence if a resident alleges sexual abuse and knowledge of the entities responsible for conducting investigations. The GEO investigator for Alaska programs was interviewed and was found to be extremely knowledgeable of PREA standards and investigative protocol.

115.321 (c): The agency shall offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The agency shall document its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs. The facility does have a MOU with Fairbanks Medical Center for SANE or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE). Fairbanks Medical Center indicated that the SART team is on standby twenty-four hours a day.

115.321 (d): The facility has attempted to secure a MOU with Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living for victim advocacy services. The Victim's center director was contacted and provided a review of the programs and services available to residents at Northstar Center, however they indicated they were reluctant to sign a MOU due to funding sources. However, they would provide victim advocate services to include meeting with residents at the center, providing pro bono attorney and emotional support for victims of sexual abuse. The center indicated they had provided all of the information to the center and have met with a resident at the center that is discharging and was seeking assistance in housing in Fairbank due to being in a domestic violence relationship in Anchorage, Alaska and had received assistance in housing and emotional support in Fairbanks. The medical center staff interviewed by telephone verified that the hospital had SANE staff on duty and had a working relationship with Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living. GEO is continuing to work toward developing a MOU with Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living.

Compliance was determined by polices, MOU, attempts to establish MOU and interview with Investigator and staff rom Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and Fairbanks Medical Center.

#### 115.222 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior

PREA Monthly Investigation Tracking Log GEO Website (Investigations)

Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) AK.DOC, MOU with Alaska State Police and Ak.DOC Department of Corrections ("DOC"). Email from GEO PREA Coordinator regarding latest allegations of sexual abuse.

115.222 (a): GEO Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior mandate that all allegations of sexual abuse will be investigated by an agency with criminal authority unless the allegation is not criminal in nature. At Northstar Center, Ak. Department of Corrections is notified of all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Allegations involving staff are referred to GEO's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). The Alaska Department of Corrections may conduct the investigations or refer to GEO for investigations that are not criminal in nature. Allegations that are criminal in nature are referred to Alaska State Patrol for investigation. In the past 12 months there were five allegations referred to Ak.DOC. None were criminal and all were referred to Northstar Center for investigations. The investigations were conducted by a trained PREA investigator.

115.222 (b): GEO Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior mandate that all allegations of sexual abuse will be investigated by an agency with criminal authority unless the allegation is not criminal in nature. The facility documents all referrals of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. All allegations are documented and tracked on the Monthly PREA Tracking Log. Interview with facility director confirmed this procedure. The agency policy regarding the administrative investigation of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and referrals for criminal investigations is published on the agency website and can be accessed at https://www.geogroup.com/prea. GEO website provides the role and responsibility of staff in the investigative process.

115.222 (c): The center coordinated response also provides the facilities duties in the investigative process. Staff carry PREA cards that outlined their duties in cases of a sexual abuse allegation at the center. All staff were aware of their duties.

The facility does not have an investigator, however there is an investigator stationed in Alaska for GEO investigations.

Compliance was determined by review of the policy and interviews with direct care staff, facility director, Sexual Abuse Investigator and PREA compliance manager.

115.231	Employee training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019-1 PREA staffing and Facility Requirements

PREA Staff Training Curriculum (In-Service/Pre-Service) PREA Staff Training Acknowledgement

Random Training Acknowledgement

115.231 (a): All staff are provided an employee handbook that includes all areas of PREA training and protocol for sexual abuse prevention, intervention, reporting, and protecting the residents and preserving the possible crime scene. Training includes:

- · Zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- · How to fulfill staff responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.
- · Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- · Residents and employees' rights to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- · Dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.
- · Common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims.
- · How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse.
- · How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents.
- · How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents.
- · How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
- Cross Gender & Pat Searches & Searches of Transgender and Intersex

Newly hired employees receive training relative to PREA standards during their initial training in a classroom setting. Yearly refresher training is required by all staff utilizing a Computer Based PREA training program. All staff interviewed were aware and could explain each of the above topics. Staff interviewed indicated the center has monthly staff meetings which includes PREA topics in the staff meetings.

15.231 (b): Northstar Center houses adult male and female residents. The training provided is tailored to meet the needs of both genders.

115.231 (c): Northstar Center Policy mandates that all employees, contractors, or volunteers receive training on GEO's Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program prior to having contact with residents. PREA refresher training shall be conducted each year thereafter for all employees. Refresher training shall include updates to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment policies. According to the PAQ 100 % Northstar Center staff received training during the last 12 months.

115.231 (d): Northstar Center Policy mandates that all employees shall document through signature on the GEO issued PREA Basic Training Acknowledgement Form to verify they understand the training they have received. The form shall be used to document Pre-Service and In-Service PREA training. Volunteers and Contractors shall receive annual refresher training and document through signature on the GEO issued PREA Basic Training Acknowledgement Form to verify they understand the training they have received.

The center administrative staff conduct unannounced PREA rounds. During the rounds staff are interviewed and asked to explain part of the training curriculum. The center conducts training in staff meetings, shift briefings and training flyers on a regular basis. The facility provided samples of staff training. The center has an all staff meeting monthly where PREA is one of the stable discussions on the agenda. The auditor requested random training files for 12 staff members, which were reviewed. All files contained pre-service and annual in-service training.

Based on the knowledge of interviews with staff it was determined that the facility exceeded the expectations of this standard

115.232	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-1 PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program Volunteer/Contractor Training Curriculum
	Statement of Fact
	115.232 (a): Northstar Center ensures all volunteers who have contact with inmates are trained on their responsibilities under the agency and facility's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures prior to their assignment and annually. GEO policy 5.1.2-A, outline the requirements for PREA training for contractor and volunteer. This training includes their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures.
	115.232 (b): Volunteers complete Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program and sign a PREA Basic Acknowledgement form acknowledging receipt and understanding of the training received. Specialized staff such as medical receive additional training specific to the medical training standard.
	115.232 (c): Policy mandate that all volunteer, and contractor files shall include background check and annual training acknowledgements.
	Compliance was determined by review of policy, training curriculum, training files and interviews with PREA compliance manager, volunteer, contractor and facility director.

Auditor Discussion  Auditor Discussion	115.233	Resident education
Auditor Discussion		Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
		Auditor Discussion

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy: 2901.2 PREA intake and Orientation

PREA Resident Education Manual (English/Spanish) Acknowledgement Receipt

PREA Video Acknowledgement Receipt

PREA Resident Reporting Options Posters (English/Spanish) PREA Resident Reporting Options Posters Large Print PREA Brochure

**Unannounced Round Interviews** 

115.233 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 2901-2 Intake and Orientation, all residents receive information at time of intake and if transferred from another facility about the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents and are informed of the agency policy and procedures for responding to such incidents. In interview with the Case Managers who provides the PREA Education Manual for Residents to the residents and shows the PREA: What You Need to Know video. Resident are asked to sign an acknowledgement statement while they are still in the intake area. The Case Manager provides resident PREA education, during the intake process or the following morning. On information reported on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, there were 95 residents assigned Northstar Center in the past 12 months and all residents assigned received PREA education. All resident interviewed indicated they saw a video when they first arrived at the facility and the PREA compliance manager went over the PREA handbook. During this training the PREA compliance manager provided information of the victim support agency. Residents again sign an acknowledgement that they received and understood the PREA training program.

115.233 (b): Residents who transfer to the facility from a different community confinement facility receive the same PREA education that all newly assigned residents receive. In the past 12 months, there were no residents who transferred to the facility from another community confinement facility,

115.233 (c): Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Education shall be provided in formats accessible to all residents, including those with disabilities and those who are limited English proficient. Each resident shall sign for receipt of written materials and participation in comprehensive education sessions which shall be retained in their individual files and a copy maintained by the PREA Compliance Manager. Designated staff interpreters or Language Line services shall be utilized for those residents who are limited English proficient. Staff shall document the use of the interpreter services as appropriate. For residents who are hearing impaired, the facility has a telecommunication device for the deaf (TTD) machine available. Residents with limited vision are assisted by some of the posters and resident sexual abuse manuals and pamphlets having been printed in larger print. For resident with a mental disability, staff shall spend extra time to ensure they understand the PREA basics to include definitions and reporting information. For those residents who are blind, staff shall read the information to those individuals. Staff shall be trained on the use of interpreters, interpreter services and other available resources as part of PREA training. The PREA Education Manual for Residents is provided in both English and Spanish and in large print for residents with low vision. The PREA: What You Need to Know video is available in English and Spanish. A contract with the Language Line Solutions provides translation of any languages. The one resident that was deaf was interviewed and indicated he received the training when he arrived at the facility before he lost his hearing. He has continued to receive training by writing with his case manager.

115.233 (d): The facility maintains documentation of residents' participation in PREA education sessions. Residents sign an Acknowledgement of Receipt of PREA Education Manual and another acknowledgment form acknowledging training in the zero-tolerance policy, the right to report, and access to free medical and mental health care and viewing the PREA: What You Need to Know video. In review of random resident files, the facility is maintaining documentation of PREA education. This same information is uploaded on the GEO Offender Management System.

115.233 (e): There are PREA posters located throughout the facility. Residents interviewed acknowledged receiving written PREA information upon arrival to the facility and viewing the PREA video. They were knowledgeable of the zero-tolerance policy and knew how to report incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This educational program doesn't stop at the orientation and comprehensive education program. When supervisory staff make their monthly unannounced PREA rounds, residents are interviewed about differing topics to do with PREA.

Due to the knowledge of residents interviewed and to the continuous reinforcement of PREA the facility was found to exceed in the requirements of this standard.

115.234	Specialized training: Investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Policy-5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA)
	GEO Training Curriculum
	Statement of Fact
	115.234 (a): GEO ensures that facility investigators receive training on conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. There are no investigators at Northstar Center. GEO has a trained investigator assigned to Alaska
	Coperate office that conducts administrative investigations. The investigator is a trained Sexual Abuse trainer
	115.234 (b): The GEO training programs includes Specialized training of Investigators. This training includes techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution 115.234 (c): GEO maintains documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations on the GEO training data base.
	Compliance was determined by reviewing training curriculum, interview with the agency investigator, facility director and statement of fact confirmed the agency has a trained investigator that conducts administrative investigations at Northstar Center.

115.235	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	Statement of Fact
	Based on the Facility contract, statement of fact, and PAQ, the facility does not have any medical or mental health staff assigned to the center. All medical and mental health needs off site.
	Compliance was determined by GEO policy and statement of fact.

#### 115.241 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019-3 PREA Screening/admission Reentry Facility Screening Instrument

PREA Vulnerability Reassessment PAQ

115.241 (a): Northstar Center Policy 2019-3 requires that every resident shall be assessed during intake and upon transfer for their risk of being sexually abused by another resident in Northstar Center or being sexually abusive towards another individual (staff or resident) in Northstar Center. Intake risk screening shall ordinarily take place within 24 hours of arrival at the facility. A designated intake staff or case management staff will conduct all screening of prospective residents. Persons tasked with screening shall conduct a thorough review of any available records (i.e., medical files or pre-sentence investigation reports, etc.) which can assist them with the risk assessment. A review of resident files and interviews with residents, and interviews with the intake staff confirmed that all residents are assessed during intake and upon transfer for their risk of being sexually abused by another resident in Northstar Center. On information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months 90 residents assigned to Northstar Center were assessed for their risk of victimization or abusiveness upon arrival.

115.241 (b): Intake screening ordinarily takes place within 24 hours of residents' arrival to the facility. The facility meets this provision of the standard requirement of intake screening within 72 hours of arrival to the facility. In review of random resident files, intake screening is conducted within 48 hours of arrival to the facility.

115.241 (c): Intake risk assessments are conducted by the facility director, operations supervisor or case managers using the Reentry Facilities PREA Risk Assessment, an objective screening tool.

115.241 (d): The Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness include the following:

- · Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability.
- · The age of the resident.
- $\cdot$  The physical build of the resident.
- · Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated.
- · Whether the residents' criminal history is exclusively nonviolent.
- · Whether the resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child.
- · Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming.
- · Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization.
- · The resident's own perception of vulnerability.

115.241 (e): The screening includes the screener's thorough review of any available records available to assist with determining the resident's risk assessment. The initial screening considers prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse.

115.241 (f): Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days of residents' arrival to the facility, residents are reassessed by their Program Counselor for their risk for victimization and abusiveness using the PREA Vulnerability Questionnaire. On information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months 53 residents were reassessed for their risk of victimization and abusiveness within 30 days of arrival to the facility. In review of random resident files, this process is in place.

115.241 (h): A resident's risk level will also be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information. The case manager supervisor indicated that any staff that has any concerns about a resident's vulnerability or abusiveness may request the resident be rescreened.

115.241 (f): Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days of residents' arrival to the facility, residents are reassessed by

their Program Counselor for their risk for victimization and abusiveness using the PREA Vulnerability Questionnaire. On information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months 53 residents were reassessed for their risk of victimization and abusiveness within 30 days of arrival to the facility. In review of random resident files, this process is in place.

115.241 (h): A resident's risk level will also be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information. The case manager supervisor indicated that any staff that has any concerns about the resident can request he be reassessed. Out of the ten screening files, three had additional reassessment after resident had been at the facility more than 90 days.

115.241 (i): Northstar Center Policy 2019-3 addresses this standard. Sensitive information shall be limited to need-to know employees only for the purpose of treatment, programming, housing and security and management decisions. Only designated staff identified by the Facility Director shall have access to completed risk screening information which shall be maintained in a secure area of the facility. The facility director, PREA compliance manager and case managers have access to screening information.

In interview with the case managers, PREA compliance manager and facility director and in review of random resident files, the screening process is in place. The facility director maintains all screening and rescreening in his office for easy reference. Further the facility utilized the screening and reassessment as a tool to manage the safety of the resident at the facility. Based on review of this standard it was determined that this standard meets expectations.

# 115.242 Use of screening information Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019-3 PREA Screening/admission

Reentry Facility Screening Instrument

PREA Vulnerability Reassessment

Referral for Counseling to Center for Non-Violent Living

Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living

Transgender Preference Form

115.242 (a): The agency uses the information from the risk screening form to make housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of separating residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from residents with those at high risk of being sexually abusive. GEO policy and facility policy explains the use of PREA screening information. When the risk assessment indicates the resident scores as a potential victim or abuser, it is reviewed by the Case Manager Supervisor and forwarded to the PREA compliance Manager to place the resident on the at-risk logs. The PREA Compliance Manager maintains a PREA At-Risk of being victimized log for residents who are identified as being potential victims, a PREA At-Risk for Abusiveness Log for residents who are identified from screening to be a potential abuser, and a PREA At-Risk of Being Victimized/Abusive log for residents who are identified as being a victim and abuser. The PREA Compliance Manager stated the logs are updated daily and reviewed weekly for accuracy. The at-risk logs current housing locations and will be used to assist in making housing placements per the Case Manager Supervisor and PREA Compliance Manger. The interviews with the Case Manager Supervisor and the PREA Compliance Manager indicated that housing and program assignments are made on a case-by-case basis with consideration of the PREA risk factors. In review of completed risk assessments in the resident files, the Auditor determined the facility is utilizing collected data, such as the residents' physical characteristics (build and appearance), age, whether the resident has mental, physical or development disability, previous assignment in specialized housing, alleged offense and criminal history, whether the resident is perceived to be Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual/Transgender/Intersex (LGBTI) or is gender non-conforming to determine housing, recreation, work, and other activity decisions. Through staff interviews and review of resident files, it was determined that the facility addresses the needs of the resident consistent with the security and safety of the individual resident regarding housing. Residents that claim victimization or history of predator sexual behavior prior to coming to the center, including prior to be incarcerated is provided a referral form and ask it they would like to talk to a mental health professional. The center utilizes the Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living. According to policy, interviews and referrals, all referrals are within 14 days of arrival at the center.

115.242 (b): Northstar Center Policy 2901-3 requires that screening information shall be used to determine housing, bed, work, education, and programming assignments within the facility in order to keep potential victims away from potential abusers. The PREA Compliance Manager maintains an "at risk log" of potential victims and potential abusers determined from the PREA Intake Risk Screening Assessment. The "at risk log" is kept current and includes current housing locations. Each resident's screening is utilized along with interviews with the residents for placement on an individual basis.

115.242 (c): The PREA Compliance Manager also maintain a tracking log of those individuals who self-identify as LGBTI with their housing location to ensure LGBTI residents are not placed in housing units solely based on their identification as LGBTI. There were no LBGT residents at the facility during the audit.

Compliance was determined by review of the housing matrix, at risk log, resident file reviewed and interviews with PREA compliance manager and case managers.

## 115.251 Resident reporting Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard Auditor Discussion

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard. GEO 5.1.2-

**Employee Reporting Options Poster** 

GEO Website (Staff and Third-Party Reporting Info) Resident Reporting Options Poster

PREA Resident Education Manual (Resident Reporting Options) Acknowledgement Receipt

Northstar Center Policy 2019-2 PREA Intake and Orientation

Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (PREA) RAINNS hotline

Ak.DOC hotline

Ak. State Patrol hotline

115.251 (a)(b): The facility provides provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. As stated in GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 2019-6, the facility provides multiple internal ways for residents to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Residents are informed in the PREA Education Manual for Residents, and on the Resident Reporting Options poster indicates residents can Inform a staff member Immediately Contact the Facility PREA Compliance Manager. The posters explain the resident reporting options and includes

- · Inform any Staff Member Immediately
- Contact the PREA Compliance Manager (CWS Coordinator Tina Bean) If you do not feel comfortable informing a staff member in person or in writing, you or a third party can report anonymously. External Reporting:
- Fairbanks Police Department (Anonymous 24/7) Phone: 1 (907) 450-6500
- · Alaska State Troopers (Anonymous 24/7) Phone: 1 (907) 451-5100
- Alaska Department of Corrections 515 East Dahlia Avenue Suite 200 Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: 1 (907) 761-5616
- RAINN National Hotline Network (available 24/7 and confidential) 1 (800) 656-4673

Call for information on sexual assault local resources and referrals for service providers

Calls to PREA resources are not monitored by the facility. Call recipients may contact the facility to advise them an incident has occurred in accordance with local reporting policy requirements and reports of abuse may be forwarded to the appropriate authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws, as applicable.

The auditor contacted the RAINN National Hotline, and the DOC hotline. Each number were operational and did not require a PIN to make a report. RAINN hotline two options. One was to report an allegation as a third party or second to refer in the case of RAINN to an area Victim Advocate program.

There are multiple posters located throughout the center for resident to review. These posters include other ways of reporting such as GEO cooperate office.

115.251 (c): Staff shall accept reports made verbally, anonymously and from third parties. Staff are required to document verbal reports immediately or no longer than the end of their shift. Staff interviewed were aware of this requirement. All allegations of sexual abuse are to be handled in a confidential manner. When interviewed all staff indicated they would accept all calls, verbal reports and third-party reports and would document and immediately report to their supervisor. GEO training includes staff responsibilities to report all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, staff neglect, or retaliation for making a report.

115.251 (d): Staff have access to private reporting by calling the Employee Hotline (866-568-5425) or the GEO PREA Coordinator (561-999-5827). Information for resident and staff reporting was found on the GEO website

(https://www.geogroup.com/prea. Third-Party Reporting posters and the Employee Handbook informs employees of their

responsibility of reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and their reporting options. Staff carry with them a Sexual Abuse First Responder Card, which has the employee hotline number and the website address for anonymous reporting. Staff interviewed knew how to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents. All resident interviewed were aware of the multiple ways to make reports of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual.

Exceed compliance was determined by the testing of telephone, review of the many posters, and interviews with the each of the parties that resident may call to report an allegation or request a victim emotional support staff. Further exceed was determined by intrviews with the PREA compliance manger, PREA Coordinator, staff, and residents.

### 115.252 Exhaustion of administrative remedies Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities

Northstar Center Policy 2019.5- Resident Grievance System

PREA Education Manual for Residents

Resident Handbook

#### **PAQ**

115.252 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, Sexual Abuse Grievances section and Northstar Center Policy 2019-5 Resident Grievance System provides a procedure for residents to submit grievances regarding sexual abuse and the agency has procedures for dealing with these grievances. Instructions on how to file grievances are provided to residents on PREA Education Manual for Residents, Resident Handbook and PREA posters.

115.252 (b): There is no time limit when a resident can submit a grievance regarding sexual abuse. GEO does not impose a time limit to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse. Residents are not required to use any informal grievance process or attempt to resolve with staff an alleged incident of sexual abuse. Agency policy does not restrict GEO's ability to defend against a lawsuit filed by a resident on the ground that the applicable statute of limitations has expired. The PREA Compliance Manager receives all copies of grievances related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment for monitoring purposes. In interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no grievances filed alleging sexual abuse.

115.252 (c): Based on agency and facility policies, residents have a right to submit grievances alleging sexual abuse to someone other than the staff member who is the subject of the complaint and the grievance will not be referred to the subject of the complaint. Residents may submit grievances to the facility director or to GEO's PREA coordinator. If a third-party file a grievance on a resident's behalf, the alleged victim must agree to have the grievance filed on his behalf.

115.252 (d): A final decision shall be issued on the merits of any portion of the grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance. Computation of the 90-day time period shall not include time consumed by individuals in the facility in preparing any administrative appeal. Facilities may claim an extension of time to respond (for good cause), of up to 70 days and shall notify the individual of the extension in writing. At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the individual does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, the individual may consider the absence of the response to be a denial at the first level.

115.252 (e): Third parties such as fellow residents, family members, attorneys or outside advocates may assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse and may file on behalf of residents. The alleged victim must agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf; however, he/she is not required to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process. If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, the agency shall document the resident's decision. In interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and on information provided in the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no grievances filed by a third party.

115.252 (f): Residents may file an emergency grievance if he/she is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Information on the procedure for residents to file emergency grievances is found in GEO policy 5.1.2-A. After receiving an emergency grievance of this nature, the facility director or designee will ensure that immediate corrective action is taken to protect the alleged victim. An initial response to the emergency grievance to the individual is required within 48 hours and a final decision will be provided within five calendar days. In interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and on information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, there were no emergency grievances alleging sexual abuse filed.

115.252 (g): A resident can be disciplined for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse if it is determined that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith. There has been no disciplinary action due to filing a grievance in bad faith.

Compliance was determined by review of the policies, interview with the PREA compliance managers, residents, and presence of grievance forms and grievance boxes.

#### 115.253 Resident access to outside confidential support services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A Contract for Services

Resident Orientation PowerPoint Acknowledgement of Receipt of Orientation Residents PREA Handbook

Resident PREA Handbook

Documented attempt to secure a MOU

115.253 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A addresses the agency/facility's policies on providing residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and Northstar Center enables reasonable communication between the residents and the Resource Center in a confidential manner. Resident that has history of victimization are transported to Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living for mental health services.

115.253 (b): NORTHSTAR CENTER has attempted to establish a MOU with Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living for emotional support. The resident handbook contains the telephone number for RAINN which provides a link to an emotional support program. When the number was called it was answered by Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living which would provide emotional support. Residents are informed as part of their orientation process that all telephone calls (except properly placed legal calls) are subject to monitoring and recording and that all mail, except for legal mail, is subject to monitoring as well. Telephone calls to the advocacy group are not routinely monitored but will be reviewed if there is suspected misuse of the service. Residents PREA Handbook provides a phone number of the advocacy program. The facility also provides a telephone number and address of RAINN a national victim advocate and emotional support network. They indicated that they would provide the service free of charge for the resident population. If requested, they would set up a time for the residents to have a private consultation with one of their trained staff. The facility PREA compliance manager indicated he would arrange for the meeting or phone call and showed the auditor private offices that could be utilized by residents and victim emotional support staff. Interviews with Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living indicated they would provide emotional support and residents can call their hotline, visit their office are make arrangements to meet with their staff. However, they indicated at this time they are not allowed to sign a MOU. GEO regional staff and the auditor are continuing to follow up with the program to get a MOU.

(c): Northstar Center utilizes Fairbanks Medical Center to provide emergency medical services and SAFE/SANE examinations. Staff at the hospital indicated the hospital has a SART team that includes and emotional support network if a resident is sexually assaulted.

Compliance was determined by review of the handbook, and interviews with staff at Woman's Resource Center and the facility PREA compliance manager.

115.254	Third party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Policy 5.1.2-A
	Third Party Posters Employee PREA cards GEO website
	115.254 (a) Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A the agency has established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of individuals in a GEO facility or program. Residents are informed of third-party reporting on PREA posters displayed in both English and Spanish.
	The method for third party reporting procedures is made available on the GEO website at http://www.geogroup.com/prea and on Third Party Reporting posters posted in areas visible to visitors and staff. Third-party reports can be made in person, in writing and may be made anonymous. Additionally, the information on the web site encourages third parties to report allegations to the facility director, and GEO PREA coordinator. Outside parties can report verbally or in writing to the facility management also.
	In interview with the PREA compliance manager, during the past 12 months, there have been no reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment made to the facility by a third party. Residents and staff interviewed were aware of this method of reporting and their requirements to notify and investigate all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

#### 115.261 Staff and agency reporting duties Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 Neglect, Abuse and Exportation Anonymous Reporting Third Party Reporting Posters PREA Cards Alaska Vulnerable Persons Law PAQ 115.261 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A mandates staff, volunteers and contractors must take all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment seriously and are required to report immediately any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and any retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident, and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. This information is to be reported the Shift Supervisor, the PREA Compliance Manager, or facility executive staff. In interview with random staff, they knew their reporting duties. Staff, contractors, volunteer, and interns receive training on reporting allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment prior to be allowed to be in contact with residents. 115.261 (b): Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 and training mandates that apart from reporting to designated supervisors, staff are not to reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone. Staff interviewed knew this information is to be kept confidential and knew whom to report allegations. 115.261 (c)(d): The facility does not have medical or mental health staff. The facility does not house residents under the age of 18. Based on interview with the PREA compliance manager, the facility doesn't presently house vulnerable residents. The PREA compliance manager was aware of the Alaska vulnerable persons reporting responsibilities. 115.261 (e): In interview with the facility director and his executive team, the Northstar Center reports all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports that all allegations of sexual abuse will be investigated by an agency with criminal authority unless the allegation is not criminal in nature. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment by staff and residents are referred to the PREA Coordinator, Reentry Services PREA Divisional Coordinator and to the client. There have been no reports of a vulnerable resident in the past 12 months. There were two reports of staff on resident that was non-criminal.

Compliance was determined by review of the policies, training curriculum and interviews with random staff, PREA

115.262	Agency protection duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 Neglect, Abuse and Exportation
	Customer Notification
	Statement of Fact
	115.262 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A and Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 mandates when the facility learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the alleged victim. All allegations of sexual abuse are to be handled in a confidential manner and conversations with the victim sensitive, supportive, and nonjudgmental.
	The PAQ indicated in the past 12 months there were no times it was necessary for the facility to take immediate action regarding a resident being in substantial risk of sexual abuse. The facility director stated that if it was suspected a resident was at substantial risk of sexual abuse, he would immediately move the resident and investigate. Staff interviewed was aware of their responsibilities if they felt a resident was at risk for sexual abuse. Random staff and shift supervisor indicated the resident that was in imminent danger would be separated from the accuser and would be moved a safe area until it could be investigated and determine if the resident can be placed in another dormitory, if the staff needed to be placed on administrative leave, if the predator needed to be moved off the campus or if the victim needed to be moved pending the investigation. The facility director indicated this decision would be made in concert with Ak. DOC.
	There has been no incident when a resident was moved to another facility for sexual abuse or sexual harassment due substantial risk.
	Compliance was determined by review of policy and interviews with the GEO agency head, PREA coordinator, facility director, and random staff.

115.263	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	PAQ
	Statement of Fact
	115.263 (a)-(c): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A mandates on receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the incident will be reported to the PREA Compliance Manager. The facility director will notify the agency or facility head where the abuse is alleged to have occurred. but no later than 72 hours of receiving the allegation. The PREA Compliance Manager will maintain documentation that notification was made and include all actions taken regarding the incident. Copies of this documentation will be forwarded to the GEO PREA Coordinator.
	115.263 (d): Interview with the facility director and PREA compliance manager they indicated along with notification to the sending facility director the facility director will notify GEO regional supervisor, PREA coordinator and Ak. DOC and will document notification of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and offer to provide whatever services needed during the investigative process.
	According to the PAQ and statement of fact there have been no allegation of resident being sexually abused while confined at another facility. There was no allegation that a resident was sexually abused while at Northstar Center reported from another facility.
	Compliance was determined by review of the policy and interviews with intake staff, PREA compliance manager, agency head, PREA coordinator and facility director.

115.264	Staff first responder duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	PREA First Responder Card Staff Training
	First Responder Interviews
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 Neglect, Abuse and Exportation PAQ
	115.264 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A and staff training requires that correction staff that are the first responders of a sexual assault shall:
	Separate the alleged victim and abuser,
	Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence,
	Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence.
	Notify the shift supervisor by telephone or in person and tell only those staff need to know in assisting you in carrying out these responsibilities.
	Staff are issued a card that includes steps to take as first responders. All random staff were able to articulate their responsibilities and have received training on preserving and protecting the crime scene. All staff at the center have contact with residents on a regular basis. As part of the staff interviews all staff at the center was interviewed during the 36 hours the auditor was conducting on-site audit. All indicated they would carry out the duties detailed in standard 115.264.
	115.264 (b): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A, Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 and staff training requires that non correctional staff that are first responders are required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff.
	Several of the staff interviewed as random staff are non-correctional first responder such as case managers. Like many Community Correctional Centers, all staff receive the same basic PREA training and yearly in-service training and

Several of the staff interviewed as random staff are non-correctional first responder such as case managers. Like many Community Correctional Centers, all staff receive the same basic PREA training and yearly in-service training and understand their role in case of first responders. Staff knew their duties and reported they received the training during yearly in service and on reminder training that is sent out by the PREA compliance managers from time to time.

Compliance was determined by review of the policies and training and interview with all staff assigned to the facility.

115.265	Coordinated response
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Northstar Center Coordinated Response Plan
	115.265 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A mandates that facilities have a coordinated response plan. NORTHSTAR CENTER Coordinated Response Plan provides written guidance to staff and administration regarding actions to take and notifications to be made. A PREA Incident Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Abuse and Harassment is completed to ensure that all steps of the plan are carried out and proper notifications are made. The Coordinated Response Plan includes action required after report of sexual abuse
	Initial response
	Shift supervisors Responsibility Facility Crime Scene
	Notification required when a sexual abuse is alleged Evidence Protocol
	Medical Response Mental Health Response
	Investigative Responsibilities
	Responsibilities when sexual harassment is alleged Responsibilities when sexual activity is alleged
	Each of the above responses includes but not limited to staff, contractors, victim advocates, SANE staff, AK DOC investigators, Ak. State Police Investigator, Agency Investigator, facility director and GEO Coordinator.
	A PREA Incident Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Abuse and Harassment is completed to ensure that all steps of the plan are carried out and proper notifications are made. The coordinated response plan also provides telephone numbers to contact victim advocates, medical center, Ak. DOC. The PREA Compliance Manager, and facility director are responsible to ensure compliance to the plan.
	Staff interviewed confirmed that they are knowledgeable of the plan and the necessary actions to be taken in response to an allegation of sexual abuse.

115.266	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	GEP Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegation of Sexual Abusive Behavior and Evidence Collection Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 Neglect, Abuse and Exportation
	Statement of Fact
	115.266 (a): GEO policy verify that the GEO Group would not enter into a collective bargaining agreement or other agreements that would limit the agency's ability to remove an alleged staff sexual abuser from contact with any resident pending the outcome of an investigation. On information provided for review, Northstar Center does not have a collective bargaining agreement.
	115.266 (b): In all cases where the alleged abuser is an employee, contractor or a volunteer, there will be no contact between the alleged abuser and the alleged victim pending the outcome of an investigation. The staff member will be reassigned to a post with no resident contact or placed on administrative leave pending completion of the investigation.
	In interview with the Executive Vice President Continuum of Care and Reentry Services (agency head designee), he stated that no collective bargaining agreements for any of GEO's reentry facilities would limit the agency's ability to remove an alleged staff sexual abuser from contact with any resident pending the outcome of an investigation.

115.007	A management and an arrangement materials and
115.267	Agency protection against retaliation
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-6
	Protection from Retaliation Logs
	Statement of Fact
	115.267 (a): GEO has as policy to protect residents who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. The policy provides procedures to protect individual in GEO facilities. The PREA compliance manager has been appointed with the responsibility to carry out these procedures. At Northstar Center, the PREA compliance manager is the Retaliation Monitor.
	1152.267 (b): The GEO procedure states the agency has multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for residents, victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims and emotional
	support services for residents or staff that fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation are put in place.
	115.267 (c): Residents who allege sexual abuse will be monitored by the PREA Compliance Manager who will meet weekly with the alleged victim beginning the week following the incident and continue monitoring for at least 90 days or longer if there is a continuing need. The Human Resource Manager will monitor conduct and treatment of employees who reported staff misconduct or employee witness who cooperate with these investigations every 30 days for 90 days. Retaliation monitoring of residents is documented on the Protection from Retaliation Log. There was a blank log reviewed by the auditor.
	115.267 (d): GEO procedure also requires Monitoring of residents includes periodic status checks. The PREA compliance manager was interviewed and indicated he reviews the monitoring logs on the data base on an ongoing basis and randomly will see the resident during tour to check on his status.
	115.267 (e): Retaliation monitoring may be terminated if it is determined that the allegation was unfounded. The Retaliation monitor indicated while the official monitoring would officially end, he would continue to check on the resident for retaliation for making a report.
	In interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and the Human Resource Manager and information provided on the Preaudit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no incidents of retaliation that occurred. There were two allegation of sexual abuse that occurred after the PAQ was completed. Both residents were transferred for reasons unrelated to PREA allegations.
	Compliance was determined by review of the monitoring logs, agency policy and procedures, and interviews with the

retaliation monitor, agency head, and facility director.

#### 115.271 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E- PREA Investigation Procedure

Northstar Center Policy 2019-6

#### Tracking Log

Attachment B-Notice of GEO Administrative PREA Investigation Template Notification of Investigations

Email (GEO PREA Coordinator) with Notification of Allegations and notification of determination of investigative staff (Ak. DOC)

#### PAQ

115.71 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E requires an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at Northstar Center, promptly, thoroughly, and objectively, including third party and anonymous reports. All allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or immediately referred to Ak.DOC for determination of appropriate staff to conduct the investigations. Criminal investigations are transferred to Ak. State Police. Ak. DOC conducts non-criminal administrative investigations or refers the investigation back to the center for investigation.

115.71 (b): The facility does not have staff that have completed specialized training in the investigation of sexual abuse allegations. The Alaska GEO regional has a staff with specialized training in the investigation of sexual abuse allegations. The investigator was interviewed.

115.71 (c): It is the responsibility of investigators to gather and preserve circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data. Investigators will interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators and witnesses and review prior reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.

115.71 (d): When the quality of evidence supports criminal prosecution, the ASP may conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors.

115.71 (e): The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as a resident or staff. A resident who alleges sexual abuse is not required to submit to a polygraph examination.

115.71 (f): The administrative investigation will include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse. The administrative investigation shall be documented in a written report and include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.

115.71 (g): A criminal investigation shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial and documentary evidence. The facility shall request a copy of completed investigative reports from the ASP and Ak.DOC. Allegations are tracked on the PREA Tracking Log.

115.71 (h): Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred to PSP for investigation and criminal prosecution. On information reported on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and in interview with facility director, since the last PREA audit there no allegations of sexual abuse referred for prosecution. Criminal investigations are conducted by the PSP. If an allegation involves staff, notification is made to GEO's Office of Professional Responsibility for investigation. There was no case that has been referred for criminal investigation since the last 12 months. There were two allegation of sexual harassment that was substantiated.

115.71 (i): The agency will retain all written reports as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.

115.71 (j): The departure of an alleged abuser or victim from employment or control of the facility or agency, shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation

115.71 (I): When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse allegations, the facility will cooperate with investigators and will try to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. In interview with the PREA Coordinator, he reported that facilities are required to check in with outside investigators at a minimum of every 30 days and document that contact was

made to ensure that requirements such as retaliation monitoring and notices of outcome of investigations are completed as required. GEO has developed a template for monthly request from Law Enforcement that are conducting investigations to obtain information on the investigations and to aid as requested.

In interview with GEO investigators, he was knowledgeable of his responsibilities of conducting administrative investigations of all allegations received and knew when to refer allegations that appear to be criminal for criminal investigation. In interview with facility administer and operations manager, they were knowledgeable of their responsibilities to assist in investigations when requested.

Compliance was determined by review of GEO policies and interviews with agency head, PREA coordinator, GEO investigator and facility director.

115.272	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E.
	Investigator training curriculum
	115.72 (a): Based on GEO policy and Investigator training the facility shall impose no standard higher than the preponderance of evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. Interview with facility investigators confirmed this practice.
	Compliance was determined by review of policy, training curriculum, and interview with trained investigator

115.273	Reporting to residents
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	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-6
	Notice of Outcome of Investigations
	115.73 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-E and investigator interview indicate that following an investigation of sexual abuse of a resident, the resident shall be informed in writing as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. The PREA Investigator is responsible for preparing the Notification of Outcome of Allegation form and presenting it to the alleged victim for his signature. The resident receives a copy of the form, and a copy is forwarded to the PREA Coordinator office.
	115.73 (b): According to policy and PREA compliance manager if the facility did not conduct the investigation, the facility shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident.
	115.73 (c): GEO policy requires following a resident's allegation that an employee has committed sexual abuse against the resident; the facility is required to inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation. The resident is to be informed if the staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit, if the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
	115.73 (d): GEO policy and procedure requires following a resident's allegation that he has been sexually abused by another resident, the agency will inform the alleged victim if the alleged abuser has been indicated on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
	115.73 (e): All Notification of Outcome of Allegation or attempted notifications are documented and filed in the corresponding investigative file. There were no notifications during the last 12 months. A notification form was completed and added to the investigative folder. However, all residents were no longer in the custody of Ak. DOC at the completion of the investigations.
	Compliance was determined by review of the agency and facility policy and interviews with PREA compliance managers, investigator, PAQ and facility director.

115.276	Disciplinary sanctions for staff
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Employee Handbook Staff Discipline SOF
	Reports to Law Enforcement SOF
	115.276 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A establishes the standard that employees shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse policy.
	115.276 (b): Based on GEO policy termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.
	115.276 (c): Based on GEO policy, facility director and human resources staff disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the act committed, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.
	115.276 (d): All terminations for violations of the agency's policies on sexual abuse and sexual harassment, or resignations, shall be reported to law enforcement and licensing agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal.
	In interview with the facility director and in information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, no staff member was terminated due to a PREA violation. There was one substantiated cases of staff-on-resident sexual harassment. While the action was not criminal, the staff had resigned prior to the investigation. The investigation was conducted by GEO investigator and reviewed for GEO Office of Professional Standards and the resignation was determined to be in lieu of termination.
	Staff training includes personnel policies involving violation of PREA standards or having any sexual activity with residents. In interviews with staff at Northstar Center it was obvious that staff training includes setting appropriate boundaries with residents and to provide an atmosphere that foster respect and support to staff.

115.277	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Statement of Fact
	115.277 (a): Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse/sexual harassment would be prohibited from contact with residents and would be reported to the appropriate investigator and law enforcement or relevant professional licensing/certifying bodies unless the activity was clearly not criminal in nature. Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse even though it was not criminal will be reported to professional licensing/certifying bodies.
	115.277 (b): In cases that were not criminal in nature, the facility would take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents.
	During this audit cycle, there were no incidents where a contractor or volunteer was accused of, suspected, or found guilty of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Northstar Center. Compliance was determined by review of the volunteer and contractor training, volunteer interview and statement acknowledging training.

115.278	Disciplinary sanctions for residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Statement of Fact Resident Handbook
	Posters located throughout the facility
	115.278 (a): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-E, if a resident is found guilty of engaging in sexual abuse involving another resident, either through administrative or criminal investigations, the resident will be subject to formal disciplinary sanctions. The Resident Program Handbook outlines violations a resident will be disciplined for and the sanctions to be imposed. There was one finding of consensual sexual relationship with two residents. Each resident was placed on restriction for 14 days at the conclusion of an administrative hearing. Both were offered mental health evaluations but declined. Both wrote statement and were interviewed separately and admitted that the action was consensual.
	115.278 (b): Sanctions will be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories.
	115.278 (c): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-E, the disciplinary process may consider whether an individual's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.
	115.278 (d): If the facility offers counseling or other interventions designed to address the reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider requiring the offending individual to participate. The Ak. DOC will determine if the resident will be required to participate in counseling or other interventions designed to address the reasons or motivations for the abuse.
	115.278 (e): Disciplining a resident for sexual contact with an employee is prohibited unless it is found that the employee did not consent to the contact.
	115.278 (f): A report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.
	115.278 (g): The agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents. Facilities may not deem that sexual activity between residents is sexual abuse unless it is determined that the activity was coerced. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and in interview with the facility director, in the past 12 months there was two disciplinary sanctions imposed for residents violating the sexual abuse policies. (Consensual Sex)
	Compliance was determined by review of GEO policy, review resident handbook, and interviews with the PREA compliance manager and facility director.

#### 115.282 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E

GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A

Northstar Center Policy 2019-6

Alaska Center for Non- Violent Living (Mental Health)

Statement of Fact

Coordinated Response Plan

Interview with Fairbanks Medical Center

115.282 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A, and Northstar Center Policy 2019-6 provides a procedure for Victims of sexual abuse to receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. Policy mandates that victims of sexual abuse in custody shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. Northstar Center shall utilize local community facilities to provide emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention if onsite medical and mental health providers are not available. Following a reported PREA allegations, a "Resident Referral Verification" form for referral to onsite or offsite mental health services will be utilized to document the offer made to the resident victim and the acceptance or refusal of services. This access includes offering timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, where medically appropriate. All services shall be provided without financial cost to the victim and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. No attempt will be made by staff to clean or treat the victim unless the injuries are such that not treating them would cause deterioration of the victim's medical condition; however, visible injuries shall be documented both photographically and in writing and placed in the victim's investigative file. Victims/Abusers shall be transported to a local community medical center for examination by a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to conduct the examination. All refusals of medical services shall be documented. Following a reported PREA allegation, resident would be transported to Fairbanks Medical Center. Emergency Room for medical treatment and a SANE provided by a trained SANE staff. The Fairbanks Medical Center has a SART program, and the resident would be provided the services of the Sexual Abuse Response Team. Northstar Center does not house mental health residents and they do not employ mental health practitioners at this facility. If it is determined that a mental health practitioner is needed, the resident will be transported to Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, or the provider will interview the resident at the facility.

All services are provided without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

115.282 (b): All staff first responders are trained to take preliminary steps to protect the victim. Security staff first responders are to take preliminary steps to protect the victim and notify facility medical and mental health staff immediately. The Mental Health Provider would present a Consent to Evaluate: Sexual Abuse Allegation form to the alleged victim prior seeking their consent to conduct a mental health evaluation of an alleged victim of sexual abuse.

115.282 (c): Resident victims are offered prophylactics for sexually transmitted infections in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate by staff at the Fairbanks Medical Center. Medical staff at the hospital indicated that is part of the SANE process, she would follow up when the resident returns to the facility or coordinate for the resident to return as an outpatient if required.

115.282 (d): Based on review of GEO policy and in interviews with PREA compliance manager all services are provided without financial cost to the victim, regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Compliance was determined by review of the coordinated response plan, and agreement with the Fairbanks Medical Center

Compliance was also determined by interviews with first responders, random staff, PREA compliance manager and facility director. The facility provided a statement of fact that there has been no sexual assault that required a SANE during the last PREA cycle.

115.283	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-6
	Healthcare Charges SOF Resident Handbook
	Alaska Center for Non- Violent Living
	Northstar Center Policy 2019-3 PREA Screening/admission
	Reentry Facility Screening Instrument
	Mental Health Referral Form
	PREA Vulnerability Reassessment
	115.283 (a): Residents in need of medical treatment can be transported for appointments with local doctors and utilize the hospital's emergency room. If there is a medical emergency, 911 would be called. The resident would be transported by the EMS with staff escort. Non-emergency incidents may be transferred by facility staff. Residents are allowed to have approved keep-on person medications. Mental health, drug abuse, and sex resident treatment services are provided through local outside agencies. Resident that reports history of victimization or referred to Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living for consultation and services. During the intake process, the resident undergoes a screening and within 30 days a reassessment and screening. During these screenings resident are asked about past victimization and a referral for mental health services is completed at the time of the screening and rescreening. Resident may choose to decline the referrals and staff will document declining services on the referral form.
	115.283 (b): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-and facility policy 2019-6, the evaluation and treatment will include follow-up services, treatment plans and referrals for continued care upon transfer or release.
	115.283 (c): Medical and mental health services provided to residents is provided offsite. Forensic exams and other medical services are provided at Memorial Hospital and mental health services by referral to Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living.
	115.283 (d): Resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.  SANE staff at Fairbanks Medical Center would provide this service.
	115.283 (e): If pregnancy results, the victim will receive timely and comprehensive information and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.
	On information provided by the PREA Compliance Manager and PAQ in the past 12 months, there were no residents who

required ongoing medical or mental health treatment due to being victimized by sexual abuse.

115.286	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	Northstar Center Policy 2019- 6
	After Action Form PAQ
	115.286 (a-b): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, requires facility to conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation in which the allegation has been determined to be substantiated or unsubstantiated within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. At the time of the PAQ there were two allegations of sexual abuse in the twelve months that required an Incident Review Team Meeting.
	115.286 (c): The Incident Review Committee consists of the facility director, operations director, PREA Compliance Manager, Classification Supervisor, and the PREA Coordinator may attend via telephone or in person.
	115.286 (d): The team considers whether the incident was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, perceived status, or gang affiliation. The team examines the area where the incident was alleged to have occurred and assesses whether physical barriers in the area may have contributed to the abuse, whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented and whether the staffing levels at the time of the incident were adequate.
	115.286 (e): The facility will implement the recommendations for improvement or documents the reasons for not doing so.  There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that have been closed in the last 12 months and no incident review team has been required. The facility provided after-action reports for review
	When interviewed, the members of the incident review team knew their responsibilities as they relate to the review of sexual abuse incidents. The facility does after action reports on Sexual harassment when substantiated or unsubstantiated.
	Exceed Compliance was determined by agency and facility policies, GEO investigative data base which mandates after action reports on all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment except when they are unfounded.

115.287	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Annual Report
	Northstar Center PREA Tracking Log
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	115.287 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A mandates that all facilities under the GEO umbrella collects uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at all facilities under their control. GEO requires facilities to utilize a standardized instrument that includes clearly defined definitions. The incident-based data collected shall include, at minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.
	115.287 (b): The PREA Compliance Manager ensures that the data is compiled and forwarded to the PREA Coordinator monthly on the Monthly PREA Incident Tracking Log. In addition to submitting the Monthly PREA Incident Tracking Log, the
	PREA Compliance Manager ensures that a PREA Survey is created, updated and submitted for review and approval in the PREA Portal for every allegation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual activity. At least annually, the PREA Coordinator aggregates this data.
	115.287 (c): The data collected, will be at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).
	115.287 (d): The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.
	115.287 (e): This provision of this standard is not applicable to this facility. The agency does not contract for the confinement of residents.
	115.287 (f): Upon request, GEO shall provide such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.
	The facility provided a copy of the monthly log and annual log for review. The log contained all elements required by policy.  The review of the log and interview with PREA compliance manager and PREA coordinator confirmed compliance with this standard.

115.288	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate PREA Procedure 5.1.2-A
	GEO Annual PREA Data Report
	115.288 (a): GEO reviews all of the data collected from all of its facilities and aggregates that data annually to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training by identifying problem areas, taking corrective action on an ongoing basis and preparing an annual report of its findings. This information is provided in the annual report.
	115.288 (b): The PREA Coordinator reviews the data collected and the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
	115.288 (c): The PREA Coordinator forwards the annual report to the Senior Vice President of GEO Care and to the Senior Vice President, US Secure Services and International Operations for their signatures and approval. The report is made public on the GEO website at https://www.geogroup.com/prea.
	115.288 (d): Before making aggregated sexual abuse data public, all personal identifiers are redacted as stated on the last page of GEO's annual report.
	GEO annual reports was reviewed. There were no recommendations for improvement in 2019-2022 when the last PREA audit was completed. The auditor review GEO data from 2020 report. There was one founded allegation of staff on resident and one allegations of Staff on resident abuse that was unsubstantiated at Northstar Center. There were four allegations that were unfounded.
	Compliance of this standards was determined by reviewing annual report for GEO Group, review the facility policy and interviews with the PREA coordinator and PREA compliance manager. The GEO annual report provides more information than is required and at the same time provides the person reviewing the report a detailed look at PREA in action in GEO facilities.

115.289	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate PREA Policy 5.1.2-A
	GEO Annual PREA Data Report
	115.289 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A ensures that data collected are securely retained for at least 10 years according to GEO policy 5.1.2-A
	115.289 (b): GEO makes all aggregated sexual abuse data from all its facilities made public annually on their website at https://www,geogroup.com/prea. A review of the website confirmed that the agency has PREA reports from 2017 until 2021 uploaded in the above website.
	115.289 (c): Before making aggregated sexual abuse data public, GEO removes all personal identifiers.
	115.289 (d): Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities ensures that data collected are securely retained for at least 10 years.
	Compliance was determined by review of three (3) Annual Reports and interviews with PREA coordinator.

115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO policy 5.1.2-C
	PREA Audit Postings
	115.401 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2- require during the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and each three-year period thereafter, GEO's Contract Compliance Department ensures that a PREA auditor who has been certified through the
	Department of Justice audits each facility at least once. Northstar Center latest audit was conducted in May 2019 by a DOJ Certified auditor. The original audit was conduct in August 2016 by a PREA certified auditor. This auditor's recertification was effective January 1, 2022.
	115.401 (b): According to GEO's PREA Coordinator and the annual PREA report, during the three-year period beginning on August 20, 2013, GEO ensured that each of its facilities were audited at least once and continues to ensure that its facilities are audited every three years. During the last cycle many audits were scheduled, rescheduled, and postponed due to the pandemic. However, each facility was audited during the last 3-year cycle. This is the third year of this cycle. According to GEO coordinator all facilities are scheduled to be audited during this cycle.
	115.401 (h): During the audit, I was allowed access to all areas of Northstar Center. I was allowed to visit areas throughout the facility during the official tour and additional visits to different areas of the facility while interviewing and observing camera locations.
	115.401 (i): I requested personnel files, resident files, training records, investigation files, logbooks, and pertinent forms utilized to carry out the requirement of the audit process. Each document was provided in a timely basis.
	115.401 (m): I interviewed all staff on duty on the for the 36 hours of the on-site audit. and random sample of resident during the onsite audit. No resident declined to be interviewed and the facility did not prohibit me from interviewing residents selected for interview. Interviews were conducted in a private area of the facility.
	115.401 (n): Residents were notified six weeks prior to the onsite audit on posted facility notices in English and Spanish that they could send confidential correspondence to me and were given my name and mailing address. I did not receive any correspondence from residents of the Northstar Center

Compliance was determined by reviewing posting prior to the onsite audit and during the onsite audit. Interviews with staff,

residents, victim advocate/emotional support staff and Medical Center staff.

115.403	Audit contents and findings
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The agency maintains all PREA related Policies on its website including third party reporting, staff reporting, investigation of allegations and all previous PREA audits. The auditor reviewed the report for 2019 and 2016 on the GEO Group Website.
	Per agency policy and standard requirements, GEO ensures me that this final report will be published on their website at (https://www.geogroup.com/prea) to be available to the public.

Appendix: Provision Findings		
115.211 (a)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.211 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes
	Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its community confinement facilities?	yes
115.212 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities, including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.)	na
115.212 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.)	na
115.212 (c)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	If the agency has entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards, did the agency do so only in emergency circumstances after making all reasonable attempts to find a PREA compliant private agency or other entity to confine residents? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.)	na
	In such a case, does the agency document its unsuccessful attempts to find an entity in compliance with the standards? (N/A if the agency has not entered into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with the PREA standards.)	na
115.213 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the facility have a documented staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The physical layout of each facility?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the resident population?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any other relevant factors?	yes

115.213 (b)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document and justify all deviations from the plan? (NA if no deviations from staffing plan.)	na
115.213 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to prevailing staffing patterns?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels?	yes
115.215 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.215 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	yes
	Does the facility always refrain from restricting female residents' access to regularly available programming or other outside opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	yes
115.215 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female residents?	yes
115.215 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility have policies that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility have procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing?	yes

115.215 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status?	yes
	If the resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner?	yes
115.215 (f)	(f) Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes
	Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?	yes

115.216 (a)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are blind or have low vision?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have speech disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Who are blind or have low vision?	yes
115.216 (b)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes

115.216 (c)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient		
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.264, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?	yes	
115.217 (a)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two questions immediately above ?	yes	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two questions immediately above?	yes	
115.217 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents?	yes	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes	
115.217 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check?	yes	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency, consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?	yes	
115.217 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes	
115.217 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions		
	Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes	

115.217 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?	yes
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?	yes
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
115.217 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
115.217 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)	yes
115.218 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technology	
	If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012 or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	na
115.218 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technology	
	If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated any video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012 or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	na
115.221 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.221 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (NA if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (NA if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes

115.221 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?	yes
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.221 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes
	If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member?	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.221 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?	yes
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.221 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na
115.221 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.221(d) above).	na
115.222 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes

115.222 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency have a policy in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?	yes
	Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
	Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
115.222 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does the policy describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.231 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	yes
115.231 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa?	yes

115.231 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training?	yes
	Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?	yes
	In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.231 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.232 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
115.232 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents)?	yes
115.232 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.233 (a)	Resident education	
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: The agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.233 (b)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide refresher information whenever a resident is transferred to a different facility?	yes

115.233 (c)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
115.233 (d)	Resident education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.233 (e)	Resident education	
	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
115.234 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.231, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators receive training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
115.234 (b)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings?(N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
	Does this specialized training include: The criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a)).	yes
115.234 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes

115.235 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
115.235 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency does not employ medical staff or the medical staff employed by the agency do not conduct forensic exams.)	na
115.235 (c)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	na
115.235 (d)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.231? (N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.)	na
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.232? (N/A for circumstances in which a particular status (employee or contractor/volunteer) does not apply.)	na
115.241 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all residents assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents?	yes
	Are all residents assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents?	yes
115.241 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.241 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?	yes

115.241 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The age of the resident?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The physical build of the resident?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming (the facility affirmatively asks the resident about his/her sexual orientation and gender identity AND makes a subjective determination based on the screener's perception whether the resident is gender non-conforming or otherwise may be perceived to be LGBTI)?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
115.241 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	yes
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	yes
	In assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, when known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes
115.241 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the resident's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	yes
115.241 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the facility reassess a resident's risk level when warranted due to a: Receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes

115.241 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Is it the case that residents are not ever disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d) (8), or (d)(9) of this section?	yes
115.241 (i)	(i) Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents?	yes
115.242 (a)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Housing Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Bed assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Education Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241, with the goal of keeping separate those residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?	yes
115.242 (b)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each resident?	yes
115.242 (c)	Use of screening information	
	When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)?	yes
	When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems?	yes
115.242 (d)	Use of screening information	
	Are each transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?	yes
115.242 (e)	Use of screening information	
	Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents?	yes

115.242 (f)	Use of screening information	
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: transgender residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
	Unless placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents, does the agency always refrain from placing: intersex residents in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status? (N/A if the agency has a dedicated facility, unit, or wing solely for the placement of LGBT or I residents pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgement.)	yes
115.251 (a)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.251 (b)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?	yes
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?	yes
115.251 (c)	Resident reporting	
	Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.251 (d)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?	yes

115.252 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Is the agency exempt from this standard?  NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.	yes
115.252 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency permit residents to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.252 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency ensure that: a resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that: such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.252 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the agency determines that the 90-day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time (the maximum allowable extension is 70 days per 115.252(d)(3)), does the agency notify the resident in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.252 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third party files such a request on behalf of a resident, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes

115.252 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.252 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.253 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving residents mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.253 (b)	Resident access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility inform residents, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such	
	communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?	yes
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	communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?  Resident access to outside confidential support services  Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?  Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?  Third party reporting  Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual	yes

115.261 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	yes
115.261 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, do staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
115.261 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.261 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.261 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?	yes
115.262 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?	yes
115.263 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?	yes
115.263 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes
115.263 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.263 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes

115.264 (a)	Staff first responder duties		
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?	yes	
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?	yes	
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes	
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes	
115.264 (b)	Staff first responder duties		
	If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?	yes	
115.265 (a)	Coordinated response		
	Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes	
115.266 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers		
	Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	yes	
115.267 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation		
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff?	yes	
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes	
115.267 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation		
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations?	yes	

115.267 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any resident disciplinary reports?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency:4. Monitor resident housing changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor resident program changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor negative performance reviews of staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor reassignment of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.267 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.267 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?	yes
115.271 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.271 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations as required by 115.234?	yes

115.271 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
115.271 (d)	) Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution?	yes
115.271 (e)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as resident or staff?	yes
	Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?	yes
115.271 (f)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?	yes
	Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?	yes
115.271 (g)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?	yes
115.271 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.271 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.271(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
115.271 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115.271 (I)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.221(a).)	yes
115.272 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations	
	Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?	yes

115.273 (a)	Reporting to residents	
	Following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes
115.273 (b)	Reporting to residents	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)	yes
115.273 (c)	Reporting to residents	
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.273 (d)	Reporting to residents	
	Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.273 (e)	Reporting to residents	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.276 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes
115.276 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes

115.276 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories?	yes
115.276 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal?	yes
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.277 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.277 (b)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents?	yes
115.278 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, are residents subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.278 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories?	yes
115.278 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
115.278 (d) Disciplinary sanctions for residents		
	If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to require the offending resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits?	yes
115.278 (e)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?	yes

115.278 (f)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	yes
115.278 (g)	Disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)	yes
115.282 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Do resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?	yes
115.282 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.262?	yes
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.282 (c) Access to emergency medical and mental health services		
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	yes
115.282 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes
115.283 (a)	15.283 (a) Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
115.283 (b) Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abuser		
	Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?	yes
115.283 (c)	C) Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
115.283 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if "all-male" facility. Note: in "all-male" facilities, there may be residents who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	yes

115.283 (e)	(e) Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.283(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if "all-male" facility. Note: in "all-male" facilities, there may be residents who identify as transgender men who may have female genitalia. Auditors should be sure to know whether such individuals may be in the population and whether this provision may apply in specific circumstances.)	yes
115.283 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
115.283 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	yes
115.283 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners?	yes
115.286 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?	yes
115.286 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.286 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes
115.286 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility?	yes
	Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.286(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.286 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes

115.287 (a)	Data collection	
	Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions?	yes
115.287 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.287 (c)	Data collection	
	Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?	yes
115.287 (d)	Data collection	
	Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?	yes
115.287 (e)	Data collection	
	Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.)	na
115.287 (f)	Data collection	
	Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)	yes
115.288 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.287 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?	yes
115.288 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse?	yes
115.288 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.288 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?	yes
115.289 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.287 are securely retained?	yes

115.289 (b)	(b) Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.289 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.289 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.287 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?	yes
115.401 (a)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	yes
115.401 (b)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	no
	If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the second year of the current audit cycle.)	na
	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	yes
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with residents?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates, residents, and detainees permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?	yes
115.403 (f)	Audit contents and findings	
	The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or, in the case of single facility agencies, there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)	yes
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