



JDRDC 2023 PREA Annual Report: Incidents by Program

Reporting period: January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023

Introduction

The data reflected in this report encompasses survey responses from four juvenile facilities regarding reports of sexual victimization during 2021, 2022, and 2023. Facilities surveyed include: Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), Foundations (female residential facility), Stepping Stones (male residential facility), and Shelter Care (SC). A full list of definitions can be found at the end of the document.

100% of facilities are owned and operated by the county for all three years:		On December 31, 2023, there were 12 females (27%) and 33 males (73%) being held across facilities.										
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- On December 31, 2023:
 - 98% (n=44) of juveniles being held were age 17 or younger
 - 2% (n=1) were age 18 to 20
 - 0% (n=0) were age 21 or older
- For calendar year 2023, **856** juveniles were admitted across the four facilities.
- 100% of facilities record all reported allegations of youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts, youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact and youth-on-youth sexual harassment.
- 100% of facilities report all incidents of staff sexual misconduct and staff sexual harassment.

Below is a breakdown of reported allegations for youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts, youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact, youth-on-youth sexual harassment, staff sexual misconduct, and staff sexual harassment by facility.

Juvenile Detention Center (JDC)

Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	1	1

There was **one Youth-on-Youth Abusive Sexual Contact** reported allegation at the JDC in 2023. The incident was found to be **substantiated**. This case involved a resident reporting that another resident touched him on the buttocks while in the courtyard and had been making inappropriate noises toward him:

- Resident denied making any inappropriate sexual contact or inappropriate noises.; however, he was observed, via video, briefly touching residents’ buttocks as reported.
- Resident was counseled about maintaining appropriate distance between him and other residents.
- As a precautionary measure, the youth’s Red Flags were updated to shower last and alone, line up in front of the line and to keep separate from the resident involved.

The reported allegation did not require a referral for criminal investigation or follow-up for potential retaliation. After review, the incident did not indicate a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse. Upon administrative review, the incident was deemed NOT to be motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex identification, perceived status, or gang affiliation. Group dynamics at the facility did not motivate or otherwise cause the alleged incident and no physical barriers in the areas contributed to the alleged incident. Staffing levels were deemed to be adequate, and it was determined there was no need for monitoring technology to be augmented to supplement supervision. **No necessary recommendations for improvement were identified.**

Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	1	1
2022	4	1
2023	1	0

There was **one Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment** reported allegation at the JDC in 2023. This reported case was found to be **unsubstantiated**. This case involved a resident reporting that another resident was exposing herself, and showing her breasts during showers:

- The youth denied exposing herself in the shower.
- Based on interviews of residents and staff, it was determined that the allegation did not occur.
- As a precautionary measure, the youth’s Red Flags were updated to shower last and alone.

The reported allegation did not require a referral for criminal investigation or follow-up for potential retaliation. After review, the incident did not indicate a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse. Upon administrative review, the incident was deemed NOT to be motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex identification, perceived status, or gang affiliation. Group dynamics at the facility did not motivate or otherwise cause the alleged incident and no physical barriers in the areas contributed to the alleged incident. Staffing levels were deemed to be adequate, and it was determined there was no need for monitoring technology to be augmented to supplement supervision. **No necessary recommendations for improvement were identified.**

Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	1	0
2022	1	0
2023	0	0

Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Foundations

Table 6: Foundations Reports of Youth-to-Youth Nonconsensual Sexual Acts		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 7: Foundations Reports of Youth-on-Youth Abusive Sexual Contact		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 8: Foundations Reports of Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 9: Foundations Reports of Staff Sexual Misconduct		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 10: Foundations Reports of Staff Sexual Harassment		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

There have been 0 reported allegations of any kind of sexual incident for Foundations in the last 3 years.

Stepping Stones (SS)

Table 11: Stepping Stones Reports of Youth-to-Youth Nonconsensual Sexual Acts		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 12: Stepping Stones Reports of Youth-on-Youth Abusive Sexual Contact		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 13: Stepping Stones Reports of Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 14: Stepping Stones Reports of Staff Sexual Misconduct		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 15: Stepping Stones Reports of Staff Sexual Harassment		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

There have been **0** reported allegations of any kind of sexual incident for Stepping Stones in the last 3 years.

Shelter Care (SC)

Table 16: Shelter Care Reports of Youth-to-Youth Nonconsensual Sexual Acts		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 17: Shelter Care Reports of Youth-on-Youth Abusive Sexual Contact		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 18: Shelter Care Reports of Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	1	0

There was **one Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment** reported allegation at Shelter Care in 2023. The incident was found to be **unsubstantiated**. This incident involved a female resident reporting that another resident exposed his genitals to her and had been making sexually explicit statements to her on a regular basis:

- The youth denied the allegations.
- Based on a review of the video, the youth unable to recall a specific day/time the incident occurred, or what staff members were working, this incident was found to be **unsubstantiated**.
- Both residents were advised to have no contact with each other.

- As a precautionary measure, both youth’s Red Flags were updated to keep them separated and to monitor them closely.

The reported allegation did not require a referral for criminal investigation or follow-up for potential retaliation. After review, the incident did not indicate a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse. Upon administrative review, the incident was deemed NOT to be motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex identification, perceived status, or gang affiliation. Group dynamics at the facility did not motivate or otherwise cause the alleged incident and no physical barriers in the areas contributed to the alleged incident. Staffing levels were deemed to be adequate, and it was determined there was no need for monitoring technology to be augmented to supplement supervision. **No necessary recommendations for improvement were identified.**

Table 19: Shelter Care Reports of Staff Sexual Misconduct		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Table 20: Shelter Care Reports of Staff Sexual Harassment		
Year	# of Reported Allegations	# of Substantiated Allegations
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

Summary

From 2021 to 2023, there have been **ten total** reported allegations regarding sexual victimization.

- Across the four reporting facilities, there has been **one** allegation of **youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact**.
 - This allegation was deemed substantiated (JDC: in 2023).
- Across the four reporting facilities, there have been **seven** allegations of **youth-on-youth sexual harassment** during this period.
 - Two allegations were deemed substantiated (JDC: one in 2021 & one in 2022).
- Across the four reporting facilities, there have been **two** allegations of **staff sexual misconduct** during this period.
 - No allegations were deemed substantiated.
- Across the four reporting facilities, there have been **zero** allegations of **youth-on-youth nonconsensual acts** or **staff sexual harassment**.

The agency continues to address sexual abuse by conducting ongoing incident reviews, staffing pattern reviews, ongoing vulnerability assessments, and regular training of existing and new staff.



Matt Thompson, Director, Court Services Unit



Date

DEFINITIONS:

SEXUAL ABUSE includes:

- a. Sexual abuse of a resident by another resident; and
- b. Sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

RESIDENT ON RESIDENT SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

Nonconsensual Sexual Acts and Abusive Sexual Contact of a Resident by another Resident includes sexual contact of any person without his or her consent or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse, and:

- a. Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- b. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- c. Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- d. Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

STAFF ON RESIDENT SEXUAL ABUSE (Including Abuse of a Resident by a Staff Member, Contractor, or Volunteer) includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the resident:

Staff Sexual Misconduct:

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a resident by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friends or other visitors).

Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and residents are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include:

- a. Any intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- b. Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts;
- c. Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

Voyeurism by a Staff Member, Contractor, or Volunteer – An invasion of privacy of a resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties; requiring a resident to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of a resident's naked body or of a resident performing bodily functions.

STAFF SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

- a. Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.



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