



Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual PREA Report

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Completed for the time period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Volunteers of America Texas, Inc. (VOATX) is committed to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and ensuring the safety and security of residents/inmates and staff in our facilities. This report is a summary of our PREA compliance efforts throughout the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Following is a summary of the reports received during the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Client – on – Client Sexual Harassment Allegations				
Facility	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation
<i>Avenue J RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Hutchins RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Riverside TTC</i>	0	0	0	0

Client – on – Client Sexual Abuse Allegations				
Facility	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation
<i>Avenue J RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Hutchins RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Riverside TTC</i>	0	1	0	0

Staff, Volunteer, Contractor – on – Client Sexual Harassment Allegations				
Facility	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation
<i>Avenue J RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Hutchins RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Riverside TTC</i>	0	0	0	0

Staff, Volunteer, Contractor – on – Client Sexual Abuse Allegations				
Facility	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Under Investigation
<i>Avenue J RRC</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Hutchins RRC</i>	0	0	0	1
<i>Riverside TTC</i>	0	0	0	0

There were two incidents reported during this time period. One incident was reported at VOATX’s Hutchins Residential Reentry Center for federal clients, and one incident at the

Riverside Treatment Center. Both allegations were made by clients – one about another client, and one about staff. The allegation regarding the client -on-client report was determined to be unsubstantiated. The other allegation regarding staff-on-client was determined to be unfounded.

VOATX attributes the low number of reports to our focus on staff training, prevention efforts, and our zero-tolerance stance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Both residents and staff are aware of how to report any concerns.

VOATX has comprehensive policies and procedures in place to prevent sexual harassment and abuse, and we respond to reports/incidents immediately. Both staff and residents receive ongoing education on how to identify sexual abuse and harassment and how to report suspected or observed incidents. VOATX will continue an ongoing monitoring of complaints and will ensure appropriate action is taken if any trends are identified. In addition, VOATX conducts a review of every situation once the investigation is completed and a determination is made, including those situations that are determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated. The review identifies any improvements that can be made to reduce the possibility of or to prevent any type of sexual abuse or harassment and ensure the safety and well-being of clients.