# **PREA Facility Audit Report: Final**

Name of Facility: Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility

Facility Type: Prison / Jail

**Date Interim Report Submitted:** NA **Date Final Report Submitted:** 12/05/2025

Auditor Certification		
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.		
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.		
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.		
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FACILITY INFORMATION	
Facility name:	Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility
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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	76
Current population of facility:	79
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	68

Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No
What is the facility's population designation?	Men/boys
Age range of population:	15-86
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels:	Maximum, Medium and minimum.
Does the facility hold youthful inmates?	Yes
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with inmates:	89
Number of individual contractors who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	13
Number of volunteers who have contact with inmates, currently authorized to enter the facility:	205

AGENCY INFORMATION	
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### **Facility AUDIT FINDINGS**

### **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:

9

- 115.11 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
- 115.13 Supervision and monitoring
- 115.31 Employee training
- 115.33 Inmate education
- 115.52 Exhaustion of administrative remedies
- 115.68 Post-allegation protective custody
- 115.73 Reporting to inmates
- 115.81 Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
- 115.83 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

#### **Number of standards met:**

Number of standards not met:	
0	

### POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION Please note: Question numbers may not appear sequentially as some questions are omitted from the report and used solely for internal reporting purposes. GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION **On-site Audit Dates** 1. Start date of the onsite portion of the 2025-10-28 audit: 2025-10-28 2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit: Outreach 10. Did you attempt to communicate ( Yes with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide O No services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility? a. Identify the community-based Agency PREA Hotline and Third-Party organization(s) or victim advocates with reporting whom you communicated: **AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION** 14. Designated facility capacity: 141 15. Average daily population for the past 81 12 months: 16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee 3 housing units: 17. Does the facility ever hold youthful ( Yes inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees? O No Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)

### **Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit** Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit 23. Enter the total number of inmates/ 78 residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit: 15 24. Enter the total number of youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 25. Enter the total number of inmates/ 5 residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit: 26. Enter the total number of inmates/ 5 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: 27. Enter the total number of inmates/ 0 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 28. 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: 29. Enter the total number of inmates/ 5 residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:

30. 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:	0
31. 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
32. 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:	1
33. 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:	76
34. 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
35. 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):	No text provided.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Portion of the Audit	Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite
36. 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:	89

37. 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:	2
38. 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:	1
39. 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	
Random minate/Resident/Betamee interviews	
40. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	8

42. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?	The facility provided inmates rosters by targeted categories and housing units. Once the Auditor selected the targeted inmates, random inmates were selected by housing units.
43. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/ resident/detainee interviews?	● Yes ○ No
44. 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):	No text provided.
Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
45. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	8
As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".	
46. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with youthful inmates or	7

youthful/juvenile detainees using the

47. Enter the total number of interviews

detainees with a physical disability using

conducted with inmates/residents/

the "Disabled and Limited English

**Proficient Inmates" protocol:** 

"Youthful Inmates" protocol:

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).	Review of rosters and interviews with specialized staff demonstrated that this category of inmate did not appear to be residing in the facility at the time of the onsite review.
48. 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).	Review of rosters and interviews with specialized staff demonstrated that this category of inmate did not appear to be residing in the facility at the time of the onsite review.

49. 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).	Review of rosters and interviews with specialized staff demonstrated that this category of inmate did not appear to be residing in the facility at the time of the onsite review.
50. 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
51. 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:	2
52. 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:	0

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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).	Review of rosters and interviews with specialized staff demonstrated that this category of inmate did not appear to be residing in the facility at the time of the onsite review.
53. 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).	
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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.
55. 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:	2
56. 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 utilize restricted housing for vulnerable populations.

57. 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 Interv	⁄iews
Random Staff Interviews	
58. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	12
59. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	■ Length of tenure in the facility  ■ Shift assignment  ■ Work assignment  ■ Rank (or equivalent)  ■ Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken)  ■ None
60. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	
61. 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 specialized staff duties.  Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.	
62. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	15

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67. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this	Agency contract administrator
audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment
	Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable)
	Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable)
	■ Medical staff
	☐ Mental health staff
	Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches
	Administrative (human resources) staff
	Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff
	Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative investigations
	Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations
	Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
	Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in 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
68. 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:	2
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>
69. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	● Yes ○ No
a. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS who were interviewed:	1
b. Select which specialized CONTRACTOR role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Security/detention  Education/programming  Medical/dental  Food service  Maintenance/construction  Other
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	No text provided.

#### SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATION SAMPLING

#### **Site Review**

PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities." In order to meet the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring process that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine whether, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting the site review, you must document your tests of critical functions, important information gathered through observations, and any issues identified with facility practices. The information you collect through the site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your audit report, including the Post-Audit Reporting Information.

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71. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	
Was the site review an active, inquiring proce	ess that included the following:
72. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, crossgender viewing and searches)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
73. 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)?	Yes No
74. Informal conversations with inmates/ residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	Yes No
75. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>

76. Provide any additional comments	No text provided.
regarding the site review (e.g., access to	
areas in the facility, observations, tests	
of critical functions, or informal	
conversations).	

### **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.

77. 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?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
78. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).	No text provided.

# 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 detainee sexual abuse allegations and investigations, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

# 79. 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

# 80. 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	2	0	2	0
Staff-on- inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	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 detainee sexual abuse investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

## 81. 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

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

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	2	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	1	0
Total	0	0	3	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 detained sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

# 83. 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

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

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

# Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

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Sexual	Anuse	investigation	FIIES	Selected	TOL REVIE	м

85. Enter the total number of SEXUA	۱L
ABUSE investigation files reviewed/	
sampled:	

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86. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation	files
87. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
88. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?  89. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation	<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> <li>Yes</li> </ul>
files include administrative investigations?	NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation fil	es
90. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
91. 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>

92. 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 Select	ed for Review
93. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
94. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investig	gation files
95. Enter the total number of INMATE- ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
96. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
97. Did your sample of INMATE-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 inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)</li> </ul>

Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files		
98. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0	
99. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)	
100. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	Yes  No  NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)	
101. 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		
102. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No	

Non-certified Support Staff	
103. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the preonsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	Yes  No
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION	
108. 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.

115.11	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard	
	Auditor Discussion	
	Document Review:	
	Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ	
	2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024	
	3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Organizational Chart, not dated	
	4. NCYF Organizational Chart, dated 2025	
	Interviews:	
	1. Random Inmates	
	2. Targeted Inmates	

- 3. Corporals
- 4. Administrative Personnel
- 5. Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager
- 6. Captain / PREA Coordinator
- 7. Warden
- 8. Deputy Assistant Director / Agency Head

Through informal and formal interviews with inmates and staff, interviews with contractors and a volunteer, review of inmate and personnel files, review of facility and agency protocols, and a facility tour, it was evident the facility integrates the requirements of PREA into daily operations in a meaningful and consistent manner. Inmates and staff interviewed were able to clearly describe PREA practices and protocols as outlined in the agency Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy, and both the PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Manager affirmed they are provided the time and resources necessary to fulfill their PREA responsibilities. Each described systems in place to monitor compliance and maintain ongoing oversight of facility practices.

Inmates provided unsolicited comments that demonstrated strong perceptions of safety, respect, and consistent messaging across the facility. Inmates reported feeling sexually safe, described searches as respectful, and stated mental health services are offered regardless of risk screening outcomes. Inmates noted consistent staff checkins following medical appointments, meaningful follow-up from investigators, and regular reassessments of their safety and comfort. Several inmates stated staff are respectful, PREA is taken seriously, inappropriate behavior is not tolerated, and staff review rules and protocols repeatedly to reinforce expectations. Some inmates described receiving PREA information multiple times within a short timeframe, reflecting strong emphasis on communication, consistency, and prevention.

Staff provided unsolicited comments demonstrating a culture grounded in respect, professionalism, collaboration, and safety. Staff described strong coordination with medical and mental health, a round-robin approach to screening new arrivals, and proactive monitoring of youth needs. Staff stated they immediately address inappropriate behaviors, remain sensitive to individual identities and needs, avoid judgment, and ensure all interactions are professional. Staff also described private check-ins when concerns arise, the importance of staff presence, clear buddy system practices, and a commitment to protecting youth in custody. The volunteer interviewed spoke positively about the environment, stating NDCS leadership "has a lot going right with people who care" and described the work as meaningful and hopeful.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated strong and consistent

oversight of PREA Compliance Managers through regular email communications, Webex meetings, and frequent onsite visits, ensuring accountability and uniformity across facilities.

Site observations further reinforced the integration of PREA requirements into facility operations. Colored PREA audit notices and "How to Report" posters with internal and external reporting information were posted throughout hallways, administrative areas, the school hallway, and housing wings. Reporting instructions were clearly displayed near inmate telephones, ensuring accessible avenues for reporting concerns.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency Safe Prisons/ PREA Plan mandates zero-tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the facility it operates and those directly under contract.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 5, section 1. A. 1., states, "NDCS will seek to enhance the prevention of prison sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment by maintaining a zero-tolerance standard for all sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment on and by inmates. Protecting inmates and safeguarding communities of prison sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment is a top priority."

(b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency employs or designates an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator. The position of the PREA Coordinator in the agency's organizational structure is the PREA Captain.

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Organizational Chart. The organization chart demonstrates the PREA Coordinator is in the agency organizational structure as PREA Captain and reports directly to the Assistant Deputy Director Intelligence & Investigations who reports directly to the agency Director.

(c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has designated a PREA Compliance Manager. The PREA Compliance Manager has sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

The facility provided a NCYF Organizational Chart demonstrating the Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager reports directly to the Assistant Warden.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by embedding PREA principles into daily routines, maintaining highly visible and accessible reporting information, and fostering a facility culture where inmates and staff consistently demonstrate strong awareness, professionalism, and accountability. The combination of clear communication, proactive engagement by staff, consistent oversight by the PREA Coordinator, and positive inmate and staff experiences reflects a level of commitment that goes beyond compliance and reinforces a safe, respectful, and prevention-focused environment.

### 115.12 Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ

#### Interviews:

1. Captain / PREA Coordinator

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated the agency does not currently house inmates with contracting entities; however, contracts remain in place in the event those services are needed.

- (a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency does not contract with private agencies for confinement services of their inmates.
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states all of the above contracts require the agency to monitor the contractor's compliance with PREA standards. The number of contracts referenced in 115.12 (a)-3 that do not require the agency to monitor contractor's compliance with PREA standards is zero.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

### 115.13 Supervision and monitoring

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility Annual Review of Staffing Assignment and Video Monitoring, 12.2024
- 4. Housing Unit Log Book Unannounced Rounds

#### Interviews:

- 1. Acting Unit Administrator
- 2. Captain / PREA Coordinator
- 3. Warden

The interview with the Acting Unit Administrated demonstrated she conducts rounds of each wing and the exterior of each building at least once a week, without announcement to staff or inmates. The Unit Administrator stated Administrative staff and Lieutenants complete daily rounds documented in red ink in each building logbook. During rounds each ensure there is 'no funny business', windows or cameras are covered, and have conversations with inmates and staff.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated she meets with each Warden and PREA Compliance Manager annually in February to review and complete facility annual Staffing Assignment and Video Monitoring Plans.

The interview with the Warden demonstrated that he is aware of the staffing plan and consistently reviews the plan with the PREA Coordinator and the PREA Compliance Manager.

#### Site Observation:

During the tour multiple supervisory unannounced rounds were observed in logbooks

throughout the facility. Rounds are noted in red ink, at different times on each shift with the Lieutenant and or supervisory staff signature or initials.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency requires the facility to develop, document and make its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against abuse. Since August 20, 2012, or last PREA audit, whichever is later, the average daily number of inmates is 72. The average daily number of inmates on which the staffing plan was predicted is 72.

The facility provided a Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility Annual Review of Staffing Assignment and Video Monitoring plan. The document documents the following components.

- a. Generally accepted adult correctional institution practice.
- b. Any judicial findings of inadequacy.
- c. Any findings of inadequacy from federal investigative bodies.
- d. Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies.
- e. All components of the facility's physical plant, (including blind spots or areas where team members or inmates may be isolated.)
- f. The composition of the resident population (i.e.-gender rations, risk/need of residents, physical size, Sexual Aggressive Behavior (SAB), Vulnerability to Victimization (VV).
- g. The number and placement of supervisory staff.
- h. Programs occurring on shifts.
- i. Any applicable state or local laws, regulations or standards.
- j. The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse.
- k. Any other relevant factors.

The plan is signed and dated by the PREA Compliance Manager, facility Warden and the agency PREA Coordinator.

(b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states each time the staffing

plan is not complied with, the facility documents and justifies deviations. The PAQ states, "no deviations from staffing plans."

- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states at least once every year that the facility/agency, in collaboration with the PREA coordinator, reviews the staffing plan to whether adjustments are needed in (a) the staffing, (b) the deployment of monitoring technology, or (c) the allocation of agency/facility resources to commit to the staffing plan to ensure compliance with the staffing plan. The facility completes a staffing plan annually to ensure continued compliance with each required element.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility requires that intermediate level or higher-level staff conduct unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 8, section 3., states, "Each facility shall implement a policy and practice of having intermediate-level and higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds, on all shifts, to identify and deter team members from sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment. Specific expectations are detailed in facility written procedures.

Team members are strictly prohibited from alerting other team members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility.

On an annual basis each facility compliance manager will complete an annual PREA assessment based on data from the previous calendar year. This assessment will be submitted to the captain/PREA coordinator on or before February 1st each year."

The facility provided Housing Unit Log Book entries throughout the last 12 months demonstrating unannounced rounds documenting the time and date by Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captains with the comment 'Area Check" in red ink.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by demonstrating consistent and well-documented implementation of unannounced supervisory rounds. The Acting Unit Administrator and Lieutenants conduct and document rounds routinely, ensuring camera views remain unobstructed, staff remain alert, and inmate

interactions are professional. Administrative and supervisory staff actively engage with inmates and employees during rounds, promoting approachability and transparency. The Warden, PREA Coordinator, and PREA Compliance Manager collaborate annually to review staffing assignments and video monitoring plans, confirming systems are in place to identify and address safety or coverage concerns. The ongoing oversight and clear documentation of rounds reflect a proactive, engaged leadership culture that goes beyond compliance and demonstrates a sustained commitment to inmate safety and staff accountability.

# 115.14 Youthful inmates Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion Document Review:** Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11. dated 7.31.2024 Interviews: Youthful Inmates Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager Interviews with youthful inmates demonstrated inmates over the age of 18 are never permitted in their housing wing. Youthful inmates further stated that when in the presence of an inmate over 18, supervisory staff are always in the immediate area. Interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager demonstrated youthful inmates are housed at this facility. Site Observation: During the tour, youthful inmates were observed to be housed in a single wing located at the far end of the residential building.

The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility prohibits placing

(a)

youthful inmates in a housing unit in which a youthful inmate will have sight, sound, or physical contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters. The facility has housing units to which youthful inmates are assigned that provide sight and sound separation between youthful and adult offenders in dayrooms, common areas, showers, and sleeping quarters.

Youthful inmates who are placed in the SAME HOUSING UNIT as adults have sight, sound, or physical contact with any adult inmate through use of shower area, sleeping quarters, shared dayroom, or other common space. The PAQ states, NCYF has a 17 and under unit."

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 8, section D. PREA Standard Secure Facility Youthful Inmates 1.-3., states,

- 1. "A youthful inmate shall not be placed in a housing unit in which he or she will have sight, sound or physical contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area or sleeping quarters.
- a. In areas outside of housing units, agencies shall either:
- 1) Maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates, or
- 2) Provide direct team member supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound or physical contact.
- 2. All best efforts must be made and documented to avoid placing youthful inmates in restrictive housing to comply with the standard.
- 3. Absent exigent circumstances, youthful inmates shall not be denied daily large muscle exercise, any legally required special education services, programs and work opportunities. In the event the above-mentioned criteria has been denied the facility shall document the reason for denial."
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility maintains sight, sound, and physical separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates in areas outside housing units. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility documents the exigent circumstances for each instance in which youthful inmates' access to large-

muscle exercise, legally required education services, and other programs and work opportunities was denied. In the past 12 months, the number of youthful inmates who have been placed in isolation in order to separate them from adult inmates was zero.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

### 115.15 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Corporals
- 4. Captain / PREA Coordinator

Interviews with inmates demonstrated female staff always announce their presence when entering the housing unit, shower area, or during clothing changes. Of the inmates who responded to interview questions, 100% stated searches are conducted respectfully by staff and that they feel safe in the program.

Interviews with Corporals demonstrated each has been trained in unisex search techniques applicable to both male and female inmates.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated the agency's current practice for searching transgender inmates is for searches to be conducted by staff of the same gender as documented on the inmate's driver's license and birth certificate.

#### Site Observation:

During the tour, the search area in the intake unit was observed to be behind cell doors, with one staff member positioned at the door frame while conducting the search. Personnel demonstrated awareness not to enter the area while searches are taking place.

During the tour, housing units were observed to have a three-quarter swinging door at the entrance to the single shower. Each double-bunk cell was equipped with a toilet and sink. Both the shower and cell layouts allow for privacy while showering, changing clothes, and toileting.

(a) Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility does not conduct cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of their Inmates. In the past 12 months zero cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of inmates.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 8, section E. 1., states, "Team members shall not conduct cross-gender safety searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners. All cross-gender safety searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches will be documented in an Incident Report. The report shall be maintained by the facility PREA compliance manager.

- (b) Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states this standard is not applicable as females are not housed at the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility.
- (c) Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility policy requires that all cross-gender strip searches, cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and cross-gender pat-down searches be documented and justified. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (d) Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has implemented policies and procedures that enable Inmates 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 (this includes viewing via video camera). Policies

and procedures require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit. The PAQ states, "no exigent circumstances that would require deviance from the standards."

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 9, section E. 3., states, "In order to enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without nonmedical team members of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks, all team members of the opposite gender will announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit. Written notice to inmates shall be posted prominently in all units indicating team members of the opposite gender may be present at any time.

It is also necessary to make a verbal announcement when a team member of the opposite gender is assigned to work on an inmate housing unit or when a team member of the opposite gender enters an inmate housing unit where inmate sleeping/showering quarters are located. For example, if a female team member is assigned to a male housing unit for the duration of a shift, an announcement at the beginning of the shift is required regarding to that person's presence. When the female leaves the unit and returns an announcement of a female present must be made upon return to the unit. In addition, any time an opposite gender team member who is not assigned to that unit enters an area of the housing unit where inmate sleeping/showering quarters are located, a verbal announcement of their presence must be made. The announcement shall be made in such a manner that is most likely to be heard, such as the intercom system, and shall make it clear that a team member of the opposite gender has entered the unit (appropriate language includes but is not limited to "A male/female team member is on the floor/unit."). In the event of exigent circumstances (i.e., a medical emergency, inmate altercation, inmate/team member assault, etc.) the announcement of cross gender team members is not necessary."

(e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has a policy prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex Inmate for the sole purpose of determining the Inmate's genital status. Such searches have not occurred in the past 12 months.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 9, section E. 4., states, "NDCS shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If an inmate's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the inmate, 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.

(f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states 100% of security staff at each facility receive training on conducting cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex Inmates in a professional and respectful manner consistent with security needs.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.16 Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Language Line Services Inc Service Contract Amendment, dated 1.1.2025 8.16.2027
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pre-Service PowerPoint, dated 7.2021
- 5. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure in English and Spanish, dated 7.2024
- 6. NDCS English and Spanish Hotline Posters

#### Interviews:

- 1. Targeted Inmates
- 2. Corporals
- 3. Unit Case Manager
- 4. Deputy Assistant Director / Agency Head

Interviews with one cognitively delayed inmate, one hearing-impaired inmate, two limited English proficient (LEP) inmates (one who utilized an interpreter), and two youthful inmates demonstrated each was aware of the definition of PREA and understood how and to whom to report sexual harassment, sexual abuse, or retaliation. Inmates stated they were provided PREA information upon arrival to the facility in a language and format they could understand. The LEP inmate who completed the interview confirmed he received PREA information in Spanish.

The interview with the Unit Case Manager demonstrated each youth receives PREA education in a one-on-one setting to ensure comprehension and to allow for individualized discussion. When a youth appears to have language limitations, an interpreter is incorporated. When a youth appears to be cognitively delayed, mental health personnel are involved to support understanding and reinforce key concepts.

The interview with the Deputy Assistant Director demonstrated disabilities are identified during the intake process and corresponding accommodations are implemented. Developmentally delayed inmates are housed in single cells and provided intensive mental health services. Geriatric inmates are moved to a designated ward, and ADA placements are determined through the facility's classification process for handicapped individuals. PREA information is communicated verbally and in writing, and the facility provides access to TTY, translation lines, and on-site interpreters to ensure accessibility for all inmates.

#### Site Observation:

During the tour English and Spanish reporting posters were observed in each housing unit. Contact information for internal and external reporting entities were observed to be near inmate phones and inmates were able to demonstrate how the grievance application could be accessed on their tablets.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has established procedures to provide disabled inmates equal opportunities to be provided with and learn about the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 10, section F. 1., states, "Information will be provided in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired or otherwise disabled; those who have intellectual, psychiatric or speech disabilities; as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills and who are limited English

proficient."

The facility provided an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pre-Service PowerPoint. The PowerPoint includes the following learning objectives.

- The Purpose of the ADA
- NDCS Policies
- · Identify who is protected?
- Major Life Activities
- What Constitutes a Disability?
- · Title I Employment
- Explain how employees request reasonable accommodations
- Explain how NDCS accommodates employee injuries and illnesses
- Title II State and Local Public Services
- · Title II Applicability to Correctional Programs and Services
- Title II Reasonable Modification(s)
- · Explain how inmates request reasonable accommodations
- Title II Person First Inclusive Language
- · Title II Other Considerations and Person First Language
- Conclusion

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sexual Assault Awareness Brochure in English and Spanish. The brochure includes the following information.

- Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Zero Tolerance Policy
- · Incarcerated individual on Incarcerated individual or Team member on Incarcerated individual Sexual Behavior
- If you are sexually assaulted
- Self Protection
- · Nebraska State Statute

The facility provided NDCS English and Spanish Hotline posters providing inmates with information on how to report to include internal and external reporting information.

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has established procedures to provide inmates with limited English 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. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency prohibits the use of inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations. In the last 12 months the facility has had zero instances where inmates were used for interpreters.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 10, section F. 2., states, "Reasonable steps will be taken to ensure meaningful access to information is provided to inmates who are limited English proficient, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. Reliance will not be placed on inmate interpreters, inmate readers or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety.

The facility provided a Language Line Services Inc Service Contract Amendment. The contract appears to be current and is dated 1.1.2025 through 8.16.2027.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

115.17	Hiring and promotion decisions
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

#### Document Review:

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Personal Information for Security Check, dated 3.2024
- 4. Reference Check Form, dated 11.2013
- 5. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Team Member Selection Policy, dated 7.31.2024
- 6. Human Resource Database Report

#### Interviews:

1. Human Resource Assistant

The interview with the Human Resource Assistant demonstrated all applicants and contractors must pass a criminal history background check before being granted access to inmates and again during the promotion process. The Human Resource Assistant stated the Central Office provides each facility with an annual list identifying employees due for five-year criminal background checks.

The Human Resource Assistant further stated applicants who have been involved in a sexual harassment incident may be considered for employment only after review and approval from the Central Office. All applicants and contractors complete administrative adjudication questions during both the hiring and promotion processes. She also stated the agency maintains an affirmative duty policy requiring immediate reporting by employees, and she completes institutional reference checks on applicable applicants and past employees when requested.

#### Site Observation:

Utilization of the PREA Audit Adult Prison & Jail Documentation Review Employee File/Records template demonstrated 20 of 20 employee files, as well as two volunteer and two contractor files, contained documentation of criminal background checks completed upon hire and every five years thereafter. The facility was able to demonstrate administrative adjudication questions were completed during the hiring and promotion processes, and institutional reference checks were requested and completed for applicable applicants.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with inmates and prohibits enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who: (1) 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); (2) 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 (3) Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 10, section G., states, "NDCS shall not hire, promote or enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual/assault in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility or other institution; 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, coercion or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent; and/or who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in such activity. Any incidents of sexual harassment will be taken into consideration. Refer to Policy 112.03 Team Member Selection Policy, for additional details regarding the hiring and promoting processes."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy requires the consideration of any incidents of sexual harassment when determining to hire and or promote anyone, or to enlist services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c/f/h) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy requires that before it hires any new employees who may have contact with inmates, it (a) conducts criminal background record checks, and (b) consistent with federal, state, and local law, makes 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. In the past 12 months, the number of persons hired who may have contact with inmates who have had criminal background record checks was 12. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency policy requires that a criminal background records check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. In the past 12 months there

was seven contracts for services where criminal background record checks were conducted on all contractors covered in the contract who might have contact with inmates. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

(e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency requires background checks to be completed every five years.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Team Member Selection Policy 112.03, page 14, section II, 4-5., state,

- 4. "NDCS will conduct security checks of current team members every five years.
- 5. Additional background checks and financial background checks may be completed for certain identified NDCS positions at the discretion of the human talent director."

The facility provided a Human Resource Database report demonstrating the agency has a system to ensure criminal background checks are completed every five years.

(g) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states that agency policy states that material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Team Member Selection Policy 112.03, page 13, section 3. d., states, "Material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

Upgrades to facilities and technologies
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion
Document Review:

Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ

#### Interviews:

- 1. Warden
- 2. Deputy Assistant Director / Agency Head

The interview with the Warden demonstrated the facility has not had any substantial expansions since the last PREA audit; however, additional cameras were installed near the perimeter fence to enhance visibility and security.

The interview with the Deputy Assistant Director demonstrated the agency recently completed construction of a new building on an existing facility site and is preparing to break ground on a new facility. The Deputy Assistant Director stated the engineering team is well-versed in PREA requirements and designs facilities to eliminate blind spots and maximize lines of sight. Cameras are positioned at multiple angles, and facial recognition technology is currently being implemented.

#### Site Observation:

During the tour, cameras were reviewed from the main Control Office. All internal and external cameras appeared clear and fully operational, with the ability to zoom and rotate. The Warden stated any issues with camera functionality are reported to technology personnel and typically corrected within minutes.

- (a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has not acquired a new facility or made substantial expansions or modifications to existing facilities since the last PREA audit.
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has not installed an electronic surveillance system since the last PREA audit.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- Nebraska Sexual Assault Protocol, dated 2019
- 4. Nebraska Statute 81-1429.03.
- 5. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Memorandum, RE: Community Hospital MOU, dated 9.8.2025
- 6. Advocacy Attempt Memorandum, dated 12.11.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Administrative Nurse
- 2. Associate Director of Nursing

The interview with medical staff demonstrated both are aware of the signs and symptoms of sexual abuse and would immediately report any concerns to custody staff while remaining with the victim to ensure safety until custody personnel arrive. The Administrative Nurse stated forensic exams are performed at the Women's Methodist Medical Center and that this information is included in the facility's nursing protocols.

#### Site Observation:

The facility has not experienced a sexual assault allegation or had a need for a forensic medical exam in the past 12 months.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility is responsible for conducting administrative sexual abuse investigations (including inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct). The agency/facility is not responsible for conducting criminal sexual abuse investigations (including inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct). If another agency has responsibility for conducting either administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations, the name of the agency that has responsibility is the Nebraska State Patrol.

(b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the protocol is not developmentally appropriate for youth. The protocol was adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the DOJ'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.

The facility provided a Nebraska Medical Sexual Assault Protocol, Nebraska Attorney General's Office. The protocol speaks to the following information.

- Definitions
- Nebraska Statutes Relating to Sexual Assault
- Statute of Limitations
- Trauma Informed Care
- Nebraska Sexual Assault Kit and Reimbursement
- · Evidence Collection Steps
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility offers all inmates who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations. Forensic examinations are offered at no cost to the victim. Where possible, all examinations are conducted by SAFE or SANE examiners. The number of forensic exams conducted during the past 12 months is zero.

The facility provided the Nebraska Statute 81-1429.03, which states, "The full out-of-pocket cost or expense that may be charged to a sexual assault victim in connection with a forensic medical examination shall be paid from the Sexual Assault Payment Program Cash Fund. A report of a forensic medical examination shall not be remitted to the patient or his or her insurance for payment."

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Memorandum from the Captain / PREA Coordinator to the PREA Auditor, regarding the Community Hospital MOU 115.21, stating, "NDCS has not had a Memorandum of Understanding with the community hospital since 2016. This is due to the Community Hospitals that we utilize are required to have a SANE program that consists of SANE nurses that are available to conduct the SANE examinations. The State Sane Coordinator conducts the training for all Nebraska Hospitals.

(d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to the victim, in person or by other means. All efforts are documented. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the facility provides a qualified staff or community member. The PAQ states, "NDCS currently does not have a MOU with a rape crisis center. However, when the inmate goes the community hospital for a SANE examination the hospital contacts a victim advocate to be present."

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 11, section I., states, "A forensic examination 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. This person shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general. The facility will document efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs on the Facility Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Assault/Abuse.

In the event that an inmate is sent to the community hospital for a SANE examination, the facility shift supervisor will ask the inmate if they would like a victim advocate present at the hospital for support through the SANE examination. If the inmate indicates that they would like a victim advocate present, the facility shift supervisor will notify the hospital that a victim advocate was requested and will document on the Facility Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Assault/Abuse. The hospital will contact an advocate from a rape crisis center to be present. If an advocate is not available to provide victim advocate services, the facility shall make available a qualified individual from a community-based organization or qualified agency team member. This person shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual abuse/assault and forensic examination issues in general.

As requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency team member or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention information and referrals.

If requested by the victim, he or she will be allowed to contact his or her emergency contact or an immediate family member via a team member assisted telephone call. The team member assisted call shall be no longer than 15 minutes in duration. Team members will document the call, or attempted call, on an Incident Report."

The facility provided an advocacy attempts from the years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states a qualified staff or community member accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals. Policy compliance can be found in provision (d) of this standard.
- (f-h) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency is responsible for investigating administrative and criminal allegations of sexual abuse.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

**Document Review:** 

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

1. Investigator / Assistant Warden

The Investigator stated all allegations of sexual harassment or sexual abuse are taken seriously and investigated regardless of the source or type of allegation.

#### Site Observation:

During the pre-audit phase, two sexual abuse and two sexual harassment investigations conducted within the past 12 months were reviewed. None of the investigations required referral to law enforcement, and each allegation was reported

directly to staff or through an inmate statement.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (including inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse and staff sexual misconduct). In the past 12 months the facility has had four allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that were received. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations resulting in an administrative investigation was four. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations referred for criminal investigation was zero.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 11-12, section J, states, "NDCS shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports, in a prompt, thorough and objective manner. Any outside entities responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations that complies with PREA standards and shall provide training pertaining to the investigation of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment in confinement settings to the NDCS criminal investigators and agency investigators who conduct such investigations. When outside agencies investigate sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment, NDCS shall cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation."

(b-c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has policy that requires allegations of sexual abuse or harassment to be referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 24, section EE. 1, states, "Upon receipt of an allegation for sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment, the captain/PREA coordinator will review the report(s) of the allegation and discuss the incident with the facility warden to determine if an investigation is warranted. If the allegation is determined to be opened for investigation, the captain/PREA coordinator will assign the investigation a case number in the Investigator's Case Management data base and forward the case log and initial reports to the PREA compliance manager at the respective facility to be assigned to a PREA investigator."

(d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states if the agency is responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of alleged sexual abuse, and

another state entity has that responsibility, this other entity has a policy governing how such investigations are conducted is not applicable.

The agency policy is available on the agency website at: Search | NDCS - Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.31 Employee training

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment PowerPoint Presentation, dated 2025
- 4. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sexual Assault-Abuse Pre-Service PowerPoint Presentation, dated 11.4.2024
- 5. PREA of 2003: Information For Those With Direct And Indirect Contact With Inmates, Training Acknowledgment, not dated
- 6. PREA Monthly Training Refreshers, January-December, dated 2024-2025

Interviews:

- Corporals
- Captain / PREA Coordinator

Interviews with Corporals demonstrated each were aware of and had received initial, annual, and monthly refresher PREA trainings. Corporals stated training is delivered through annual in-person in-service sessions, the learning management system, and shift change monthly email refreshers. Employees affirmed the training includes information on employee and inmate rights, preventative measures, detection,

reporting, and first responder protocols.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated she distributes monthly refresher trainings to each PREA Compliance Manager, who then disseminate policy revisions, updated procedures, and PREA refresher materials to all facility employees.

#### Site Observation:

Utilization of the PREA Audit Adult Prison & Jail Documentation Review Employee File/ Records Review template demonstrated 20 of 20 employee training files verified annual and refresher PREA education was completed within the past two fiscal years.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency trains all employees who may have contact with Inmates in all required provisions of this standard.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 12-13, section K., states,

- 1. "Staff Training and Development will offer training (both pre-service and inservice classes) for all team members who may have contact with inmates based on the contents of this policy and its attachments. Lesson plans will be based on this policy and its attachments and the federal PREA standards and any subsequent revisions thereof.
- 2. Pre-service and in-service team member training will consist of the following and will include gender specific approaches to working with male and female inmates:
- (a) Zero-tolerance for sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment.
- (b) Fulfilling responsibilities with regard to prevention, detection, reporting and response policies and procedures for sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment.
- (c) Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment.
- (d) Inmates' and staffs' rights to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse/ assault and sexual harassment.
- (e) Dynamics of sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment in confinement.
- (f) Common reactions of sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment victims.
- (g) Detecting and responding to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment.

- (h) Avoiding inappropriate relationships with inmates including sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment.
- (i) Communicating effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and gender nonconforming inmates about sexual abuse/assault and sexual harassment.
- (j) Complying with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse/ assault to outside authorities.
- (k) Conducting cross-gender pat searches (male staff will only pat search female inmates in exigent circumstances) and searches of transgender and intersex inmates in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs (Preservice and as needed)."

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment PowerPoint Presentation. The presentation includes the following Units.

Unit 1: The Prison Rape Elimination Act: Overview of the Law and Your Role

Unit 2: Inmates' Rights to be Free from Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment and Staff and Inmate Rights to be Free from Retaliation for Reporting

Unit 3 Part I: Prevention and Detection

Unit 3 Part II: Response and Reporting

Unit 4: Professional Boundaries and False Allegations

Unit 5: Effective and Professional Communication with Inmates

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sexual Assault-Abuse Pre-Service PowerPoint Presentation with the following course overview.

- Federal Standard
- Zero Tolerance
- · Prevention, detection, reporting and response
- · Investigation process and discipline
- · Fears of inmate reporting and inmate methods of reporting
- Victim advocacy
- Avoiding inappropriate relationships with inmates

- · Prevention planning
- · Responsive planning
- · Training and Education
- Screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness
- · Reporting methods
- · Official response following an inmate report
- Investigations
- Discipline
- · Medical and Mental Health care
- Data collection and review
- Audits
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states training is tailored to the unique needs and attributes and gender of Inmates at the facility. Employees who are reassigned from facilities housing the opposite gender are given additional training. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states between trainings the agency provides employees who may have contact with inmates with refresher information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility completes refresher training monthly.

The facility provided monthly PREA refresher training for each month of the year, January through December. Training includes the following topics.

- · January: PREA Basics Dynamics of Sexual Abuse in Detention Detecting Signs of Sexual Abuse
- · February: Handling Disclosures of Abuse Responding to Victimized Incarcerated Individuals
- March: Professional Communication and Boundaries Appropriate Interactions
   Compromised Professionalism
- · April: Inmate Privacy Pat and Safety Searches
- · May: Ways Incarcerated Individuals Can Report

· June: Helping Inmates Who Primarily Speak Another Language

· July: Duty to Report: Knowledge, Suspicion, or Information

· August: First Responder Duties

· September: Encouraging Inmates to Report Sexual Abuse

November: Investigations

December: Zero Tolerance Policy

(d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency documents that employees who may have contact with inmates understand the training they have received through employee signature or electronic verification.

The facility provided a Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003: Information for Those With Direct And Indirect Contact With Inmates, Training Acknowledgment. Through printed name and signature, employees attest to the following: I acknowledge that I have been trained on and understand the Prison Rape Elimination Act, NDCS policy and procedures and the Department's zero tolerance standard for all forms of sexual abuse. I also acknowledge that I will report any findings of sexual abuse immediately."

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by demonstrating a comprehensive and layered approach to PREA education. Training is not limited to annual sessions but reinforced monthly through email refreshers and continuous communication from the PREA Coordinator to facility staff. The structured delivery system ensures employees remain informed of policy updates, reporting responsibilities, and first responder protocols throughout the year. Staff at all levels could articulate PREA requirements with confidence, reflecting a sustained culture of awareness and accountability that goes beyond compliance expectations.

Volunteer and contractor training
Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion
Document Review:
1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ

- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Community Partner Orientation Training PowerPoint, dated 7.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Community Partner Orientation Training PowerPoint, 7.2024
- 4. PREA of 2003: Information For Those With Direct And Indirect Contact With Inmates, Training Acknowledgment, not dated

#### Interviews:

- 1. Volunteers (2)
- 2. Contract Mental Health

Interviews with a contractor and volunteers demonstrated each receives annual education on the agency's zero-tolerance policy. All interviewees expressed a clear understanding of reporting requirements and stated they would remain with an inmate who disclosed sexual harassment, sexual abuse, or retaliation to ensure the individual's safety. One volunteer shared that NDCS provides a positive and supportive environment for her work with clients, stating that "the work being done here is really hopeful and leadership-wise, a lot of things are going right with people who care and want to see inmates thrive."

#### Site Observation:

Utilization of the PREA Audit Adult Prison & Jail Documentation Review Employee File/Records Review template demonstrated both the contractor and each volunteer had completed training on the agency's zero-tolerance policy in 2024 or 2025.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states all volunteers and contractors who have contact with Inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and harassment prevention, detection, and response. There are a total of nine contract staff and 205 volunteers who have contact with inmates who have completed the required training.

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Community Partner Orientation Training PowerPoint with the following training components.

- Chapter 1 NDCS Overview
- · Chapter 2 NDCS Mission Statement
- Chapter 3 NDCS Vision & Values

- · Chapter 4 American Correctional Association
- · Chapter 5 Characteristic of the Incarcerated Population
- Chapter 6 Who Are Our Community Partners?
- · Chapter 7 Contraband
- · Chapter 8 Security
- · Chapter 9 Dress Code
- · Chapter 10 Security
- · Chapter 11 Reporting to Staff
- Chapter 12 Emergencies
- · Chapter 13 Infectious Disease
- · Chapter 14 Workplace Harassment
- · Chapter 15 Sexual Assault on Incarcerated People
- · Chapter 16 Hostage Situation
- · Chapter 17 Working with Incarcerated People
- Chapter 18 Con Games
- · Chapter 19 Victim Assistance
- · Chapter 20 What we need from you
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates. All volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency maintains documentation confirming that the volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received.

The facility provided a Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003: Information for Those With Direct And Indirect Contact With Inmates, Training Acknowledgment. Through printed name and signature, employees attest to the following: I acknowledge that I have been trained on and understand the Prison Rape Elimination Act, NDCS policy

and procedures and the Department's zero tolerance standard for all forms of sexual abuse. I also acknowledge that I will report any findings of sexual abuse immediately."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.33 Inmate education

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

**Document Review:** 

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Incarcerated Individual 30-day PREA Education PowerPoint Presentation, not dated
- 4. Nebraska Department of Corrections PREA Inmate Orientation Acknowledgement in English and Spanish, not dated

#### Interviews:

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Case Manager

Formal interviews with 16 inmates and 18 informal interviews with inmates demonstrated they were aware of the definition of PREA, their rights and could describe multiple internal and external reporting mechanisms. Inmates stated they may report directly to any staff member, to a third party, by writing a kite, submitting a grievance through the tablet application, or by calling the hotline.

The interview with the Case Manager demonstrated PREA education is typically provided to inmates in a one-on-one setting on the day of entry. During this session, the PREA brochure is read to each inmate and includes information on inmate rights

related to sexual harassment and sexual abuse, internal and external reporting options, and the agency's zero-tolerance policy. The Case Manager stated inmates sign an acknowledgment of understanding at the conclusion of the training.

#### Site Observation:

Utilization of the PREA Audit Adult Prison & Jail Documentation Review Inmate File/ Records Review template demonstrated 16 of 16 inmate files verified admission within the past 12 months. All 16 reflected completion of PREA education within three days of entering the facility.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states Inmate receives information at time of intake about the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The number of inmates admitted in the past 12 months who were given this information at intake was 72.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 13-14, section M. 1-2, state,"

- 1. During the intake process at all NDCS facilities, inmates shall receive information explaining NDCS' zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse/assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation for reporting such incidents; how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse/assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation for reporting such incidents; and informed of the designated facility PREA compliance manager. See Inmate Orientation Information Regarding Sexual Assault Awareness.
- 2. Within 30 days of intake, inmates newly assigned to NDCS shall receive comprehensive education through use of a power point/video presentation, with staff available to answer questions, regarding their right to be free from sexual assault/ abuse and sexual harassment, their right to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents and agency policies and procedures for responding to and reporting such incidents."

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Incarcerated Individual 30-day PREA Education PowerPoint Presentation demonstrating the following information is provided to inmates within 30 days of intake.

- Sexual Assault Sexual Abuse Policy 203.11
- Code of Offenses
- · Sexual Behavior
- Prohibited Behaviors

- · Reporting Methods
- Sexual Assault
- Community Hospital
- Advocacy Care
- · Medical Care
- Mental Health Care
- PREA Screening Assessment
- · Investigations
- Investigation Outcomes
- False Reporting
- Facility / Agency Contacts
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the number of those inmates admitted during the past 12 months (whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more) who received comprehensive education on their rights to be free from both sexual abuse and sexual harassment and retaliation for reporting such incidents and on agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents within 30 days of intake was nine. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states of those who were not educated during 30 days of intake, all inmates have been subsequently educated. Agency policy requires that inmates who are transferred from one facility to another be educated regarding their rights to be free from both sexual abuse and sexual harassment and retaliation for reporting such incidents and on agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents, to the extent that the policies and procedures of the new facility differ from those of the previous facility.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 14, section M. 3, states, "Information will be provided in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired or otherwise disabled; those who have intellectual, psychiatric or speech disabilities; as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills and who are limited English proficient."

The facility provided a Prison Rape Elimination Act Inmate Orientation Acknowledgment demonstrating inmates are educated on the following.

- Agency Zero Tolerance Policy
- Federal Law to include information on rights
- · How to report incidents of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- · Inmate acknowledgement
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states Inmate PREA education is available in accessible formats for all inmates including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, otherwise disabled or have limited reading skills.
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility maintains documentation of inmate participation in PREA education sessions. Documentation can be found in provision (d) of this standard.

The facility provided a PREA Inmate Orientation acknowledgements in English and Spanish. Inmates attest to the following through their signature and date. "I acknowledge that I have received information regarding my rights to be free from sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and to be from retaliation for reporting such incidents. I have also been informed of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services policy and procedures for responding to such incidents."

(f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency ensures that key information about the agency's PREA policies is continuously and readily available or visible through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by providing PREA education in a one-on-one setting that ensures individualized understanding and engagement. The direct delivery method allows staff to verify inmate comprehension and to address questions immediately, reinforcing the agency's zero-tolerance message. Interviews and documentation confirmed consistent implementation of this practice, demonstrating a level of individualized attention and commitment to inmate awareness that surpasses standard expectations.

# 115.34 Specialized training: Investigations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Specialized Investigative Training: PREA Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting PowerPoint Presentation, not dated
- 4. NCYF Investigator Training Record Report

#### Interviews:

- 1. Assistant Warden / Investigator
- 2. Criminal Investigator

The interview with the Investigator and review of personnel files demonstrated each facility investigator completed in-person investigator training through the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

The interview with the Criminal Investigator demonstrated he received in-person PREA investigation training with the agency PREA Coordinator. The Criminal Investigator is also a certified police officer and serves as a liaison between the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and the Nebraska State Patrol.

#### Site Observation:

During the pre-audit phase, Investigator a training record report was uploaded to the Online Audit System.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency policy requires that investigators are trained in conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 14, section N. 1.-2., state,

- 1. "In addition to the general training provided to all team members, investigators will receive training in conducting investigations in confinement settings, to include:
- a. Techniques for interviewing victims of sexual assault/abuse.
- b. Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings.
- c. Sexual assault/abuse evidence collection in confinement settings.
- d. Criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.
- 2. NDCS shall maintain documentation confirming investigators have received specialized training in conducting sexual abuse/assault investigations."
- (b) The facility provided a Specialized Investigative Training: PREA Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting PowerPoint Presentation. The course overview includes the following.
- Background of PREA
- Investigation basics
- · Working with victims
- Trauma informed approach
- Interviewing
- False Reports
- Culture
- Practical exercise
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency shall maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations. The facility has four employees who have completed investigator training. The number of agency investigators currently employed who have completed the required training is 88.

The facility provided a NCYF Investigator Training Record Report demonstrating each of the facility investigators have completed the specialized investigator training. The spreadsheet provides the following.

Employee Name

- EDC Group
- Training Course NDCS PREA Investigator Training
- · Training Provider
- · Training Hours
- · Completion Date

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.35 | Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 1. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 2. CCCO-NCYF Medical and Mental Health Training Report

#### Interviews:

- 1. Administrative Nurse
- 2. Associate Director of Nursing
- 3. Contract Mental Health

The interview with contract medical practitioners demonstrated each had received initial, monthly, and annual education on the agency's zero-tolerance policy. Specialized PREA training required for medical and mental health staff is completed every three years.

#### Site Observation:

During the pre-audit phase, the facility uploaded the Medical and Mental Health Training Report to the Online Audit System, demonstrating all medical and mental health staff had completed the required specialized training.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy related to the training of medical and mental health practitioners who work regularly in its facilities. The number of all medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly at this facility who received the training required by agency policy is 29.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 14-15, section O. 1., states, "

- 1. All full and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners to include contracted staff will receive training in the following:
- a. Detecting and assessing signs of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment.
- b. Preserving physical evidence of sexual assault/abuse.
- c. Responding effectively and professionally to victims of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment.
- d. Reporting allegations or suspicions of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment."

The facility provided the National PREA Resource Center Specialized Training: PREA Medical and Mental Care Standards Notification of Curriculum Utilization curriculum. The curriculum demonstrates the following modules are trained.

- Module 1: Detecting and Assessing Signs of Sexual Abuse and Harassment
- Module 2: Reporting and the PREA Standards
- Module 3: Effective and Professional Responses
- Module 4: The Medical Forensic Examination and Forensic Evidence Preservation
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states their medical staff do not conduct forensic medical exams.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency maintains documentation showing that medical and mental health practitioners have completed

the required training.

The facility provided CCCO-NCYF Medical and mental health training report demonstrating 29 medical and mental health staff employed at both facilities have completed the required training. The report demonstrates the following is documented.

- Name
- · Specialized medical training completion date
- Pre-services / In-service training date
- Primary location
- NDCS Staff / Agency
- · Medical or Mental Health

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 14-15, section O. 1., states, "

- 1. All full and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners to include contracted staff will receive training in the following:
- a. Detecting and assessing signs of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment.
- b. Preserving physical evidence of sexual assault/abuse.
- c. Responding effectively and professionally to victims of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment.
- d. Reporting allegations or suspicions of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment."

The facility provided the National PREA Resource Center Specialized Training: PREA Medical and Mental Care Standards Notification of Curriculum Utilization curriculum. The curriculum demonstrates the following modules are trained.

- Module 1: Detecting and Assessing Signs of Sexual Abuse and Harassment
- Module 2: Reporting and the PREA Standards
- Module 3: Effective and Professional Responses

- Module 4: The Medical Forensic Examination and Forensic Evidence Preservation
- (b) The Nebraska Youth Correctional Facility PAQ states their medical staff do not conduct forensic medical exams.
- (c) The Nebraska Youth Correctional Facility PAQ states the agency maintains documentation showing that medical and mental health practitioners have completed the required training.

The facility provided CCCO-NCYF Medical and mental health training report demonstrating 29 medical and mental health staff employed at both facilities have completed the required training. The report demonstrates the following is documented.

- · Name
- · Specialized medical training completion date
- Pre-services / In-service training date
- Primary location
- NDCS Staff / Agency
- · Medical or Mental Health

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.41 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

**Document Review:** 

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims / Survivors Policy 201.03, dated 7.31.2024

- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims/Survivors, dated 7.31.2024
- 4. Nebraska Inmate Case Management System PREA Assessment

#### Interviews:

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Acting Unit Administrator
- 4. Captain / PREA Coordinator

Interviews with 16 inmates demonstrated they recalled being asked risk screening questions related to their criminal history, prior sexual abuse, gender identity, and any safety concerns upon entering the facility. Inmates stated these questions were asked during intake, again by medical and mental health staff, and once more by their case manager within the first month of arrival.

The interview with the Acting Unit Administrator demonstrated the intake team, including medical and mental health practitioners, conducts a "round robin" of assessments for all new admissions, each in a private one-on-one setting. The PREA risk screening assesses prior sexual victimization or perpetration, whether the abuse occurred in an institutional setting, whether the victim was a child or adult, and how each inmate identifies. Screenings are completed within 72 hours—typically on the day of intake—again within 30 days of arrival, and any time new information is received or an incident of sexual abuse occurs.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated that only the diagnostic centers have access to the complete inmate risk assessment.

#### Site Observation:

Utilization of the PREA Audit Adult Prison & Jail Documentation Review Inmate File/Records Review template demonstrated 14 of the 16 inmates interviewed had been admitted into the program within the past 12 months. Of those 14 inmates, all had completed risk assessments within 72 hours of intake, and 12 had completed follow-up risk screenings within 30 days of admission. The agency identified that the two missing follow-up assessments were due to data migration issues when the new database was implemented.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has a policy that requires screening, upon admission or transfer, for risk of sexual abuse victimization or sexual abusiveness toward other inmates.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims / Survivors, Policy 201.03, page 2, section 1., states, "All inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening at reception facilities and upon each transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually assaulted, sexually abused or sexually harassed by other inmates and/or their potential to be sexually abusive or sexually harassing toward other inmates. This screening shall take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility and be conducted using an objective screening instrument. NDCS shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination of this information within facilities in order to ensure sensitive information is not exploited to an inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the number of inmates entering the facility (either through intake or transfer) within the past 12 months (whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more) who were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other inmates with 72 hours of their entry into the facility was nine. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c-e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility conducts risk assessments by using an objective screening instrument. The facility does not house inmates solely for civil immigration purposes.

The facility provided computer screen prints of the agency PREA risk assessment.

#### Criminal History Check:

- · Who completed the Criminal History check:
- Has the individual been previously incarcerated?
- How many times?
- · Is the criminal history nonviolent only?
- Number of convictions that are of a violent nature to include sexual violence?
- Is the current conviction sexual violence?

- · How many convictions of sexual violence?
- · Is there a convictions for sexual violence against a child?
- · Is there a conviction for sexual violence against an adult
- NDCS history of perpetrated violence for sexual abuse/sexual harassment found.
- NDCS history of perpetrated violence for sexual assault/abuse and or harassment (Misconduct reports)

#### Inmate questions:

- · Have you been previously incarcerated?
- How many times?
- Number of convictions that are of a violent nature include sexual violence?
- How may convictions for sexual violence?
- · How many convictions for sexual violence against a child?
- How many convictions for sexual violence against an adult?

#### Gender/Sexuality Questions

- · What is your gender Identity?
- What are your preferred pronouns?
- Do you want a separate shower time?
- · What is your sexual orientation?
- How do others perceive your sexual orientation?

#### Physical Characteristics

- Age of individual
- Height of individual
- Weight of Individual
- Build of Individual

#### Sexual Abuse Survival

- Are you willing to tell me if you've ever been a survivor/victim of sexual assault or abuse?
- · Are you survivor of sex assault/abuse?
- · Can you tell me if the sexual assault/abuse happened in: an institution/ the community?

Mental health referral completed?

#### Personal Fears

- Do you have any fears for your safety while incarcerated?
- · What are those fears?
- Inmate fears include sexual assault

#### Medical, Developmental or Mental Health

- Do you believe you have any medical, developmental, or mental health conditions?
- What are your medical, developmental, or mental health condition?
- Does this health problem, or condition limit your daily activities?
- Do you want to talk to a medical/mental health staff member regarding PREA and your safety?
- Medical/mental health referral completed?

NICaMS provides final scores for the risk assessment to include the following.

- Victimization Total
- High Priority Victimization Total
- Aggressor Total
- · High Priority Aggressor Total

- (f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the policy requires that the facility reassess each inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days after the inmate's arrival at the facility, based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening. The number of inmates entering the facility (either through intake or transfer) within the past 12 months (whose length of stay in the facility was for 30 days or more) who were reassessed for their risk of sexual victimization or of being sexually abusive with 30 days after their arrival at the facility based upon any additional relevant information received since intake was nine. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (g) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the policy requires that an inmate's risk level be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims/Survivors, page 6, section V., states, "REASSESSMENTS USING THE PREA SCREENING ASSESSMENT (PREA standard Secured facilities 115.41g/ Community facility 15.241g)

The PREA screening assessment should be reviewed and a new PREA screening assessment must be completed as necessary by designated unit management team members when warranted due to a request, bi-annual transgender review and after a significant incident of sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. Each PREA screening assessment will be posted to NICaMS Data Entry and Inquiry. For tracking purposes, a new entry shall be made rather than editing a previous entry. Significant Incidents include:

- A. Involved in an allegation of sexual assault or sexual abuse.
- B. After a substantiated or unsubstantiated sexual assault or sexual abuse allegation. An inmate discloses a change to their gender identity or sexual orientation.
- C. An inmate turns the age of 65.
- D. An inmate becomes disabled such as a wheelchair, deaf or blind.
- E. A clinician reports the decline in an inmate's mental health.
- F. An inmate is charged with a new crime that includes a sexual assault.

- G. Return from remand, parole or abscond status when it has been longer than 24 hours.
- H. Return from the outside hospital when it has been longer than 24 hours without direct supervision (i.e. medical furlough).

After an allegation of sexual assault or sexual abuse is reported to facility staff, the victim, and aggressor will be assessed. Staff will complete the assessment using the NICaMS PREA screening assessment This assessment shall be completed as soon as possible following the notification of the allegation (generally within 24 hours) and must be completed within 72 hours.

When facility staff are made aware of any inmate-on-inmate sexual assault sexual abuse or sexual harassment incident, a mental health referral must be submitted per the established facility process. Treatment/follow-up will be provided as deemed necessary by mental health staff.

If there is any change in the inmate's aggression or victimization potential, changes to the inmate's housing, programming and work assignments shall be made as appropriate."

(h) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the policy prohibits disciplining inmates for refusing to answer (or for not disclosing complete information related to) questions regarding: (a) whether or not the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability; (b) whether or not the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming; (c) whether or not the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization; and (d) the inmate's own perception of vulnerability.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Identification of Potential Aggressors and Victims / Survivors, Policy 201.03, page 5, second paragraph., states, "Inmates may not be disciplined for refusing to answer or not disclosing complete information in response to the aforementioned questions."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.42 Use of screening information

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Targeted Inmates
- 2. Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager
- 3. Captain / PREA Coordinator
- 4. Warden

Interviews with two high risk for victimization, one cognitively delayed, one hard of hearing, one LEP and two youthful inmates demonstrated each felt safe in the facility, have peer inmates who help to guide and help them through the facility and are happy with where they are placed in their housing units and work or school placements.

The interview with the Warden and the PREA Compliance Manager demonstrated that risk assessment outcomes are reviewed at intake and every time a housing unit placement or programmatic element is changed for an inmate to include job changes, room assignments, and classroom settings. Each are reviewed for the potential for vulnerability or aggression and never placed in the same cell or in an area where they have the opportunity to be isolated with one another.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated that quarterly gender dysphoria meetings take place with facilities to discuss transgender and intersex inmates coming into and transferring within programs to ensure their needs are met. In addition, the PREA Coordinator reviews all six-month reviews once those reviews are completed by designated facility personnel.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility uses information from the risk screening required by §115.41 to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high

risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 15, section Q. 1., states, "Facilities will utilize information from the risk screening to inform housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping those inmates who are at high risk of being sexually victimized from those who are at high risk of being sexually abusive. The institution's physical plant, staffing levels, size, and number of programs and services, as well as activity schedules, will determine the extent to which separation is possible or contacts minimized. Computer tracking of high-risk inmates within an institution may be utilized. Facilities will make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency/facility makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c-d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency/facility makes housing and program assignments for transgender, or intersex inmates in the facility on a case-by-case bases.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 15-16, section Q. 2., states, "In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, NDCS shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmates health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

115.43	Protective Custody
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

#### Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated protective custody is only used in cases of an immediate safety concern; however, segregated housing is never utilized at the facility for any reason. The Warden stated victims are kept separate from their perpetrators through central monitoring and other protective measures, ensuring safety without reliance on isolation.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy prohibiting the placement of inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and a determination has been made that there is not available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. The number of inmates at risk of sexual victimization who were held in involuntary segregated housing the past 12 months for one to 24 hours awaiting completion of assessment was zero.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 16, section R. 1., states, "Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization and those alleged to have suffered sexual assault/abuse shall not be placed in involuntary restrictive housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been conducted and a determination has been made there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers.

If unable to conduct this assessment immediately, the inmate may be held in involuntary restrictive housing (immediate segregation) for less than 24 hours while the assessment is completed."

(c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the number of inmates at risk of sexual victimization who were assigned to involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months, for longer than 30 days while awaiting alternative placement was zero.

- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states from a review of case files of inmates at risk of sexual victimization who were held in involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months, the number of case files that include BOTH (a) a statement of the basis for facilities concerns for the inmate's safety, and (b) the reason or reason why alternative means of separation could not be arranged was zero.
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states if an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made, the facility affords each such inmate a review every 30 days to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.51 Inmate reporting

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Immigration Memorandum, dated
   12.12.2025
- 4. NDCS Zero Tolerance Policy Posting
- NCYF Investigative Case Log Report
- 6. NDCS Staff Reporting Training Slides 95 & 97
- 7. Post Audit: Memorandum, RE: PREA Standard Community Facility 115.51 a-d Inmate Reporting, dated 12.2.2025
- 8. Post Audit: Inmate Tablet Notification

Interviews:

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Corporals

Formal and informal interviews with inmates demonstrated each was aware of the available reporting options. Inmates stated they could report through their tablets, by writing a kite, reporting to a staff member they trust, calling the Ombudsman or the PREA hotline, and could report anonymously or through a third party.

Interviews with Corporals demonstrated they would accept and report any allegation received, regardless of the source.

#### Site Observation:

During the tour, the PREA hotline was tested from inmate phones, and the call connected immediately. A message was left on the voicemail, and the PREA Coordinator demonstrated the message was received on her cell phone. In addition, a call was attempted by using the speed-dial function 01# and the call could not be connected. Upon further investigation it was found there was an issue with the state calling system.

Post audit, the facility provided a memorandum from the NCYF Warden addressed to the DOJ PREA Auditor with the following information. "The speed-dial function and number (01#) for incarcerated individuals to the contact the Office of the Public Counsel (State Ombudsman) by using the Inmate Calling System (ICS) the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (NCYF) has been repaired and is currently functioning. The proper way to contact the ombudsman's office has been posted to the inmate tablets."

Post audit the facility provided a tablet notification to inmates with the following information. "Proper way to contact the Ombudsman Office – To contact the office of Public Counsel (Ombudsman) either by the phone in your unit or by tablet you will need to enter your Incarcerated Individual Pin# and then utilized speed dial 01#. This call is free of charge and has the same duration limits and confidentiality as attorney/ client calls, and are not recorded by ICS equipment."

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has established procedures allowing for multiple internal ways for inmates to report privately to agency officials about: (a) sexual abuse or sexual harassment; (b) retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and (c) staff

neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 17, section S. 1., states, "Inmates shall be provided with multiple ways to privately report sexual assault/abuse, sexual harassment, and retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual assault/abuse, sexual harassment, staff neglect and/or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

- a. Inmates may verbally report the incident to any staff member.
- b. Inmates may utilize the established hotline number (855-623-7360) to report an allegation anonymously. This number shall be included on all inmates Inmate Calling System (ICS) automatically. The number is a generic pin for all inmates 0-111-111-111 and speed dial 08#. These calls shall not be subject to monitoring. Upon receipt of a voice message, a system generated email is forwarded to the captain/PREA coordinator. See How To Dial Hotlines (Attachment C) for directions on dialing the PREA Hotline.
- c. Inmates may report the incident in writing on an Inmate Interview Request or Grievance form."
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states facility provides at least one way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency. The agency has a policy requiring inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes be provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials of the Department of Homeland Security. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard. The PAQ states, "the inmate population can contact the Ombudsman's office if they chose too. the Ombudsman's office is set up as a speed dial on the inmates calling system."

The facility provided a NDCS Zero Tolerance Posting which includes the following information.

- Reports can be made anonymously.
- Report to any staff, volunteer, contractor, medical or mental health staff.
- · Report to the PREA coordinator or PREA compliance manager.
- · Call the Ombudsman's office 01#
- You can tell a Family member, friend, legal counsel, or anyone else outside the facility, and they can report on your behalf by calling (855) 623-7360.
- You can call the PREA hotline PIN:0-111-111 speed dial 08#

The facility provided a memorandum regarding 'reporting methods for inmates detained solely for immigration', stating, "The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services does not house or detain inmates solely for the purpose of civil immigration. All inmates are sentenced before placement in NDCS custody. NDCS does house county safe keepers that come from county jails they are placed in intake/reception due to the needs of a 90 day mental health evaluation or behavior concerns while in county custody."

(c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy mandating that staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties. Staff are required to document verbal reports.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 18, section 17. 4., states, "Staff will accept all reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, from other inmates and from third parties outside NDCS. Verbal reports will be promptly documented."

(d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has established procedures for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 18, section 17. 4., states, "Staff have the option of privately reporting sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment of inmates and retaliation against inmates and staff by directly notifying the captain/PREA coordinator (402-479-5660) or utilizing the established hotline number (855-623-7360)."

The facility provided slides 95 and 97 from the agency PREA training PowerPoint demonstrating employees are provided internal ways to report and a hotline number of 855.623.7360 as well as information on affirmative duty.

The facility provided a NCYF Investigative Case Log Report demonstrating the following is documented when a report is received for sexual harassment or sexual abuse.

· Case #

- Logging Date
- · Investigator
- Facility
- · Report Date
- · Incident Date
- Case Type
- · Nature of Case
- · Case Status
- · Case Notes
- PREA Allegation/Category
- Persons Involved

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.52 Exhaustion of administrative remedies

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

Interviews:

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager

Interviews with 16 inmates demonstrated they were aware grievances could be filed

through the application on their tablets.

The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager demonstrated grievances are submitted electronically through inmate tablets and are automatically forwarded to both the PREA Compliance Manager and the PREA Coordinator, who monitor each PREA-related grievance. The system records the grievance from submission through resolution, ensuring timely response and accountability.

#### Site Observation:

During the onsite review, the agency grievance database was examined. The facility demonstrated the database tracks the inmate's name, date, time, grievance details, actions taken, and closure date, providing comprehensive documentation of the grievance process.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has an administrative procedure for dealing with Inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 18, section T., states, "Inmates will not be disciplined for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment unless the facility demonstrates the grievance was deliberately filed in bad faith.

NDCS does not impose a time limit on when an inmate may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment. Applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment will be followed per policy.

An inmate is not required to use any informal grievance process (i.e., an inmate may submit a Step I Grievance without an Informal Grievance attached) or otherwise attempt to resolve an alleged incident of sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment with staff. An inmate who alleges sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment may file a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint. A grievance will not be referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.

A final response to the grievance will be issued within 90 days of the initial filing. This does not include time consumed by inmates preparing an administrative appeal. An

extension of up to 70 days may be requested if there is insufficient time to make an appropriate decision. Inmates will be notified in writing of the extension and be provided a date by which the decision will be made. If the inmate does not receive a response or notification of an extension, he or she may consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level.

An inmate may also file an emergency grievance if he or she feels there is a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse/assault.

The emergency grievance will immediately be forwarded to the shift supervisor, who will take immediate corrective action. An initial response shall be provided within 24 hours and a final decision will be issued within five calendar days. The initial response and final decision will serve as documentation determining whether the inmate is at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse/assault and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy or procedure allows an inmate to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse at any time, regardless of when the incident is alleged to have occurred. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) in this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency's policy and procedure allows an inmate to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse without submitting it to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. The agency's policy and procedure require that an inmate grievance alleging sexual abuse not be referred to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) in this standard.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency's policy and procedures that require a decision on the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. In the past 12 months there have been zero grievances filed alleging sexual abuse or sexual harassment.
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy and procedure permit third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse and to file such

requests on behalf of inmates. Agency policy and procedure requires that if an inmate declines to have third-party assistance in filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse, the agency documents the inmate's decision to decline. The number of grievances alleging sexual abuse filed by inmates in the past 12 months in which the inmate declined third-party assistance, containing documentation of the inmate's decision to decline was zero. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

- (f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has a policy and established procedures for filing an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. The facilities policy and procedures for emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse require an initial response within 48 hours. The facilities policy and procedure for emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse require that a final agency decision be issued within five days. The number of emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse that were filed in the past 12 months was zero.
- (g) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility has a written policy that limits its ability to discipline an inmate for filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse to occasions where the agency demonstrates that the Inmate filed the grievance in bad faith. In the past 12 months, there have been zero grievances alleging sexual abuse to occasions where the agency demonstrated that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard through its efficient, technology-based grievance process that promotes accessibility, transparency, and accountability. The electronic tracking system allows real-time monitoring by both the PREA Compliance Manager and the PREA Coordinator, ensuring prompt responses and thorough documentation. This level of oversight and accessibility surpasses standard requirements and reflects the facility's commitment to maintaining a transparent and responsive grievance system for all inmates.

115.53	Inmate access to outside confidential support services						
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard						
	Auditor Discussion						
	Document Review:						

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- Advocacy Attempt Memorandum, dated 12.11.2024

#### Interviews:

1. Captain / PREA Coordinator

Interviews with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated that inmates are partnered with a facility or agency mental health provider for emotional support services, as the agency has been unable to secure a formal agreement with an outside advocacy organization.

- (a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility provides inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by:
- The facility provides inmates with access to such services by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers (including toll-free hotline numbers where available) for local, state, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations.
- The facility provides inmates with access to such services by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers (including toll-free hotline numbers where available) for immigrant services agencies for persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes.
- The facility provides inmates with access to such services by enabling reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations in as confidential a manner as possible.
- The PAQ states, "NDCS currently does not have a MOU with a rape crisis center. However, when the inmate goes the community hospital for a SANE examination the hospital contacts a victim advocate to be present."

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 19, section U., states, "NDCS shall maintain or attempt to enter into a memorandum of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse. The agency shall maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreement.

In the event that a victim advocate is needed for an incident of sexual assault, the facility shall make available or attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If a victim advocate from a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the facility shall make available a qualified staff member from a community-based organization or qualified agency staff member. This person shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general. The facility will document efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers on the Facility Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Assault/Abuse. As requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals.

If requested by the victim, he or she will be allowed to contact his or her emergency contact or an immediate family member via a staff assisted telephone call. The staff assisted call shall be no longer than 15 minutes in duration. Staff will document the call, or attempted call, on an Incident Report."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility informs Inmates, prior to giving them access to outside support services, the extent to which such communications will be monitored. The facility informs inmates, prior to giving them access to outside support services, of the mandatory reporting rules governing privacy, confidentiality, and/or privilege that apply for disclosures of sexual abuse made to outside victim advocates, including any limits to confidentiality under relevant Federal, State, or local law.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility maintains memoranda of understanding with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with emotional support services related to sexual abuse.

The facility provided an Advocacy Attempt Memorandum from the NDCS PREA Coordinator, stating, "NDCS currently does not have a MOU with a rape crisis center. However, when the inmate goes to the community hospital for a SANE examination the hospital contacts a victim advocate to be present.

In the event NDCS enters into a MOU with a RAPE crisis center the below information will be part of the MOU and information will be given to the incarcerated population."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.54 Third-party reporting

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Random Inmates
- 2. Targeted Inmates
- 3. Corporals

Interviews with sixteen inmates demonstrated an awareness that a third party could report on their behalf or that they could report on behalf of others.

Interviews with corporals and facility personnel demonstrated each would accept a third-party report and immediately notify supervisory personnel.

#### Site Observation:

During the tour, reporting postings were observed throughout the facility containing third-party contact information.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility provides a method to receive third-party reports of inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The agency publicly distributes information on how to report inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of inmates. The PAQ states, "https://corrections.nebraska.gov/about/prison-rape-elimination-act-0.

On September 30, 2025, at 2:05 p.m. MST, this writer left a message on the agency PREA Hotline at 855-623-7360. After proper introductions, a return call was requested to explain the steps taken when a report of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, or retaliation is received through this number. The phone call was returned by the agency PREA Coordinator on October 1, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., stating, "Attached is your Hotline call. If this had been an inmate reporting an allegation, I would contact the facility for follow-up on a possible investigation."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Corporals
- 2. Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager
- 3. Captain / PREA Coordinator
- 4. Warden

Interviews with facility personnel demonstrated each actively practices and understands the importance of immediately reporting all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

#### Site Observations:

Review of investigations utilizing the PREA Audit – Adult Prisons & Jails Documentation Review – Investigations template demonstrated the sources of allegations were

primarily reports made verbally to staff or through inmate reporting forms.

(a/c-d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency. The agency requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any retaliation against Inmates or staff who reported such an incident. The agency requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 20, section W., states, "All NDCS staff are required to report immediately and according to policy any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding:

- a. An incident of sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency.
- b. Retaliation against inmates or staff who reported such an incident.
- c. Any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Medical and mental health staff are obligated to report sexual assault/abuse and inform inmates of their duty to report and the limitations of confidentiality at the initiation of services.

If the alleged victim is under 18 years old or considered a vulnerable adult, the allegations will be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services under applicable mandatory reporting laws.

Staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual assault/abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary as specified in NDCS policy, to make treatment, investigations, and other security decisions."

(b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states, apart from reporting to designated supervisors or official and designated state or local service agencies, agency policy prohibits staff from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse

report to anyone other than to the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.62 Agency protection duties

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

#### Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated that protective custody is only considered in cases of an immediate safety concern; however, segregated housing is not utilized at the facility for any reason. The Warden stated victims are kept separate from their perpetrators through central monitoring and other protective measures, ensuring safety without the use of isolation. The Warden also stated that no inmates have requested protective housing within the past twelve months.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states when the agency or facility learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the Inmate. In the past 12 months, the facility reports that zero inmates were subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Upon discovery of inmates being subject to substantial risk, the facility immediately separates the victim from the perpetrator, made notification and completed incident reporting requirements.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 20, section X, states, "When NDCS learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual assault/abuse, it shall take immediate action to

protect them and assess and implement appropriate protective measures without unreasonable delay."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Email Notification of a Sexual Harassment Report

#### Interviews:

- 1. Warden
- 2. Deputy Assistant Director / Agency Head

The interview with the Warden demonstrated he was aware that upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, he would personally notify the Warden of the facility where the allegation was alleged to have occurred within seventy-two hours of receipt and document the formal complaint through email communication.

The interview with the Deputy Assistant Director demonstrated all sexual abuse allegations are referred to the Nebraska State Patrol and coordinated through the agency PREA Coordinator, facility PREA Compliance Managers, and the assigned criminal investigators.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy requiring that, upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while

confined at another facility, the head of the facility must notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency or facility where sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred. The agency's policy also requires that the head of the facility notify the appropriate investigative agency. In the past 12 months the facility has received 12 allegations that an inmate was abused while in confinement at another facility.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 20, section Y, states, "Within 72 hours of receipt of an allegation an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the receiving warden/designee shall notify the warden/designee where the incident was alleged to have occurred and the captain/PREA coordinator. Such notification shall be documented. The captain/PREA coordinator will ensure an investigation is completed according to policy."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy requires that the facility head provides such notification as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility documents that it has not had a need to provide such notification within 72 hours of receiving the allegation. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states facility policy requires that allegations received from other agencies or facilities are investigated in accordance with the PREA standards. In the last 12 months, there has been one allegation of sexual abuse. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

The facility provided an email notification to the Facility Warden providing information on a receipt of a claim of sexual harassment that was alleged to have occurred at Remote Treatment Center.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

## 115.64 Staff first responder duties Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

#### Corporals

Interviews with corporals demonstrated each could articulate the steps to be taken in response to an allegation, including separating the victim from the aggressor and ensuring evidence was not disturbed. Corporals stated they would encourage victims not to wash, eat, or drink and would prevent alleged perpetrators from doing so. Corporals further stated that any identified crime scene areas would be secured and monitored by a corporal until administrative or law enforcement personnel provided further instruction.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a first responder policy for allegations of sexual abuse. The policy requires that, upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report shall be required to separate, preserve, protect, collect physical 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. In the past 12 months, two allegations occurred where an inmate was sexually abused. Of these allegations of sexual abuse in the past 12 months, the number of times the first security staff member responded to the report separated the alleged victim and abuser was two.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 21, section Z. 1. a-b, Initial Response:

a. Upon learning of an allegation an inmate was sexually assaulted, the first security staff member (team members primarily responsible for the supervision and control of inmates, including but not limited to custody, housing unit, mental health, recreation, maintenance, teachers, etc.) to respond to the report shall be required to:

- 1. Separate the victim and abuser and ensure that the victim is safe.
- 2. Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence.
- 3. Security staff and non-security staff that respond to an incident will request the alleged victim and ensure the alleged abuser not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing/showering, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking or eating if the abuse occurred within a time period that allows for evidence collection (120 hours); and notify the shift supervisor immediately.
- b. Inmate victims of sexual assault or inmates alleging they are victims of sexual assault which occurred within the past 120 hours will be referred immediately, under appropriate security provisions, to a community hospital for initial treatment and gathering of evidence without financial cost to the inmate. All forensic examinations shall be at a community hospital. If it is determined a forensic examination will be conducted department medical staff may provide only emergency medical care prior to transport."
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility's' policy requires that if the first staff responder is not a security staff member, that responder shall be required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence and notify security staff. Of the allegations that an inmate was sexually abused made in the past 12 months, the number of times a non-security staff member was the first responder was two. The PAQ states, "1-to PCM, 1-Case Management."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Document Review: 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

3. Facility Checklist for Incidents of Sexual Assault Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment, dated 7.2023

#### Interviews:

1. Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager

Interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager demonstrated the facility utilizes a Facility Checklist for each incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and each Lieutenant has access to the document information through computer access.

#### Site Observation:

Review of the facility's Coordinated Response Plan demonstrated clear direction to staff to ensure first responder duties are fulfilled.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.

The facility provided a Facility Checklist for incidents of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The checklist documents the following information.

- Date and time reported
- Date and time of incident
- · First staff on Scene with title
- Means of Discovery/Reporting
- Alleged Victim Name and Number
- Alleged Perpetrator-Name/Number
- · Witnesses of the Incident Name and Number
- Steps to ensure a coordinated response for Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment
- Always ensure the following is completed
- · Notifications / contacts made
- · Form completed by: Name/title/signature

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

### Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

**Auditor Overall Determination:** Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Labor Contract Between The State of Nebraska and Protective Services, Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska Protective Services, Lodge 88, dated 7.1.2025 6.30.2027

#### Interview:

1. Deputy Assistant Director / Agency Head

The interview with the Deputy Assistant Director demonstrated that contracts are in place for correctional, nursing, and teaching personnel, and that these contracts are renewed every two years.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency, facility, or any other governmental entity responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf has entered or renewed any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.

The facility is currently entered into a collective bargaining agreement. The agreements include the following:

The State of Nebraska and Protective Services, represented by Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska Protective Services, Lodge 88 (FOP 88), page 31, section 10.2 n., states, "Work place harassment based, in whole or in part, on race, color, sex, religion, age, disability or national origin, which manifests itself in the form of unwelcome comments, jokes, printed material and/or unwelcomed sexual advances,

requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.67 Agency protection against retaliation

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

1. Unit Administrator / PREA Compliance Manager

The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager demonstrated she introduces inmates to retaliation monitoring at the time an allegation of sexual abuse is received. Inmates are advised they may contact the PREA Compliance Manager or any trusted staff member at any time to report concerns of retaliation. The PREA Compliance Manager stated she monitors for misconduct reports, communication in inmate notes, and any changes in housing or work assignments. She further stated she documents all observations, discusses any identified concerns with the PREA Coordinator, and completes check-in status reports every three weeks for ninety days, or longer if necessary.

#### Site Observation:

During the review of investigations, one sexual abuse case required retaliation monitoring, and another involved an allegation reported twenty years after the incident was alleged to have occurred. Retaliation monitoring was observed to have begun on the day the sexual abuse incident was reported and continued for the following five months.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy to

protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff. The agency designates staff member(s) or charges department(s) with monitoring for possible retaliation. The facility designates the PREA Compliance Manager as the retaliation monitor.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 23, section CC. 1-2., state,

- 1. "NDCS has an obligation to protect all inmates and team members who report sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff. Examples of acts of retaliation include, but are not limited to, unnecessary discipline, intimidation, unnecessary changes in work or program assignments, unjustified transfers or placements and unjustified denials of privileges or services. The facility PREA compliance manager is responsible for monitoring retaliation against inmates, the captain/PREA coordinator is responsible for monitoring retaliation against staff. Staff who believe they have been subject to retaliation should contact the captain/PREA coordinator in order to initiate retaliation tracking.
- 2. Once the PREA compliance manager is made aware of an open investigation, the PREA compliance manager shall meet with the victim and begin retaliation tracking. Facilities shall employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse/assault or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations."
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility monitors the conduct or treatment of inmates or staff who reported sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff. The length of time that the facility monitors the conduct of treatment is 90 days. The facility acts promptly to remedy any such retaliation. The agency/facility continues such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. In the past 12 months, the facility has had zero incidents of retaliation.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 23-24, section CC. 3., states, "For at least 90 days following a report of sexual assault/abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who report sexual assault/abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual assault/abuse to determine if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or team members. Immediate action will be taken to remedy

any retaliation. The facility will continue monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.

- a. Items that should be monitored include any inmate disciplinary reports, housing or program changes or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff.
- b. The facility PREA compliance manager or captain/PREA coordinator will make periodic status checks to determine if retaliation is being perpetrated against or perceived by inmates or staff. With the approval of the warden, the PREA compliance manager may designate up to three management positions (Unit Manager, Lieutenant or above) to assist with retaliation monitoring. Allegations or indications of retaliation will be reviewed and documented. Appropriate action will be taken in the event of confirmed retaliation against inmates or staff."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.68 Post-allegation protective custody

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

#### Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated protective custody is only used in cases of an immediate safety concern; however, segregated housing is never utilized at the facility for any reason. The Warden stated victims are kept separate from their perpetrators through central monitoring and other protective measures, ensuring safety without reliance on isolation.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy prohibiting the placement of inmates who allege to have suffered sexual abuse in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has

been made and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. The number of inmates who alleged to have suffered sexual abuse who were held in involuntary segregated housing in the past 12 months for one to 24 hours awaiting completion of assessment was zero.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 16-17, section R. 1-3, state,

1. Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization and those alleged to have suffered sexual assault/abuse shall not be placed in involuntary restrictive housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been conducted and a determination has been made there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers.

If unable to conduct this assessment immediately, the inmate may be held in involuntary restrictive housing (immediate segregation) for less than 24 hours while the assessment is completed.

- 2. Inmates who remain in restrictive housing for this purpose shall: Have access to programs, privileges, education and work opportunities to the extent possible.
- a. If this access is restricted the facility shall document:
- 1. The opportunities that have been limited.
- 2. The duration of the limitations.
- 3. The reasons for such limitations.
- b. Be assigned to involuntary restrictive housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged. Such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed 30 days.
- 3. Staff shall document the basis of the facility's concern for the inmate's safety and the reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged if the involuntary restrictive housing assignment is made following a determination that no alternative means of separation exists.

Every 30 days, the facility shall afford each such inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population."

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by maintaining inmate safety without the use of segregated housing. The facility's practice of utilizing active

supervision and central monitoring to ensure victim protection demonstrates a commitment to trauma-informed care and inmate well-being. By avoiding segregation entirely while still addressing safety concerns promptly and effectively, the facility exemplifies an approach that goes beyond compliance and supports a rehabilitative and humane environment.

#### 115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Four Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigations Received and Reviewed

#### Interviews:

- Assistant Warden / Investigator
- 2. Criminal Investigator
- 3. Captain / PREA Coordinator

The interview with the Investigator demonstrated he begins an investigation immediately and reviews the incident checklist to ensure documentation of all events is being recorded. He gathers all incident reports and available evidence to include camera footage, completes required notifications, identifies and interviews victims, witnesses, staff, and alleged perpetrators.

The interview with the Criminal Investigator demonstrated that his investigative approach depends on the type of incident. He stated he reviews the report, offers a SANE examination when applicable, ensures both the victim and aggressor are reassessed and separated, reviews the secured schedule, gathers all related documentation, and opens a preliminary investigation.

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated she maintains ongoing communication and regular meetings with agency criminal investigators and the

Nebraska State Patrol to remain informed on the status of sexual abuse investigations.

#### Site Observation:

Review of investigations utilizing the PREA Audit – Adult Prisons & Jails Documentation Review – Investigations template demonstrated that two sexual abuse and two sexual harassment investigations reviewed contained all required elements of investigation documentation.

(a-b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency/facility has a policy related to criminal and administrative agency investigations.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 24, section EE., states, "NDCS shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports, in a prompt, thorough and objective manner. Any outside entities responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual assault/abuse shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations that complies with PREA standards and shall provide training pertaining to the investigation of sexual assault/abuse in confinement settings to the agents and investigators who conduct such investigations. When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse/assault, NDCS shall cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation."

- (h) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states there have been zero allegations of conduct appeared to be criminal.
- (i) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency retains all written reports pertaining to administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 32, section OO. 4.a., states, "Maintenance of Records

a. The case records involving allegations of sexual harassment, sexual abuse or sexual assault of inmates and the subsequent investigations and outcomes will be kept by the captain/PREA coordinator. Written reports regarding criminal and

administrative investigations will be retained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by NDCS, plus five years. The required information will be kept in the Investigator's Case Management database as well as a hard copy in the captain/PREA coordinator's office. Each case shall be identified as one of the following PREA categories:

- Staff on inmate sexual assault Staff on inmate sexual abuse
- 2. Staff on inmate exhibitionism
- 3. Staff on inmate voyeurism
- 4. Staff on inmate sexual harassment
- 5. Inmate on inmate sexual assault
- 6. Inmate on inmate sexual abuse
- 7. Inmate on inmate sexual harassment"

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.72 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Assistant Warden / Investigator
- 2. Criminal Investigator

The interview with the Investigators demonstrated the facility imposes no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence when determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency imposes a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or a lower standard of proof for determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 27, section FF., states, "NDCS shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual assault/ abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated."

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

#### 115.73 Reporting to inmates

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. NDCS / PREA Post Investigation Inmate Notification Form, dated 7.2023

#### Interviews:

Assistant Warden / Investigator

The interview with the Investigator demonstrated that victims are notified of the outcomes of sexual abuse investigations both in writing and verbally by facility staff, regardless of whether the allegation is substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.

#### Site Observation:

In the past twelve months, the facility has not received any allegations of sexual harassment or sexual abuse.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy requiring that any inmate who alleges that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility is informed, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded following an investigation by the agency. The number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse that were completed by the agency/facility in the past 12 months was two. Of the alleged sexual abuse investigations that were completed in the past 12 months, the number of inmates who were notified, verbally or in writing, of the results of the investigation was two.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 27, section GG. 1., states, "Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual assault/abuse or harassment, the inmate shall be informed as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. If NDCS did not conduct the investigation it shall request the relevant information from the Nebraska State Patrol in order to inform the inmate. All notifications or attempts shall be made by the captain/PREA coordinator/ designee and documented. The obligation to report is terminated if the inmate is released from NDCS custody."

The facility provided a NDCS / PREA Post Investigation Resident Notification. This notification documents the following:

- Case number / Date of notification
- Nature of Allegation
- Allegation Category
- Did the victim receive written/verbal/Notice of Investigation?
- Did the investigation include outside agency? If yes, Name of Agency and date notified
- Date Investigation began and concluded
- Victim must be notified of the below throughout the investigation
- o Victim notified on of aggressor (team member) removed from inmates unit
- o Victim notified on of aggressor (incarcerated individual) separated from the victim.
- · Below Sanction Imposed unless unfounded or unsubstantiated

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o Victim notified on of aggressor (team member or incarcerated individual)

indicted

o Victim notified on of aggressor (team member or incarcerated individual) convicted

- Finding of investigation
- o Case open with State Patrol
- o Substantiated allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred
- o Unfounded allegation was investigated and determined not to have occurred
- o Unsubstantiated allegation was investigated, and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred
- · Victim Signature/Inmate #/Date/Time
- PREA Compliance Manager signature/Date/Time
- · Facility Warden signature/Date/Time
- · PREA Coordinator signature/Date/Time
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states if an outside entity conducts such investigations, the agency requests the relevant information from the investigative entity to inform the Inmate as to the outcome of the investigation. The number of investigations of alleged inmate sexual abuse in the facility that were completed by an outside agency in the past 12 months was zero.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the agency/facility subsequently informs the inmate (unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever:
- The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit;
- The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
- The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
- The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility."

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 27, section GG. 2., states, "Inmate allegation against a staff member

Upon completion of the investigation (including the final review) of an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual assault/abuse against the inmate (unless it is determined the allegation was unfounded), he or she will be informed whenever:

- a. The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit.
- b. The staff member is no longer employed at the facility.
- c. It is learned the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse/assault within the facility.
- d. It is learned the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse/assault within the facility."
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate in an agency facility, the agency subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever: the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or the agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 28, section GG. 3., states, "Upon completion of the investigation (including the final review) of an inmate's allegation that another inmate has committed sexual assault/abuse against the inmate, he or she will be informed whenever:

- a. It is learned the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual assault/abuse within the facility.
- b. It is learned the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual assault/abuse within the facility."
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency has a policy that all notifications to inmates described under this standard are documented. In the past 12 months, there have been four notifications to an inmate, pursuant to this standard. Of those notifications, in the past 12 months, four notifications were documented. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by ensuring victims are notified of the outcomes of all sexual abuse investigations, including those determined to be unfounded. Providing written and verbal notifications regardless of case disposition demonstrates transparency, respect for victims' rights, and a commitment to traumainformed communication. This practice reinforces accountability, promotes trust in the reporting process, and reflects a level of diligence that goes beyond compliance with the standard.

## 115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

#### 1. Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated that any employee involved in a sexual abuse incident would be reported to the Central Office, investigators, and the PREA Coordinator. The Warden stated the employee could choose to resign or proceed through the termination process, and any related licensing official or agency would be notified by the investigator.

#### Site Observation:

In the past twelve months, the facility has had no staff disciplined for violation of the agency's sexual abuse or sexual harassment policy.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states staff is subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. In the past 12 months, the number of those staff from the facility who have been terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies was zero.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 28, section HH, states, "Staff members shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment policies. Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual assault/abuse) shall be 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. Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual assault/abuse. All terminations for violations of agency sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states in the last 12 months, there has been zero staff from the facility that have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) are 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. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have been disciplined, short of termination, for violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) is zero. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states 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, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies. In the past 12 months, zero staff have been terminated for sexual abuse or harassment.

## 115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

#### 1. Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated that any contractor or volunteer involved in a sexual abuse incident would be permanently barred from entering any NDCS institution, and the Investigator would notify the associated agency, law enforcement, and any applicable licensing authority.

#### Site Observation:

In the last twelve months the facility did not have any volunteers or contractors subject to disciplinary action for violating sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. Agency policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be prohibited from contact with Inmates. In the past 12 months, there have been zero contractors or volunteers reported to law enforcement or relevant licensing bodies for engaging in sexual abuse of inmates.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 28, section II., states, "Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual assault/abuse shall be prohibited from contact with inmates and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies. The facility shall take appropriate remedial measures and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer."

(b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility takes appropriate remedial measures and considers whether to prohibit further contact with Inmates in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

## 115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Rules and Regulations Manual, dated 3.28.2023
- 4. Disciplinary Action

#### Interviews:

#### 1. Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated that an inmate found to be involved in a sexual abuse incident would be placed on Central Monitoring, and the nature of the incident would determine the inmate's classification level, any demotion in classification, and the potential for criminal charges.

#### Site Observation:

During the past twelve months, the facility has had no inmates subject to disciplinary action for violating sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states inmates are subject to

disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse. Inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, the number of administrative findings of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility was zero. In the past 12 months, the number of criminal findings of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility was zero.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 28, section JJ. 1., states, "Disciplinary Process

- 1. Inmates shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding the inmate engaged in inmate-on inmate sexual assault or sexual harassment or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse/assault."
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse. The facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse, the facility considers whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 29, section JJ. 4., states, "If the facility offers therapy, counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits. If such a determination is made the inmate will be re-classified accordingly."

(e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency disciplines inmates for sexual contact with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 29, section JJ. 5., states, "Inmates shall not be disciplined for having sexual contact with staff unless it is determined the staff member did not consent to such contact.

The facility provided a document demonstrating an inmate was disciplined for sexual misconduct through room restriction and 30 days loss of good time.

(f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 29, section JJ. 6., states, "For the purpose of disciplinary action, a report of sexual assault/abuse or sexual harassment made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief 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."

(g) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates. If the agency prohibits all sexual activity between inmates and disciplines inmates for such activity, the agency deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 29, section JJ. 7., states, "While NDCS does prohibit all sexual activity between inmates, such activity, when it occurs, will not constitute sexual abuse if it is determined the activity is consensual and has not been coerced."

115.81	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse					
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard					
	Auditor Discussion					
	Document Review:					
	1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ					

- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Mental Health PREA Intake Screening Form, dated 3.2025
- 4. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Mental Health/Medical Referral Form, dated 11.98

#### Interviews:

- Administrative Nurse
- Associate Director of Nursing
- 3. Behavioral Health Supervisor

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated each receives a medical or mental health referral from custody staff after the intake risk assessment is completed or through their own assessment during intake interviews. Medical and mental health staff stated inmates are to be seen within 14 days of intake; however, those disclosing prior sexual abuse or identifying as perpetrators are seen within 48 hours to ensure timely evaluation and appropriate follow-up care.

(a/c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states all Inmates at this facility who have disclosed any prior sexual victimization during a screening pursuant to §115.41 are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner. Follow up meetings were offered within 14 days of the intake screening with 100% inmates who disclosed prior victimization during the intake screening. Medical and mental health staff maintain secondary materials, documenting compliance with the above required services.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Mental Health Services Policy 115.23, page 29-30, section KK., states, "f the screening pursuant to PREA Standard 115.41 indicates that a prison/jail inmates has experienced prior sexual victimization, or has perpetrated sexual assault/abuse whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmates offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening. Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness is strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and staff as necessary for treatment plans, security, housing, work education and program assignments.

During an intake screening the inmate does not report prior victimization and or

abusiveness but once seen by medical and mental health and decides to report victimization and or abusiveness the facility PREA compliance manager will be notified of such to ensure that a proper PREA screening assessment is completed.

Medical and mental health staff shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting prior information about sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under 18 years of age.

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Mental Health PREA Intake Screening form documenting the following.

Name and number / Date

- 1. Are you a victim / survivor of sexual abuse?
- 2. If you ask: Would you like to receive mental health follow up related to that/those experience/s
- 3. Did this occur in the community or in an institutional setting
- 4. Have your ever sexually assaulted or sexually abused another person, or have you ever been accused of doing so?
- 5. Are you incarcerated for a sexual offense? Against a child/adult?
- 6. Are you in need of any mental health follow-up for any current needs in this area?

The facility provided a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Mental Health/ Medical Referral Form. The form is completed to document the following.

- · Date / Referral Source
- · Inmate Name / Number
- Institution / Living Location
- · Referral to:
- o In-Patient Mental Health Program
- o In-Patient Sex Inmate Program
- o Psychiatric Consult
- o Medical
- o Socially & Developmentally Impaired Program

- o Crisis Intervention
- o Mental Health Counseling / Assessment
- o Other
- Comments
- · Specific Problem Identified
- Description of Symptoms Inmate is Exhibiting
- Medical/Mental History (Include Current Medication(s)
- Date of Screening Interview / Interviewed by
- Disposition / Date / Initials
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states that all Inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during the screening pursuant to § 115.41, are offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner. In the past 12 months, the percentage of inmates who have previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during the screening, who were offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner was 100%. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states that medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institution setting unless the inmate is under the age of 18. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by ensuring medical and mental health assessments for inmates with PREA-related disclosures occur well within required timeframes. Staff demonstrated a strong understanding of their responsibilities and consistently prioritize prompt evaluation for individuals with a history of sexual abuse or identified risk factors. The proactive coordination between custody and clinical staff reflects a trauma-informed and responsive approach that surpasses standard expectations and enhances overall safety and care within the

facility.

## 115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Administrative Nurse
- 2. Associate Director of Nursing
- 3. Behavioral Health Supervisor

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated each is aware of the process for accessing emergency medical and mental health services upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse. Staff attested that victims and perpetrators would receive immediate care in the event of a sexual abuse incident.

#### Site Observation:

In the past twelve months, the facility has had no inmates requiring emergency services as a result of sexual abuse.

(a/b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. The nature and scope of such services are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment. Medical and mental health staff maintain secondary materials (e.g., form, log) documenting the timeliness of emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services that were provided; the appropriate response by non-health staff in the event health staff are not present at the time the incident is reported; and the provision of appropriate and timely information and services concerning contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis

(c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states inmate If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62 and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 30, section LL., states, "Inmate victims of sexual assault/abuse shall 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. If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim and immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health staff.

Inmate victims of sexual assault/abuse shall be 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. Treatment services shall be 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."

(d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. Policy compliance can be found in provision (c) of this standard.

115.83	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers			
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard			
	Auditor Discussion			
	Document Review:			

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024

#### Interviews:

- Administrative Nurse
- 2. Associate Director of Nursing
- 3. Behavioral Health Supervisor

Interviews with medical and mental health staff demonstrated a continuum of medical and mental health treatment begins upon a victim returning from a forensic exam. Staff stated victims would be treated immediately for any medical and mental health concerns and seen by a provider Monday through Friday. Medical and mental health staff stated victims and perpetrators would be evaluated for a continuum of care upon return of a forensic exam.

#### Site Observation:

The facility has not experienced the need for emergency medical and or mental health services in the past 12 months.

(a-c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility offers medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all Inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 30, section MM., states, "All inmates shall be offered medical and mental health evaluations and as appropriate, treatment if they have been the victim of sexual assault/abuse. The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall 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. Services shall be consistent with community standards of care. Treatment services shall be 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.

All inmates alleging they are victims of sexual assault shall be offered tests for

sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. Medical staff will provide appropriate counseling and information relative to sexually transmitted infections. Preventive treatment and follow-up for sexually transmitted infections will be offered to all victims as appropriate. Inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration shall be offered pregnancy tests. If pregnancy results from the incident, the victim shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services."

- (d) This provision is not applicable as the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility does not house females.
- (e) This provision is not applicable as the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility does not house females.
- (f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states that inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (g) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states treatment services are 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. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard. The PAQ states, https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-1429.03
- (h) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states they attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners.

The facility exceeds the requirements of the standard by establishing and maintaining a proactive continuum of care for individuals involved in sexual abuse allegations. Medical and mental health staff demonstrated clear understanding of their responsibilities to provide immediate treatment and coordinated follow-up care for both victims and perpetrators. This structured and responsive system ensures timely, compassionate, and consistent service delivery. The facility's coordinated approach reflects a trauma-informed and responsive practice that extends beyond compliance, reinforcing the agency's commitment to comprehensive care and safety.

## 115.86 Sexual abuse incident reviews

**Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard** 

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Abuse Incident Review (SAIR), dated 2024

#### Interviews:

#### 1. Warden

The interview with the Warden demonstrated that the incident review team is comprised of the Warden, PREA Coordinator, and representatives from medical and mental health services. The Warden explained that when an investigation outcome is unsubstantiated, each team member receives the investigation packet via email for review and provides feedback on what was handled well and what could be improved, after which he makes the final outcome determination. When an investigation is substantiated, the team meets in person to discuss all aspects of the case, collaboratively determine the outcome, and ensure all responsible parties are held accountable.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. In the past 12 months there have been two investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed within 30 days.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 31, section NN. 1-2., state,

- 1. "The facility shall conduct a Sexual Abuse Incident Review at the conclusion of every sexual assault/abuse investigation for all substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations. It is not necessary to complete Incident Reviews for occurrences for allegations of sexual harassment.
- 2. The facility PREA Management Team is responsible for conducting the incident

review and shall ordinarily meet within 30 days of the final review and closing of the investigation. The facility PREA compliance manager will oversee the PREA Management Team, which will include, at a minimum, one person from each of the following:

- a. Upper-level management officials (i.e., Deputy, Associate or Assistant Warden; Major; Captain; Unit Administrator)
- b. Line supervisors (i.e., Lieutenant, Sergeant, Unit Manager, Unit Case Manager)
- c. Investigative staff (i.e., Intelligence supervisor or other Intelligence staff)
- d. Medical or mental health staff

Specific operational procedures regarding the PREA Management Teams are detailed in facility written Procedures."

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states sexual abuse incident reviews are ordinarily conducted within 30 days of concluding the criminal or administrative investigation. In the past 12 months, the number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility were followed by a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days, excluding only "unfounded" incidents was two. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the sexual abuse incident review team includes upper-level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the facility prepares a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1) -(d)(5) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submits such report to the facility head and PREA Compliance Manager.
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states, the facility implements recommendations for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility

meets the standard requirements.

### 115.87 Data collection

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2023

#### Interviews:

1. Captain / PREA Coordinator

The interview with the PREA Coordinator demonstrated that each facility PREA Compliance Manager provides her with annual sexual harassment and sexual abuse investigation data, which are then aggregated across the agency for review. The aggregated information is used to identify trends, inform training and education for agency and facility personnel, and support the development of the agency's annual report.

(a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 32, section OO. 1-3, states, "NDCS shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual assault/abuse at all facilities using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. This data shall be aggregated at least annually.

- 1. The incident-based data collected shall 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 DOJ, which is completed by the captain/PREA coordinator.
- 2. NDCS shall maintain, review and collect data as needed from all available

incident based documents, including reports, investigation files and Sexual Assault/ Abuse Incident Reviews.

- 3. Upon request, NDCS shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the DOJ."
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency aggregates incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.
- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the standardized instrument includes, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice.

The facility provided a Survey of Sexual Victimization as their data collection.

- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.
- (e) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency does obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates as the agency does not have current contracts for confinement.
- (f) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the Department of Justice has requested agency data for the previous calendar year.

Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

# 115.88 Data review for corrective action Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

#### **Auditor Discussion**

#### **Document Review:**

- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Annual PREA Assessment 2024

#### Interviews:

- 1. Captain / PREA Coordinator
- 2. Deputy Assistant Director / Agency Head

The interview with both the PREA Coordinator and the Deputy Assistant Director demonstrated that each allegation of sexual harassment or sexual abuse is reviewed at both the facility and agency level at the time of the incident. In addition, recommendations for corrective action are reviewed to ensure implementation occurs at the facility and agency level, as appropriate.

- (a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to §115.87 to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, and training, including:
- Identifying problem areas;
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
- Preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and any corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 33-34, section PP., states, "NDCS shall review data in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of NDCS's sexual assault/abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training by:

- a. Identifying problem areas
- b. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis
- c. Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility and NDCS as a whole.

- 1. These reports shall include a comparison of three years and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of NDCS's progress in addressing sexual assault/abuse.
- 2. The reports shall be approved by the director/designee and made readily available to the public through its website.
- 3. NDCS may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility but must indicate the nature of the material redacted."
- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions to those from prior years. The annual report provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

The facility provided the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Annual PREA Assessment 2024. The report compares the following data from years 2014 through 2024.

- Introduction of PREA
- o Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Zero Tolerance Policy
- o Reporting options for inmates
- o PREA orientation education provided to inmates
- · Assessment of NDCS's Progress
- Goals for 2025
- Facility Audit Schedule
- PREA Investigations to include:
- o Total investigations for 2024
- o Staff Perpetrated Sexual Assault
- o Staff Perpetrated Sexual Abuse
- o Staff Perpetrated Exhibitionism
- o Staff Perpetrated Voyeurism
- o Staff Perpetrated Sexual Abuse

- o Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Assault
- o Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Abuse
- o Inmate Perpetrated Sexual Harassment
- o County Attorney Referrals
- Victim Advocacy
- Supervision and Monitoring
- Nebraska Statewide Coordinated Response Team
- o Vision
- o Mission
- o CRT members

The annual report is signed by the PREA Coordinator, Assistant Deputy Director of Intelligence

Deputy Director of Prisons, Deputy Director of Programs, Assistant Director and the Director.

- (c) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency makes its annual report readily available to the public, at least annually, through its website at https://corrections.nebraska.gov/about/prison-rape-elimination-act-0.
- (d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states when the agency redacts material from an annual report for publication, the redactions are limited to specific materials where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility. The agency indicates the nature of material redacted.

115.89	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

#### Document Review:

- 1. Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ
- 2. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, dated 7.31.2024
- 3. Schedule 92, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, dated 12.12.2011
- (a) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states the agency ensures that incident-based and aggregate data are securely retained.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Sexual Assault/Abuse Policy 203.11, page 34, section QQ., states, "The data collected shall be securely retained. All aggregated sexual assault/abuse data shall be made readily available to the public at least annually through the agency's website; all personal identifiers will be removed prior to making the information available to the public. The captain/PREA coordinator shall be responsible for collection and retention of said data. NDCS shall maintain sexual assault/abuse data collected for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection unless Federal, State or local law requires otherwise."

The facility provided a Schedule 92, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services demonstrating request for approval of records retention and a disposition schedule has been requested and documented.

- (b) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states agency policy requires that aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts be made readily available to the public at least annually through its website at website at https://corrections.nebraska.gov/news-information/prison-rape-elimination-act
- (c/d) The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility PAQ states before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency removes all personal identifiers. The agency maintains sexual abuse data collected pursuant to §115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of initial collection, unless federal, state, or local law requires otherwise. Policy compliance can be found in provision (a) of this standard.

115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	(a) During the prior three-year audit period, the agency ensured that each facility it operated was audited once.
	(b) This is the fifth audit cycle for the Nebraska Youth Correctional Facility and represents the first year of the current audit cycle.
	(h) The Auditor was granted complete access to all areas of the facility and permitted to observe operations as needed.
	(i) The Auditor was permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents, including electronically stored information.
	(m) The Auditor was permitted to conduct private interviews with residents.
	(n) Residents were permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the Auditor in the same manner as they would when communicating with legal counsel.
	Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.

115.403	Audit contents and findings				
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard				
	Auditor Discussion				
	(b) The agency has posted the current 2022 PREA audit report on their website.				
	Based on the review of documentation, observations, and interviews, the facility meets the standard requirements.				

Appendix: Provision Findings			
115.11 (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	
115.11 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PRE 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 facilities?	yes	
115.11 (c)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment coordinator	nt; PREA	
	If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes	
	Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes	
115.12 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f inmates	
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to 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 inmates.)	na	
115.12 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement o	f inmates	
	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure	na	

	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 inmates.)	
115.13 (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 inmates against sexual abuse?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Generally accepted detention and correctional practices?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated)?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The composition of the inmate population?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The number and placement of supervisory staff?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into consideration: The institution programs occurring on a particular shift?	yes
	In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, does the staffing plan take into	yes

	consideration: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?	
	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
115.13 (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? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)	na
115.13 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, 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, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, 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, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?	yes
115.13 (d)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Has the facility/agency implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts?	yes
	Does the facility/agency have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility?	yes

115.14 (a)	Youthful inmates	
	Does the facility place all youthful inmates in housing units that separate them from sight, sound, and physical contact with any adult inmates through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	yes
115.14 (b)	Youthful inmates	
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	yes
	In areas outside of housing units does the agency provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	yes
115.14 (c)	Youthful inmates	
	Does the agency make its best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	yes
	Does the agency, while complying with this provision, allow youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and legally required special education services, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	yes
	Do youthful inmates have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? (N/A if facility does not have youthful inmates (inmates <18 years old).)	yes
115.15 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.15 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat- down searches of female inmates, except in exigent circumstances? (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates.)	na
	Does the facility always refrain from restricting female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision? (N/A if the	na

	facility does not have female inmates.)		
115.15 (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 inmates (N/A if the facility does not have female inmates)?	na	
115.15 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches		
	Does the facility have policies that enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical 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 enables inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical 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 inmate housing unit?	yes	
115.15 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches		
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes	
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115.15 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches		
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes	
115.16 (a)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates 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: inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes	

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115.16 (b)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	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 inmates 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
115.16 (c)	Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited proficient	l English
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations?	yes
115.17 (a)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with inmates 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 inmates 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 inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42	yes

	U.S.C. 1997)?	
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates 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 services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates who has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	yes
115.17 (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 inmates?	yes
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates?	yes
115.17 (c)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, does the agency perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, 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
115.17 (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 inmates?	yes
115.17 (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 inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes

115.17 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates 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 inmates 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
115.17 (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
115.17 (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
115.18 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	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 inmates 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
115.18 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	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 inmates from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit,	na

	whichever is later.)		
115.21 (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	
115.21 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations		
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na	
	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? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	na	
115.21 (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	
115.21 (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? (N/A if the agency always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.21 (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
115.21 (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.)	yes
115.21 (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 always makes a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims.)	yes
115.22 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	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
115.22 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations

	Does the agency have a policy and practice 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
115.22 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investig	ations
	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 criminal investigations. See 115.21(a).)	na
115.31 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates 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 inmates on inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the right of inmates 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 inmates on the dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on the common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates 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	yes
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	inmates on how to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates?	
	The subsection of this provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with inmates on how to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	yes
115.31 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa?	yes
115.31 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with inmates 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
115.31 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.32 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
115.32 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how	yes

	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 inmates)?	
115.32 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.33 (a)	Inmate education	
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do inmates receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
115.33 (b)	Inmate education	
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	Within 30 days of intake, does the agency provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.33 (c)	Inmate education	
	Have all inmates received the comprehensive education referenced in 115.33(b)?	yes
	Do inmates receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
115.33 (d)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are deaf?	yes

	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates including those who have limited reading skills?	yes
115.33 (e)	Inmate education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.33 (f)	Inmate education	
	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
115.34 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, 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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.34 (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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or	yes
	that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats?  Specialized training: Investigations  In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.31, 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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)  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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)  Does this specialized training include proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes

	prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	
115.34 (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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.35 (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.)	yes
	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.)	yes
	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.)	yes
	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.)	yes
115.35 (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 medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	na
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115.35 (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.)	yes
115.35 (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 §115.31? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners employed by the agency.)	yes
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.32? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.)	yes
115.41 (a)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all inmates assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
	Are all inmates assessed upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates?	yes
115.41 (b)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Do intake screenings ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility?	yes
115.41 (c)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?	yes
115.41 (d)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (2) The age of the inmate?	yes

115.41 (f)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior convictions for violent offenses?	yes
	In assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive, does the initial PREA risk screening consider, as known to the agency: prior acts of sexual abuse?	yes
115.41 (e)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization?	yes
	The subsection of this provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (6) Whether the inmate 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 inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated?	yes
	Does the intake screening consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization: (3) The physical build of the inmate?	yes

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	Within a set time period not more than 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, does the facility reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening?	yes
115.41 (g)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a referral?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to a request?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the facility reassess an inmate's risk level when warranted due to receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
115.41 (h)	Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness	
	Is it the case that inmates 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
115.41 (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 inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates?	yes
115.42 (a)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates 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 § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates 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 § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of	yes

	being sexually abusive, to inform: Work Assignments?	
	Does the agency use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates 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 § 115.41, with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive, to inform: Program Assignments?	yes
115.42 (b)	Use of screening information	
	Does the agency make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate?	yes
115.42 (c)	Use of screening information	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
115.42 (d)	Use of screening information	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
115.42 (e)	Use of screening information	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
115.42 (f)	Use of screening information	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
115.42 (g)	Use of screening information	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	yes
115.43 (a)	Protective Custody	

	Does the facility always refrain from placing inmates at high risk for sexual victimization in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers?	yes
	If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, does the facility hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment?	yes
115.43 (b)	Protective Custody	
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Programs to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Privileges to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Education to the extent possible?	yes
	Do inmates who are placed in segregated housing because they are at high risk of sexual victimization have access to: Work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
	If the facility restricts any access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the opportunities that have been limited? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the duration of the limitation? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
	If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, does the facility document the reasons for such limitations? (N/A if the facility never restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.)	yes
115.43 (c)	Protective Custody	
	Does the facility assign inmates at high risk of sexual victimization to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged?	yes

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	Does such an assignment not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days?	yes
115.43 (d)	Protective Custody	
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety?	yes
	If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged?	yes
115.43 (e)	Protective Custody	
	In the case of each inmate who is placed in involuntary segregation because he/she is at high risk of sexual victimization, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
115.51 (a)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.51 (b)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for inmates 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 inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the inmate to remain anonymous upon request?	yes
	Are inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials	na

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	and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security? (N/A if the facility never houses inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes.)	
115.51 (c)	Inmate reporting	
	Does staff accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Does staff promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.51 (d)	Inmate reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates?	yes
115.52 (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 inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because an inmate 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
115.52 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency permit inmates 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 an inmate 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
115.52 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency ensure that: An inmate 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	yes

	is exempt from this standard.)	
115.52 (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 inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the agency claims the maximum allowable extension of time to respond of up to 70 days per 115.52(d)(3) when the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision, does the agency notify the inmate 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 inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may an inmate consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Are third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist inmates 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 inmates? (If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, 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 inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the inmate's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes

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	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate 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 inmate 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)	yes
	taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	
115.52 (g)	exempt from this standard.)	
115.52 (g)	exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.52 (g) 115.53 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies  If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	
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	Exhaustion of administrative remedies  If the agency disciplines an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Inmate access to outside confidential support service  Does the facility provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?  Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies? (N/A if the facility never	yes

	inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	
115.53 (b)	Inmate access to outside confidential support services	
	Does the facility inform inmates, 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
115.53 (c)	Inmate access to outside confidential support service	:S
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
115.54 (a)	Third-party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate?	yes
115.61 (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 inmates 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
115.61 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, does staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a	yes

	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?	
115.61 (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 inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.61 (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
115.61 (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
115.62 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the inmate?	yes
115.63 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate 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
115.63 (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
115.63 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.63 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	

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	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes
115.64 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate 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 an inmate 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 an inmate 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 an inmate 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
115.64 (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
115.65 (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
115.66 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact abusers	ct with
	Are both the agency and any other governmental entities	yes
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	responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limit the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	
115.67 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff?	yes
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.67 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or	yes
	for cooperating with investigations?	
115.67 (c)	for cooperating with investigations?  Agency protection against retaliation	
115.67 (c)		yes
115.67 (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 inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by	yes
115.67 (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 inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff?  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 inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible	

	of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor any inmate disciplinary reports?	
	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 inmate 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 inmate 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 reassignments of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.67 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
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	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
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115.67 (e)	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  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?	
115.67 (e)	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  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?  Post-allegation protective custody  Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?	yes
115.67 (e) 115.68 (a)	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  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?  Post-allegation protective custody  Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?	yes
115.67 (e) 115.68 (a)	In the case of inmates, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  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?  Post-allegation protective custody  Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.43?  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	yes

	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 115.21(a).)	
115.71 (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 115.34?	yes
115.71 (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
115.71 (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
115.71 (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 inmate or staff?	yes
	Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?	yes
115.71 (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

115.71 (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
115.71 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.71 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.71(f) and (g) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years?	yes
115.71 (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 agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	yes
115.71 (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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.21(a).)	yes
115.72 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigation	S
	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
115.73 (a)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes
115.73 (b)	Reporting to inmates	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into an inmate's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in	yes

	order to inform the inmate? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal	
	investigations.)	
115.73 (c)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate'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 inmate has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit?	yes
	Following an inmate'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 an inmate'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 an inmate'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
115.73 (d)	Reporting to inmates	
	Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, 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 an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, 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

115.73 (e)	Reporting to inmates	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.76 (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
115.76 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.76 (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
115.76 (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
115.77 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with inmates?	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
115.77 (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 inmates?	yes
115.78 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Following an administrative finding that an inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse, are inmates subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.78 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	Are sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories?	yes
115.78 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
115.78 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates	
115.78 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for inmates  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 inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming and other benefits?	yes
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	the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between inmates to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between inmates.)	
115.81 (a)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexu	ual abuse
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison).	yes
115.81 (b)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexu	ual abuse
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a prison.)	yes
115.81 (c)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sex	ual abuse
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening? (N/A if the facility is not a jail).	yes
115.81 (d)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexu	ual abuse
	Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?	yes
115.81 (e)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexu	ual abuse
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18?	yes
115.82 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices

	Do inmate 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
115.82 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	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 § 115.62?	yes
	Do security staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.82 (c)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	Are inmate 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
115.82 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health serv	ices
	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
115.83 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
115.83 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual al victims and abusers	buse
	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
115.83 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual a victims and abusers	buse
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes

115.83 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	Are inmate 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 inmates 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.)	na	
115.83 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.83(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 inmates 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.)	na	
115.83 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	Are inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes	
115.83 (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	
115.83 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers		
	If the facility is a prison, does it attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners? (NA if the facility is a jail.)	yes	
115.86 (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	yes	

	has been determined to be unfounded?	
115.86 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.86 (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
115.86 (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
	The subsection of this provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	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 §§ 115.86(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.86 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes
115.87 (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
115.87 (b)	Data collection	

	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.87 (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
115.87 (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
115.87 (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 inmates? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its inmates.)	na
115.87 (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
115.88 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 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 § 115.87 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 § 115.87 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
115.88 (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	
115.88 (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	
115.88 (d)	115.88 (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	
115.89 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction		
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained?	yes	
115.89 (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	
115.89 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction		
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes	
115.89 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction		
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 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	Frequency and scope of audits		

(b)		
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	yes
	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.)	na
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 inmates, residents, and detainees?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates 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	yes

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.)	
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