

BEHAVIORAL SYSTEMS SOUTHWEST INC

## ANNUAL PREA REPORT

This report covers the reporting period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The PREA, Prison Rape Elimination Act requires all agencies which are responsible for the operation of facilities that confine inmates, detainees, or residents, such as Behavioral Systems Southwest, Inc. (BSS) to prepare an annual report of findings from a review of aggregated sexual abuse data, as well as our assessment of our progress in addressing sexual abuse. (115.287 and 115.288)

This annual report can essentially determine trends or areas of concern in our efforts to improve our agency's goal: Sexual assault/harassment prevention, detection, response policies and training, including: (a) identifying problem areas; (b) taking corrective action on an ongoing basis. By doing so, BSS can offer our residents a safe and secure environment; one free from sexual abuse/harassment. (115.288 (a))

Behavioral Systems Southwest, Inc. Florence RRC and Phoenix RRC went through PREA audits in the year 2019. Further, BSS has remained in compliance with all PREA standards during the reporting year.

This report compares data from 2018 and 2019 as required, data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice (115.287©-1).

Based on the data collection form, SSV, there are several PREA incident categories. Sexual abuse is disaggregated into three categories of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization. The categories are:

- Nonconsensual Sexual Acts
- Abusive Sexual Contact
- Sexual Harassment

Allegations are identified in four categories:

- Substantiated
- Unsubstantiated
- Unfounded
- Investigation ongoing
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For the year 2019 there were zero allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization.

Further, sexual abuse is also disaggregated into two categories of staff-on-inmate abuse. Again, the categories are:

- Staff Sexual Misconduct
- Staff Sexual Harassment

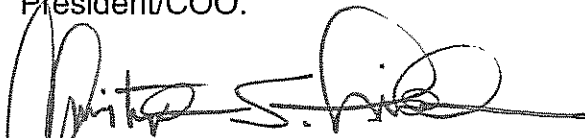
For the year 2019, there were zero allegations of staff-on-inmate abuse.

As required by PREA standard 115.288(b), "the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years. In 2018 and 2019 there were zero allegations of sexual harassment. BSS attributes this success to the following factors:

1. BSS conducts PREA training no less than four times per year, which maintains PREA requirements and standards in the forefront for staff.
2. Although our incidents of allegations are typically low given the residential reentry center environment in general, discussing PREA with all residents upon intake, during orientation and group allows the residents to understand that PREA is a priority, taken seriously by BSS staff and management team.

In conclusion, BSS is committed to providing environments that are free from sexual abuse/harassment, of any kind. BSS proudly has a zero tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of staff and residents in our programs. BSS will ensure that the prevention of any sexual abuse or sexual harassment is a priority.

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