PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: Beaumont Transitional Treatment Center

Facility Type: Community Confinement

Date Interim Report Submitted: NA

Date Final Report Submitted: 07/01/2022

Auditor Certification		
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.		V
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.		V
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.		7
Auditor Full Name as Signed: Robert Manville Date of Signature: 07/01/2022		

AUDITOR INFORMATION	
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Start Date of On-Site Audit:	04/13/2022
End Date of On-Site Audit:	04/14/2022

FACILITY INFORMATION	
Facility name:	Beaumont Transitional Treatment Center
Facility physical address:	2495 Gulf Street, Beaumont, Texas - 77703
Facility mailing address:	

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Facility Director	
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Facility PREA Compliance Manager	
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Facility Characteristics		
Designed facility capacity:	180	
Current population of facility:	173	
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	176	
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No	
Which population(s) does the facility hold?	Both females and males	
Age range of population:	18-82	
Facility security levels/resident custody levels:	minimum	
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with residents:	35	
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	1	
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	2	

AGENCY INFORMATION	
Name of agency:	The GEO Group, Inc.
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
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Telephone number:	

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SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

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

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

Number of standards exceeded:

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- 115.211 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
- 115.216 Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient
- 115.217 Hiring and promotion decisions
- 115.231 Employee training
- 115.241 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
- 115.265 Coordinated response
- 115.283 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
- 115.286 Sexual abuse incident reviews
- 115.288 Data review for corrective action

Number of standards met:

32

Number of standards not met:

0

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION		
GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION		
On-site Audit Dates		
1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2022-04-13	
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2022-04-14	
Outreach		
10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?	♥ Yes♥ No	
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	Rape and Suicide Crisis Center The Spindle MH/MR center The Abshire Interpretive Services	
AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION	ON	
14. Designated facility capacity:	180	
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	176	
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	7	
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	 Yes No Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility) 	
Audited Facility Population Characteristics Audit	on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the	
Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics	on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
36. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:	171	
38. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
39. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
40. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	

41. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
42. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
43. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	9	
44. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	2	
45. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
46. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	9	
47. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0	
48. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	No text provided.	
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteris	stics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
49. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	35	
50. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	2	
51. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	1	
52. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	No text provided.	
INTERVIEWS		
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews		
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews		

53. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	17	
54. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	 ✓ Age ☐ Race ☐ Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic) ☐ Length of time in the facility ✓ Housing assignment ☐ Gender ✓ Other ☐ None 	
If "Other," describe:	I interviewed resident that were on the At-Risk log. This included resident that have history of sexual offenses including solicitation, child molestation and predator behavior.	
55. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?	I used the master roster to ensure I interviewed residents from each housing unit.	
56. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?	• Yes • No	
57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	I used the At-Risk log to interview most residents. I did add some residents that worked during the day that were not on the At Risk log.	
Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews		
58. 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 mastaisfy 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 segregate 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".		
60. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0	

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category
	declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log.
61. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.
	☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log.
62. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.
	☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log.
63. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0

a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	 ✓ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. ☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log.
64. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	 ✓ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. ☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log.
65. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	3
66. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	2
67. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	 ✓ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. ☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.

b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log.
68. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:	3
69. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.
	☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	Prior to developing the resident that I would interview I met with the PREA compliance manager, facility director, case manager and major. We also reviewed the At-Risk Log. This is a transitional center and does not have a segregation unit or lock rooms.
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	There were thirty residents that requested mental health referrals during the initial screening. The population houses sex offenders that have been approved for parole and are awaiting a housing plan. All have been in correctional center. Several interviewed are less than 90 days from discharge and will be released on their discharge date if no housing plan can be developed prior to their release date.
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews	
Random Staff Interviews	
71. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	14
72. 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

If "Other," describe:	I interviewed all staff that were at the center during the onsite audit. The facility is paying overtime and utilizing all trained staff to meet the mandatory posts as required by the TDCJ contract.
73. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	© Yes C No
74. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	No text provided.
Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews	
Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the spapply to an interview with a single staff member and that information w	ecialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may rould satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.
75. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	6
76. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	⊙ Yes○ No
77. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	 Yes No
78. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	© Yes C No
79. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	 Yes No NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)

80. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	Agency contract administrator
	✓ Intake staff □ Other
81. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No
a. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS who were interviewed:	1

b. Select which specialized VOLUNTEER role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply) 82. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	 □ Education/programming □ Medical/dental □ Mental health/counseling ☑ Religious □ Other ⑥ Yes ⑤ 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 	
83. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	At the time of the audit there were 35 staff employed at the center.	
SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTA	ATION 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.		
84. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	⊙ Yes	
	C No	
Was the site review an active, inquiring process that incl	uded the following:	
85. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No	

86. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?	• Yes • No
87. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	⊙ Yes ⊙ No
88. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	© Yes C No

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

During the site review the locations of cameras and mirrors, room layout, restrooms and the placement of PREA posters and information was observed. Facility Notices in English and Spanish provided to the facility during the Pre-Onsite Audit Phase were found displayed in various locations throughout the facility. PREA reporting information and other PREA posted information is in both English and Spanish and posted in all housing units and in numerous locations throughout the facility. Reminders of opposite gender announcements are stenciled near the entries of housing units

During the site review, the auditors spoke informally to residents questioning them about their overall knowledge of the agency's zero-tolerance policy and methods of reporting available to them. Most resident were talkative and could articulate the agency polices about zero tolerance. When asked how staff would manage an resident that claims to be in imminent danger of sexual assault since there is no segregation unit, staff indicated they would stay with the resident and take him to a safe area. They would follow the protocol of not brushing his teeth, not take a shower, not defecating, and would notify the major and medical since they would escort the resident to the observation room. All showers have curtains for privacy. All toilets had partitions and walls in front of the toilet area. Resident stated they are not seen by staff when showering or using the restroom. The residents stated that persons of the opposite gender announce their presence when entering their living unit and don't come in the area where they shower and use the toilet. The intake staff was able to walk through all steps that resident would go through during an intake. The staff provided me with a resident handbook, a resident PREA handbook and a PREA brochure. The staff provided a copy of the acknowledge sheet resident sign after they have received the PREA orientation and comprehensive education. The staff indicated that after the video they use the pamphlet to read to each resident. All residents interviewed stated they felt safe at the facility and were engaging with the auditor and staff accompanying the auditor. A review of the cameras were completed in the major's office. The center has undergone a major upgrade to their camera system. Each camera was reviewed to determine if it provided enhancements to safety and at the time allow residents to shower, change clothing and use the toilet without being seen on the monitor.

Throughout the tour of the center residents were going out or coming in from work or job searches. Upon arrival all residents take a urinalysis test and are pat searched by staff of the same gender. There is a private room located to the resident entrance that is utilized to have urinalyses and pat search conducted. The telephone was utilized to contact RAINNS and the Victim Advocate. Each call was answered by staff from each center. The sheriff's office phone was not answered. However, residents and staff are instructed to call 911. (I did not call 911)

Documentation Sampling

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

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

Yes

C No

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

Resident Files Reviewed: Fifteen (15) resident records were reviewed. These records included the following information. • Identification Number • Date of Birth • Date of Arrival • Date of Screening • Date of Follow-up Screening • Date of Initial PREA notification • Date of PREA orientation/education: Fifteen (15) background clearance files including five (5) new hired staff, five (5) staff that had been promoted and five (5) employees that had over five years tenure at the facility. All files contained background checks and annual training acknowledgement forms. A contractor file was reviewed and contained background check and training documentation. A volunteer file was reviewed and contained documentation of background check and training. Included in the employee worksheet for staff included training records for random monitors (direct care staff), supervisors, Investigator, PREA Compliance manager. All training has been completed in the last 12 months: The facility provided four investigation files from that was reviewed and documented on the PREA investigative work sheet provided to auditors. The file was thorough and included all information required for investigations. Unannounced Rounds including logbooks and computerized unannounced rounds were reviewed in each housing unit and the control room. The auditor requested a specific date for unannounced PREA round and was provided with a PRE unannounced rounds documents for that date.

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes

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

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

	Ongoing		Indicted/Court Case Filed	Convicted/Adjudicated	Acquitted
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse	1	0	0	0	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	0

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

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

Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review	
98. Enter the total number of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	3
99. 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	
100. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	3
101. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	 Yes No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
102. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	 Yes No NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
	YesNoNA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate

103. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
104. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	 Yes No NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
105. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	 ○ Yes ○ No ○ NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
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106. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	1
107. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	YesNoNA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
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114. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	No text provided.	
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION	I	
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff		
115. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	○ Yes○ No	
Non-certified Support Staff		
116. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	O Yes No	
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION		
121. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	The audited facility or its parent agency	
	My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)	
	C A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)	
	O Other	

Standards

Auditor Overall Determination Definitions

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

Auditor Discussion Instructions

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

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

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

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

Beaumont Transitional Treatment Center Policy 0504-1-PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements

PREA Agency Organizational Chart

Facility Organizational Chart

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

115.211 (b): GEO employs an upper-level, agency-wide PREA Coordinator at the corporate level. The agency's organizational chart depicts her position within the agency. The PREA Coordinator oversees the agency's efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of GEO's facilities. Within the GEO PREA coordinator office are additional staff that provides technical assistance to PREA compliance managers, conducts yearly PREA assessments for each facility, and provides quality control in reviewing all investigations, incident review reports and PREA audits. GEO ensures that all of its facilities have a PREA Compliance Manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facilities PREA efforts. BTC PREA compliance manager was interviewed. She has time to carry out her duties. She was extremely helpful in managing the Audit process.

GEO ensures that all of its facilities have a PREA compliance manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facilities PREA efforts. The facility's organizational chart illustrates PREA Compliance Manager's position within the facility. The facility has updated the organizational chart to indicate the PREA compliance manger report to the director. GEO and Facility policy outline the responsibilities of the PREA Compliance Manager. The PREA Compliance Manager reports to the Facility Director and the agency's PREA Coordinator. BTC compliance manager is extremely knowledgeable of PREA standards and has a team of staff that assist in carrying out the duties of the PREA Compliance Manager (PCM). The facility administrator interviews confirmed that the center meets on a regular basis to discuss facility's efforts to comply with PREA and to develop a culture to maintain a Safe environment for staff and residents.

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

115.212	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Not Applicable for GEO facilities
	BTC Policy 0504-1-PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements
	BTC Contract with Texas Department of Criminal Justice
	The facility does not contract with other entities to house residents. A review of the documentation submitted substantiates that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice requires the entities which they contract for the confinement of residents (residential reentry centers or "halfway houses") to adopt and comply with the PREA standards. Compliance was determined by review of facility contract agreement and interviews with the GEO PREA coordinator.

115.213	Supervision and monitoring
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2 Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	BTC Policy 0504-1-PREA Staffing and Facility Requirements
	Approved Facility Staffing Plan
	Annual PREA Facility Assessment
	Camera Purchase Order
	PREA Unannounced Supervisor Round Log
	Security Staff Schedule Sample
	Facility diagram with cameras locations
	115.213 (a): The GEO Group has developed and documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and uses video monitoring to protect residents against sexual abuse. The agency took into consideration the physical layout of the facility, the composition of the population and the prevalence of substantiated incidents of sexual abuse, and the resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adequate staffing levels in the development of the facility's staffing plan. The center is not under any Federal adjudication. The TDCJ contact does stipulate there will be a ratio of 1to 60 during day hours.
	115.213 (b): There were no deviations from the contractually approved staffing plan during the review period. The facility maintains the required staff-to-resident ratio at all times. In the event of staff vacancies, callouts or PTO requests, the facility will use overtime as needed to ensure all shifts are covered in accordance with staffing plan.
	115.213 (c): GEO conducts an annual PREA facility assessment. PREA assessments for the last 3 years were reviewed by the auditor. The present staffing plan is based on 180 residents while the number of residents assigned to the facility during the audit was 171 residents at the center. The facility has a mandatory staffing plan that requires the center to provide over time, call in, and use of specialized staff to provide staff to meet the mandatory posts. All staff at the facility are provided training on providing direct care supervision of residents.
	During the tour of the facility, there were staff noted in the general areas wherever residents were located. The camera system provides additional support for providing supervision of the population. All residents interviewed indicated they felt safe at the facility. It was noted during the tour that residents were coming and going to work in the community at all times of the day. There were direct care staff assigned to each of the living unit.
	Compliance was determined by review of policies, documents viewed during the tour of the facility, review of the cameras

and interviews with PREA compliance manger and facility administrator. \\

115.215 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC Policy 0903-1 Resident Searches, Urinalysis, and Contraband PREA Staff

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

Random Staff Training Files

Transgender Preference Sheet

Statement of Fact

115.215 (a): Based on review of GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 0903-1, the agency and facility have policies in place regarding resident searches. Cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches are prohibited except in exigent circumstances or when performed by a medical practitioner. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no cross-gender strip or visual body cavity searches conducted.

15.215 (b): BTC houses male and female residents. GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 0903-1 clearly defines that transgender cannot be examined to determine their genital status. All staff interviewed acknowledge they had received training on cross gender pat down searches and were aware of the policy that forbids staff from examining a transgender person to determine their genital status. Local policy mandates that transgender residents will be offered a preference on gender to conduct pat down searches. The facility administrator and PCM indicated that the facility would not restrict access due to a resident's gender. The facility administrator indicated that the decision to house a transgender resident would be determined by the resident's preference and the overall security and safety of the resident population. Two transgender residents were interview and stated they were able to discuss their housing plan during intake.

115.215 (c): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 0903-1 mandate that all gross gender searches be documented. Based on interviews with PCM and facility administrator and PAQ there have been no cross-gender searches at the facility.

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

115.215 (e): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 0903-1 clearly defines that transgender cannot be examined to determine their genital status. The center would determine the housing plan and genital status by interviews by medical professionals in consultation with Texas Department of Criminal Justice. All staff interviewed acknowledge they had received training on cross gender pat down searchers and were aware of the policy that forbids staff from examining a transgender person to determine their genital status. Local policy mandates that transgender residents will be offered a preference on gender to conduct pat down searches. The facility administrator and PCM indicated that the facility would not restrict access due to a resident's gender.

115.215 (f): All employees of BTC receive training on how to conduct cross-gender pat searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner. The Guidance in Cross-Gender and Transgender Pat Searches lesson plan was provided for review. Staff sign a PREA Basic Acknowledgement form acknowledging receiving and understanding the training provided. Review of random staff training records and in interview with security staff, revealed staff are receiving this training at pre-service and annually through on-line training. There were two (2) transgender or intersex residents assigned to the facility during the on-site audit. They stated they felt safe at the facility and stated that all residences are allowed to shower by themselves at the facility. Each resident had a Transgender

Care Plan that addresses preference for searches, showering, and pronoun. (She, he, him, her)

Residents that were interviewed indicated they have not been searched by staff of the other gender. There are showers curtains around the showers. There are partitions in the restrooms.

Compliance was determined by interviews with residents, direct care staff and review of policies and practices.

Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient
Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
Auditor Discussion

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

BTC Policy 1702-1 PREA Intake and Orientation

PREA Education Manual for Residents- English

PREA Education Manual for Residents- Spanish

PREA Education Manual for Residents- English (Large Print)

PREA Education Manual for Residents- Spanish (Large Print)

Photo of the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)

Resident Reporting Options Posters (English/Spanish)

Language Line Solutions Contract

MOU Abshire Interpretive Services

PREA Posters in English and Spanish

PREA Posters in Large Print for English and Spanish

Statement of Fact (No resident interpreters)

115.216 (a): GEO and BTC policies mandates that the facility shall not discriminate against residents with known disabilities and shall provide reasonable accommodations to ensure access to programs, activities, and services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the provisions established in this Policy. Through policy and practice, the facility staff ensures that residents with all disabilities listed in 115.16a have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. There were no deaf or blind resident housed at the facility during this audit period. The facility has TTY telephone and hard of hearing telephones for residents. The facility population includes older residents that have vision and hearing associated with their age. The facility has a MOU with Abshire Interpreting Services. A telephone interview with the director of the service indicated they provide services for deaf, blind and ESL clients. They also would go to the hospital for a SANE and also provide services for residents that need emotional support that need there interpreting services.

However, in reviewing the population with staff and interviewing the resident population there were no resident that were blind or deaf. The PREA manual is provided in English and Spanish in Large Print. The facility unit manager's supervisor indicated that all orientation and comprehensive education is read to the residents, and they sign a statement acknowledging they understand the PREA program. She indicated that residents with learning disabilities are provided the same training program, however all of the training programs at the center are individualized and learning-disabled residents are provided training including reading documents. The facility has a contract with Language Line Solutions. The center also has a MOU with Abshire Interpretive Services that provide interpretive service and emotional support mental health counseling and reporting for Hispanic residents that are transitioning back to the community.

115.216 (b): All PREA related information (written information), including postings, brochures and handouts are available in English, and Spanish. The facility has access to translation services for written access in other languages. Staff also may read information to residents when necessary. Agency and facility policies prohibit residents to be relied on as readers or any types of assistants, except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety. All staff interviewed indicated they would utilize staff that were bilingual or the language line if staff were not available. There were no ESL residents assigned to the facility during the audit. In interviews with staff this is rarely the case as they are often twenty plus ESL residents. There are several Bilingual staff members working at the facility. In interviews staff indicated they usually are utilized by the resident population to provide translation services.

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

Exceed compliance of this standard was based on the MOU with several service provider for resident that are in need of these services including Victim Advocates and Emotional Support. Interviews with intake staff, PREA compliance manager and facility administrator confirmed compliance with this standard.

115.217 Hiring and promotion decisions

Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC Policy 0504-1- PREA Staffing and facility requirements

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

New Hire Application

GEO Background Check on New Hires

Annual Performance Evaluation & Disclosure (PREA Questionnaire)

Promotion PAF & Disclosure

Five Year Background Check

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

Accurate Background Checks

115.217 (a): All employees, contractors and volunteers have had criminal background checks completed prior to being employed by BTC. The facility does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents, and does not enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer that may have contact with residents, who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other center; has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse, or if the person has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity. Incidents of sexual harassment are considered in determining whether to hire or promote anyone or to enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer who may have contact with residents. The facility utilizes Accurate a private vendor to conduct background check on all applicants. TDCJ mandates that the center forwards a fingerprint to the Texas division of background check for a NCIC background check on all employees and contractors. Volunteers must submit the same information through the TDCJ Volunteer program.

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

115.217 (c) The agency requires all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents have a criminal background check. Criminal background checks for all potential employees are completed through a contract with Accurate. For those considered for promotions or who transfer from another facility, an internal background check through GEO is requested on the Prison Rape Elimination Act Questionnaire Internal Promotion/Transfer form (HR-104), and an "Accurate" background check is conducted. If an applicant answers on their application, they are a prior institutional employee, information from prior institutional employers shall be requested through Accurate. From information provided on the Preaudit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, twenty-nine (29) criminal background checks were completed on employees.

115.217 (d): The facility performs criminal background checks through Accurate before enlisting the services of any contractors. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were two (2) criminal background checks conducted for contractors.

115.217 (e): Criminal background checks are conducted through Accurate every five years for employees. The facility provided several five-year background checks and the auditor randomly requested background check on staff that had five-year tenure at the facility.

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

115.217 (g): GEO and the facility policy mandates that material omissions regarding sexual misconduct and the provision of

materially giving false information are grounds for termination as required by this standard. Employees have a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any sexual misconduct. This was verified by interviews with the administrative staff.

115.217 (h): Unless prohibited by law, GEO's Reentry Services Corporate Human Resource Department will provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom the individual has applied for work.

Exceed compliance was determined by thorough background check complete utilizing Accurate and additional background check are conducted by the TDCJ background check division. A review of random files confirmed exceed compliance with this standard.

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115.218	Upgrades to facilities and technology
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	BTC Policy 0504-1 PREA Staffing and facility requirements
	PREA Annual Facility Assessment for last three years
	115.218 (a): The facility has not made any major modifications in the last three years.
	115.218 (b): The facility has an annual PREA assessment that includes noted no needs for cameras and monitoring upgrades. The facility had a major upgrade in cameras and monitoring equipment during the last five years.
	Compliance was determined by review of the camera mapping program, review of camera placement, and interviews with facility administrator.

115.221 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

Corporate Policy-5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA)

BTC Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA)

MOU with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

MOU with Christus Health Southeast Texas

Attempt to establish MOU with Rape and Suicide Crisis Center

Statement of Fact (No request for victim advocacy services)

115.221 (a The agency's policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA) and Evidence Collection and facility policy 0803-1 outlines the investigative process and the uniformed evidence protocol for the collection and preservation of evidence for administrative and criminal investigations of sexual abuse. The facility begins an administrative investigation immediately following an allegation. All criminal investigations are conducted by TDCJ or a local law enforcement agency. The allegations are reported immediately to the TDCJ Contract Monitor and the GEO PREA Coordinator and/or PREA Director. If they are unable to immediately respond to the Facility Director, the on-call administrator will make the determination to contact law enforcement to investigate. The Investigator stated the TDCJ Contract Monitor makes the decision if TDCJ will investigate the allegation. If criminal, the allegation is referred to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for investigations.

115.221 (b): The agency and the facility follow a protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable and adapted from or otherwise based on the U.S. Department of Justice's office on Violence Against Women Publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents". Compliance was determined by interview with Facility investigator.

115.221 (c): All alleged victims of sexual assault who require a forensic exam are taken to Christus Health Southeast Texas for completion of the forensic exam and emergency medical healthcare with no cost to the resident. The facility has a MOU with Christus Health Southeast Texas initiated March 3, 2016. The MOU states the hospital will conduct forensic exams, provide follow-up health care services, work with appropriate law enforcement agency assigned jurisdiction for the case, comply with federal, state, and local laws and certification requirements, and maintain confidentiality. Services are available through the emergency department 24-hours a day 7 days a week. The hospital representative interviewed indicated all resident victims would be transported to the emergency room where SANE staff are always on duty. It was noted that if a SANE nurse is not on duty, a SANE nurse on-call would report. The hospital representative confirmed the medical services including forensic exams and treatment would be provided by the hospital. There was one allegation that required a referral for forensic examination. The resident refused the SANE examination and was taken to a psychiatric facility by a parent.

115.221 (d): Policy 5.1.2-E indicates residents who allege sexual abuse shall be provided access to outside victim advocates and make accessible specific contact information for victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations. The facility has attempted to obtain a MOU agreement with Rape and Suicide Crisis of Southeast Texas. The attempts were documented through an email chain. The last attempt was made on March 14, 2022. The Executive Director of the crisis center noted in an email to the facility, "Your clients who are victims of sexual abuse can request services. There are certain guidelines that we have to follow and will assist them as we assist all victims of sexual violence. If the client is not a victim of crime but is in crisis at the time that services are needed, the client can contact us through the 24-hour hotline." This information is provided to the residents upon intake to the facility and posted throughout the facility. When victim advocacy services are provided through the forensic exam and investigatory interviews, the victim's consent is obtained prior in writing or on audio tape for documentation. The interview with the PREA Compliance Manager indicated that the services are free of charge to the resident and the hotline is available 24-hours a day for the residents. The hotline number and victim advocacy services are provided to the residents on a poster in the housing units. The PREA Compliance Manager confirmed the practice for forensic exams and victim advocacy services. A memo noted one resident requested victim advocacy services or required a SANE during the audit period. The resident refused the SANE examination and was taken to a psychiatric facility by a parent. The Abshire Interpretive Services also provided mental health, victim advocates and emotional support

115.221 (e): As requested by the victim, the victim advocate accompanies and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews.

115.221 (f): According to facility policy 0803-1, and in interviews with the hospital all forensic evidence is provided to the

Jefferson County Sheriff's office or TDCJ inspector general for tagging and sending to Texas Crime Lab. It is the responsibility of the law enforcement to conduct all investigations and ensure all forensic evidence is collected and preserved.

The facility has no SANE/SAFE during the last 12 months. There was one resident that was transported for a SANE examination following an allegation that he was forced to have oral sex with another resident. The resident refused the examination and was taken to a psychiatric facility by a parent.

Compliance was determined by interviews with investigators from OIG office, facility investigators, staff from the Rape Crisis Center and Christus Health Southeast Texas staff and Abshire Interpreting Services.

115.222	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
Auditor Discussion	
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:

5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior

PREA Monthly Investigation Tracking Log

GEO Website (Investigations)

Report of Incident (SIR)

MOU with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

BTC Policy 0504-6 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA)

115.222 (a): GEO Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior mandate that all allegations of sexual abuse will be investigated an agency with criminal authority unless the allegation is not criminal in nature. At BTC, Texas Department of Criminal Justice is notified of all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Allegations involving staff are referred to GEO's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). In the past 12 months there was 4 allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported to OIG for investigations. The Jefferson County conducts all criminal investigation. In interview with the facility administrator at BTC, the sheriff's office is notified of an incident. If they chose not to investigate, the incident goes to the TDCJ OIG for investigations. If they chose not to investigate it is referred back to the facility where a trained investigator will conduct an administrative investigation.

115.222 (b): GEO Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior mandate that all allegations of sexual abuse will be investigated by an agency with criminal authority unless the allegation is not criminal in nature. The facility documents all referrals of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for criminal investigation. All allegations are documented and tracked on the Monthly PREA Tracking Log. In the past 12 months, there were 4 allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported. The agency policy regarding the administrative investigation of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and referrals for criminal investigations is published on the agency website and can be accessed at https://www.geogroup.com/prea.

115.222 (c): GEO Policy 5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior and GEO website provides the role and responsibility of staff in the investigative process. The center coordinated response also provides the facilities duties in the investigative process. Staff carry PREA cards that outlined their duties in cases of a sexual abuse allegation at the center. All staff were aware of their duties. The facility has two certified investigators at this time.

Compliance was determined by review of the policy and interviews with facility administrator, Investigator and PREA compliance manager.

115.231	Employee training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC Policy 0504-1 PREA staffing and Facility Requirements

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

PREA Staff Training Acknowledgement

Random Training Acknowledgement

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

- · Zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- · How to fulfill staff responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures.
- · Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- · Residents and employees' rights to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.

- · Common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims.
- · How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse.
- · How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents.
- · How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents.
- \cdot $\;$ How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
- · Cross Gender & Pat Searches & Searches of Transgender and Intersex

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

115.231 (b) BTC houses adult female and male residents. The training provided is tailored to meet the needs of each population residents.

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

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

The center conducts training quarterly in staff meetings, shift briefings and training flyers on a regular basis. Based on the knowledge of interviews with staff it was determined that the facility exceeded the expectations of this standard. The training includes power point presentations, videos, and trainer lesson plans. Part of the training is received through the computers which require participant to log into their PREA training portal, classrooms in which participants sign a sign in roster and sift brief training in which the staff roster certifies they were in attendance of this training.

The facility provided samples of staff training. The auditor requested random training files for investigators, facility administrator, and 10 other files, that were reviewed. All files contained pre-service and annual in-service training.

115.232	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	Auditor Discussion The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	BTC Policy 0504-1 PREA staffing and Facility Requirements
	Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program
	Volunteer/Contractor Training Curriculum
	Statement of Fact
	115.232 (a): BTC ensures all volunteers who have contact with residents are trained on their responsibilities under the agency and facility's sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures prior to their assignment and annually. GEO policy 5.1.2-A, outline the requirements for PREA training for contractor and volunteer. This training includes their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures. The facility had one contractor authorized to enter the facility during the last 12 months. There was a total of two contractor that have received training in the last 12 months. There were two volunteers that have received volunteer training in the last 12 months.
	115.232 (b): Volunteers complete Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program provided by TDCJ volunteer office and sign a PREA Basic Acknowledgement form acknowledging receipt and understanding of the training received. Specialized staff such as medical receive additional training specific to the medical training standard
	115.232 (c): All volunteer, and contractor files from 2021 through onsite audit were reviewed and include background check and annual training acknowledgements.
	Compliance was determined by review of policy, training curriculum, training files and interviews with PREA compliance manager and facility administrator.

115.233 Resident education

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC Policy 1702-1 PREA intake and Orientation

PREA Resident Education Manual (English/Spanish)

Acknowledgement Receipt

PREA Video Acknowledgement Receipt

PREA Resident Reporting Options Posters (English/Spanish)

PREA Resident Reporting Options Posters Large Print

115.233 (a): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 1702-1 Intake and Orientation, all residents receive information at time of intake and if transferred from another facility about the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents and are informed of the agency policy and procedures for responding to such incidents. In interview with the Case Managers who provides the PREA Education Manual for Residents to the residents and shows the PREA: What You Need to Know video. Resident are asked to sign an acknowledgement statement while they are still in the intake area. The Case Manager provides resident PREA education, during the intake process or the following morning. On information reported on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, there were 566 residents assigned to BTC in the past 12 months and all residents assigned received PREA education. There were three (3) residents that transferred to the facility from other residential programs during the last 12 months. All resident interviewed indicated they saw a video when they first arrived at the facility and the PREA compliance manager went over the PREA handbook. During this training the PREA compliance manager provided information of the victim support agency. Inmates again sign an acknowledgement that they received and understood the PREA training program.

115.233 (b): Residents who transfer to the facility from a different community confinement facility receive the same PREA education that all newly assigned residents receive. In the past 12 months, there were 3 residents who transferred to the facility from another community confinement facility, who received the same training all residents assigned to BTC receive.

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

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

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

rounds, residents are interviewed about differing topics to do with PREA. The residents have continuous and readily available PREA education through the facility handbook, Sexual Assault Awareness Program brochure, and the PREA Educational Manual for Residents provided to each resident at admission. Information is also available through posters including the Resident Reporting Options and No Means No throughout the facility. The PREA informational posters are posted in English and Spanish throughout the facility. The manual and posters are also provided in large print. Random residents interviewed and during discussion with residents on the facility tour acknowledged they have received PREA information upon arrival including the handbook and watching a video. They were able to explain how to report an incident and were aware of the zero-tolerance policy. Due to the knowledge of residents interviewed and to the continuous reinforcement of PREA the facility was found to meet the requirements of this standard.

115.234	Specialized training: Investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy-5.1.2-E Investigating Allegations of Sexually Abusive Behavior (PREA)
	GEO Training Curriculum
	Certificate of Completion
	115.234 (a): GEO ensures that facility investigators receive training on conducting sexual abuse investigations in confinement settings. There are two trained facility investigators at BTC. All allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that is not criminal in nature and referred back to the center for investigations are investigated by trained investigators. Based on OIG staff interviews, the OIG staff have received training beyond the requirements of the standard.
	115.234 (b): The GEO training programs includes Specialized training of Investigators. This training includes techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. Training for Investigating Sexual Abuse is conducted through the GEO Contract Compliance Office.
	115.234 (c): GEO maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations on the GEO training data base.
	Compliance was determined by reviewing training curriculum from other audits, interviews with a GEO certified auditor and interviews with PREA coordinator.

115.235	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities
	Medical Training Curriculum
	Medical Staff training curriculum
	Statement of Fact
	Policy mandates that any fulltime, part time or volunteer medical and mental health staff will receive specialized training as required by this standard. BTC has one medical staff that provides insulin and other prescription medicine to residents. The facility does not have medical and mental health services with this one exception at the center. The nurse has received the training mandated by the standard or noted in the PAQ.

115.241 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC Policy 1702-1 Resident Intake

Reentry Facility Screening Instrument

PREA Vulnerability Reassessment

PAQ

115.241 (a): BTC Policy 1702-1 Resident Intake requires that every resident shall be assessed during intake and upon transfer for their risk of being sexually abused by another resident in BTC or being sexually abusive towards another individual (staff or resident) in BTC. Intake risk screening shall ordinarily take place within 24 hours of arrival at the facility. A designated intake staff or case management staff will conduct all screening of prospective residents. Persons tasked with screening shall conduct a thorough review of any available records (i.e. medical files or pre-sentence investigation reports, etc.) which can assist them with the risk assessment. A review of 15 resident files, interview with 25 residents, and interviews with the intake staff confirmed that all residents are assessed during intake and upon transfer for their risk of being sexually abused by another resident in BTC. On information provided on the Pre Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months 566 residents assigned to BTC were assessed for their risk of victimization or abusiveness upon arrival.

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

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

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

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

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

115.241 (f): Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days of residents' arrival to the facility, residents are reassessed by their Program Counselor for their risk for victimization and abusiveness using the PREA Vulnerability Questionnaire. On information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months 310 residents were reassessed for their risk of victimization and abusiveness within 30 days of arrival to the facility. In review of random resident files, this process is in place.

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

the resident can request he be reassessed.

115.241 (i): BTC Policy 1702-1 Resident Intake addresses this standard. Sensitive information shall be limited to need-to know employees only for the purpose of treatment, programming, housing and security and management decisions. Only designated staff identified by the Facility Director shall have access to completed risk screening information which shall be maintained in a secure area of the facility. The Facility Administrator, PREA Compliance Manager and Case Managers have access to screening information.

In interview with the case managers, PREA compliance manager and Unit Manager Supervisor and in review of random resident files, the screening process is in place. Further the facility utilized the screening and reassessment as a tool to manage the safety of the resident at the facility. Based on review of this standard it was determined that his standard exceeds these expectations. From the screening instrument an at-risk log is developed to assure that housing and programming manages this population in order to maintain their safety. At Risk resident are offered mental health services if they have history of victimization or request a mental health referral. The Spindletop Mental Health Center conducts a meeting with residents that claim prior victimization or request a mental health referral. The Spindletop MH/MR Center indicated in interview they see all referrals within 14 days. They indicated they present see several residents from the center on an ongoing basis. Under the MOU, confirmed by the PREA compliance manager, the center takes residents to their appointment and picks them up from their appointment.

115.242 Use of screening information

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC 1702-1- Resident Intake

Reentry Facility Screening Instrument

PREA Vulnerability Reassessment

Referral for Counseling

MOU with Spindletop Mental Services

At-Risk Log

Transgender Preference Form

115.242 (a): The agency uses the information from the risk screening form to make housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of separating residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from residents with those at high risk of being sexually abusive. GEO policy and facility policy explains the use of PREA screening information. When the risk assessment indicates the resident scores as a potential victim or abuser, it is reviewed by the Case Manager Supervisor and forwarded to the PREA compliance Manager to place the resident on the at[1]risk logs. If a resident is identified at risk for victimization or abusiveness, they are placed on a At Risk Log. The PREA Compliance Manager maintains a PREA At-Risk of Being Victimized log for residents who are identified as being potential victims. a PREA At-Risk for Abusiveness Log for residents who are identified from screening to be a potential abuser and a PREA At-Risk of Being Victimized log for residents who are identified as being a victim and abuser. The PREA Compliance Manager stated the logs are updated daily and reviewed weekly for accuracy. The at-risk logs current housing locations and will be used to assist in making housing placements per the Case Manager Supervisor and PREA Compliance Manger. The interviews with the Case Manager Supervisor and the PREA Compliance Manager indicated that housing and program assignments are made on a case by case basis with consideration of the PREA risk factors. In review of completed risk assessments in the resident files, the Auditor determined the facility is utilizing collected data, such as the residents physical characteristics (build and appearance), age, whether the resident has mental, physical or development disability, previous assignment in specialized housing, alleged offense and criminal history, whether the resident is perceived to be Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual/Transgender/Intersex (LGBTI) or is gender non-conforming to determine housing, recreation, work, and other activity decisions. Through staff interviews and review of resident files, it was determined that the facility addresses the needs of the resident consistent with the security and safety of the individual resident regarding housing. Resident that claim victimization or history of predator sexual behavior prior to coming to the center, including prior to be incarcerated as provided a referral form and ask it they would like to talk to a mental health professional. The center utilizes the Spindletop Mental Health program for mental health referrals. The center indicated that resident are brought to the center or can call the center for counseling and mental health evaluation. According to policy, interviews and referrals, all referrals are made within 72 hours of arrival and all resident that accept the referral are seen within 14 days of arrival at the center.

115.242 (b): BTC Policy 1702-1 Resident Intake and interviews with the Unit Manager and Case Manager supervisor requires that screening information shall be used to determine housing, bed, work, education, and programming assignments within the facility in order to keep potential victims away from potential abusers. The PREA Compliance Manager maintains an "at risk log" of potential victims and potential abusers determined from the PREA Intake Risk Screening Assessment. The "at risk log" is kept current and include current housing locations. Each resident's screening is utilized along with interviews with the residents for placement on an individual basis.

115.242 (c): The PREA Compliance Manager also maintain a tracking log of those individuals who self-identify as LGBTI with their housing location to ensure LGBTI residents are not placed in housing units solely based on their identification as LGBTI.

115.242 (d): Housing and Programming assignments for each Transgender and Intersex individual shall be reassessed every six (6) months to determine any threats to safety experienced by the individual. However, the resident indicated they meet with the transgender care committee monthly. Serious consideration shall be given to the individual's own views with respect to his/her own safety. The facility shall use the approved "GEO PREA Vulnerability Reassessment Questionnaire" to conduct the reassessment and six-month reassessment. All transgender residents meet with the transgender care committee within

24 hours of arrival. At this time the committee and transgender discuss housing, shake down preference, showering and if on hormone treatment plan for continuing the service. The two residents that were at the facility were interviewed and confirmed they meet with the committee usually monthly to discuss their transition and any other concerns they may have.

115.242 (e): Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities mandates that all transgender or intersex residents will be allowed to shower separately from other residents.

115.242 (f): GEO does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex residents in dedicated units or wings solely based on such identification. Interviews with three lesbian/gay residents confirmed that they are not housed in separate housing units.

At the time of the audit there was two transgender residents assigned to the facility. They were interviewed utilizing he protocol for interviewing target residents. They indicated they had been in prison for a long time and felt safe at BTC. They are presently job hunting and are allowed to go on job seeking passes daily. They indicated that all residents at the center can shower by themselves as is most of the residents in their respective building. Interviews with the facility administrator, PREA compliance manager, unit manager supervisor, case managers and resident confirmed that the facility will reassess and based on interviews with resident and monitors will reassign residents to ensure that safety. Based on these interviews it was determined that the facility meets the expectations of this standard.

115.251	Resident reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	BTC policy 1702.1
	GEO policy 5.1.2-A
	Employee Reporting Options Poster
	GEO Website (Staff Reporting Info)
	Resident Reporting Options Poster
	PREA Resident Education Manual (Resident Reporting Options)
	Rape & Crisis Center of Southeast Texas, Inc: (409) 832-6530 1 (800) 793-227
	TDCJ- Parole Division Ombudsman: (512) 406-5795
	TDCJ- Parole Division, Beaumont Office Parole Supervisor: (409) 835-9981
	115.251 (a)(b): The facility provides provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. As stated in GEO policy 5.1.2-A, and facility policy 1702.1, the facility provides multiple internal ways for residents to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Residents are informed in the
	PREA Education Manual for Residents, and on the Resident Reporting options poster indicates residents can Inform a Staff Member Immediately
	Contact the Facility PREA Compliance Manager.
	If you do not feel comfortable informing a staff member in person or in writing, you or a third party can report anonymously.
	RAINN National Hotline Network 1-(800) 656-4673 (Advocates available 24 hours, 7 days a week)
	Rape & Crisis Center of Southeast Texas, Inc: (409) 832-6530 1 (800) 793-227
	TDCJ Hotline 800-535-0283
	TDCJ- Parole Division Ombudsman: (512) 406-5795
	TDCJ- Parole Division, Beaumont Office Parole Supervisor: (409) 835-9981
	The auditor contacted the RAINNS National Advocacy Hotline, TDCJ Rape Crisis Center of Southeast Texas. RAINN Hotline provided two options. One was to report and allegation as a third party or second to refer resident to a local advocacy program for emotional support.
	115.251 (c): Staff shall accept reports made verbally, anonymously and from third parties. Staff are required to document verbal reports immediately or no longer than the end of their shift. Staff interviewed were aware of this requirement. All allegations of sexual abuse are to be handled in a confidential manner. When interviewed all staff indicated they would accept all call, verbal reports and third party reports and would document and immediately report to their supervisor. GEO training includes staff responsibilities to report all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, staff neglect, or retaliation

115.251 (d): Staff have access to private reporting by calling the Employee Hotline (866-568-5425) or the Corporate PREA Coordinator (561-999-5827). Information for inmate and staff reporting was found on the GEO website (https://www.geogroup.com/prea. Third Party Reporting posters and the Employee Handbook informs employees of their responsibility of reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and their reporting options. Staff carry with them a Sexual Abuse First Responder Card, which has the employee hotline number and the website address for anonymous reporting.

Staff interviewed knew how to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

for making a report.

All resident interviewed were aware of the multiple ways to make reports of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual

harassment. The majority of the resident stated they would tell staff. Each resident stated they had received information on how to report and allegation and knew they were able to contact a third party to make a report on their behalf.

Compliance was determined by testing the telephone system, interviews with residents, staff, unit managers, victim advocates, PREA compliance manager and facility administrator. The center provides multiple ways residents can make allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

115.252 Exhaustion of administrative remedies

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

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

BTC Policy 0805 -1-- Resident Grievance System

PREA Education Manual for Residents

Resident Handbook

PAQ

115.252 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, Sexual Abuse Grievances section and BTC Policy 0805 -1-- Resident Grievance System provides a procedure for residents to submit grievances regarding sexual abuse and the agency has procedures for dealing with these grievances. Instructions on how to file grievances are provided to residents on PREA Education Manual for Residents, Resident Handbook and PREA posters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

115.253 Resident access to outside confidential support services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A

Contract for Services

Resident Orientation PowerPoint

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Orientation

Residents PREA Handbook

PREA flyer

Resident PREA Handbook

MOU with Christus Health Southeast Texas

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Handbook/Flyer

TDCJ Parole Ombudsman

Rape and Suicide Crisis Center

MOU with Spindletop Mental Health

115.253 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A addresses the agency/facility's policies on providing residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. Beaumont Transitional Center enables reasonable communication between the residents and these agencies in a confidential manner.

115.253 (b): The facility has accomplished this with services available from the Rape and Suicide Crisis Center of Southeast Texas. The facility has attempted to obtain a MOU agreement with Rape and Suicide Crisis of Southeast Texas. The attempts were documented through an email chain. The last attempt was made on March 10, 2022. The Rape and Suicide Crisis Center were contacted. They indicated they provide a hotline for residents and would provide emotional support for residents. Resident would be brought to the center for counseling or emotional support, or the facility and center would arrange a time for the resident to call the Crisis Center. TDCJ Parole Ombudsman provides and address for resident to write and request emotional support. When contacted she indicated her office provides emotional support and reporting of sexual abuse. Residents are informed as part of their orientation process that all telephone calls (except properly placed legal calls) are subject to monitoring and recording and that all mail, except for legal mail, is subject to monitoring as well. Telephone calls to the advocacy group are not monitored. Residents PREA Handbook provides a phone number of the advocacy program. The resident may also contact the TDCJ Parole Ombudsman for emotional support by writing them. This information is also posted on the resident bulletin board. The information is posted on the wall and found in the resident PREA handbook. The facility also provides a telephone number and address of RAINNS a national victim advocate and emotional support network. They indicated that they would provide the service free of charge for the resident population. If requested, they would set up a time for the residents to have a private consultation with one of their trained staff. The facility PREA compliance manager indicated she would arrange for the meeting or phone call and showed the auditor private offices that could be utilized by residents and victim emotional support staff. The MOU with Spindletop also provides for mental health and emotional support. Three resident that were interviewed for past victimization were taken to the Spindletop following screening. Two or the resident are continuing to receive monthly meetings with mental health staff and call the center for emotional support on a regular basis. (Resident in the transitions center have personal phones)

115.253 (c): BTC contracts with Christus Hospital to provide emergency medical services and SAFE/SANE examinations. Staff at the hospital indicated the hospital had a SART team that includes and emotional support network if a resident is sexually assaulted.

Compliance was determined by review of the handbook, and interviews with staff at Rape Crisis Center, Spindletop staff, and the facility PREA compliance manager.

115.254	Third party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Policy 5.1.2-A
	Third Party Posters
	Employee PREA cards
	GEO website
	TDCJ Parole Ombudsman Information
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice Website
	115.254 (a) Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-A the agency has established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of individuals in a GEO facility or program. Residents are informed of third party reporting on PREA posters displayed in both English and Spanish.
	The method for third party reporting procedures is made available on the GEO website at http://www.geogroup.com/prea and on Third Party Reporting posters posted in areas visible to visitors and staff. Third-party reports can be made in person, in writing, anonymously or by contacting the agency's PREA Coordinator. Resident can provide family members with the telephone number of the TDCJ Ombudsman to make a third party report.
	In interview with the PREA Compliance Manager, during the past 12 months, there have been no reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment made to the facility by a third party. Residents and staff interviewed were aware of this method of reporting and their requirements to notify and investigate all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

115.261	Staff and agency reporting duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) Staff training Contractor training
	Anonymous Reporting
	Third Party Reporting Posters
	PREA Cards
	Texas Vulnerable Persons
	PAQ
	115.261 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A mandates staff, volunteers and contractors must take all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment seriously and are required to report immediately any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and any retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident, and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. This information is to be reported the Shift Supervisor, the PREA Compliance Manager, or facility executive staff. In interview with random staff, volunteer, and contractors, they knew their reporting duties. Staff receive training on reporting.
	115.261 (b): BTC Policy 0803-1 and training mandates that apart from reporting to designated supervisors, staff are not to reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone. Staff, volunteers and contractors interviewed knew this information is to be kept confidential and knew whom to report allegations.
	115.261 (c)(d): The facility does not house residents under the age of 18. Based on interview with the PREA compliance manager, the facility presently houses vulnerable elderly residents. The PREA compliance manager was aware of the Texas vulnerable persons reporting responsibilities.
	115.261 (e): In interview with the facility administrator and his executive team, the BTC reports all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports to facility investigators and to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. There are staff reporting posters located facility. Staff carry a PREA card with this information for easy reference in making reports.
	According to statement of fact there have been no reports from third parties, contractors or volunteers in the last 12 months. There have been no reports of a vulnerable resident in the past 12 months. Compliance was determined by review of the policies, training curriculum and interviews with random staff, PREA compliance manager, and facility administrator.

Interviews with the Agency PREA coordinator and agency head confirmed that GEO mandates staff, volunteers, and

contracts report all sections of this standard.

115.262	Agency protection duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1 Sexual Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA)
	Customer Notification
	Statement of Fact
	115.262 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A and BTC Policy 0803-1 mandates when the facility learns that an resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the alleged victim. All allegations of sexual abuse are to be handled in a confidential manner and conversations with the victim sensitive, supportive, and nonjudgmental.
	The PAQ indicated in the past 12 months there were no times it was necessary for the facility to take immediate action regarding an resident being in substantial risk of sexual abuse. The facility administrator stated that if it was suspected an resident was at substantial risk of sexual abuse, he would immediately move the resident and investigate. Staff interviewed was aware of their responsibilities if they felt an resident was at risk for sexual abuse. Random staff and shift supervisor indicated the resident that was in imminent danger would be separated from the accuser and would be moved a safe area until it could be investigated and determine if the resident can be placed in another dormitory, if the staff needed to be placed on administrative leave, if the predator needed to be moved off the campus or if the victim needed to be moved pending the investigation. The facility administrator indicted this decision would be made in concert with TDCJ. There has been no incident when a resident was moved to another facility for sexual abuse or sexual harassment due substantial risk.
	Compliance was determined by review of policy and interviews with the GEO agency head, PREA coordinator, facility administrator, random staff and Major.

115.263	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	PAQ
	Statement of Fact
	115.263 (a)-(c): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A and BTC Policy 0803-1 mandates on receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the incident will be reported to the PREA Compliance Manager. The Facility administrator will notify the agency or facility head where the abuse is alleged to have occurred. but no later than 72 hours of receiving the allegation. The PREA Compliance Manager will maintain documentation that notification was made and include all actions taken regarding the incident. Copies of this documentation will be forwarded to the GEO PREA Coordinator.
	115.263 (d): Interview with the facility administrator and PREA compliance manager they indicated along with notification to the sending facility director the facility administrator will notify TDCJ investigative division and will document notification of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and offer to provide whatever services needed by the facility investigator during the investigative process.
	According to the PAQ and statement of fact there have been no allegation of resident being sexually abused while confined at another facility. There was no allegation that a resident was sexually abused while at BTC in which another facility advised BTC. Compliance was determined by review of the policy and interviews with intake staff, PREA compliance manager, agency head, PREA coordinator and facility administrator.

115.264	Staff first responder duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	PREA First Responder Card
	Staff Training
	PAQ
	Statement of Fact
	115.264 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A, BTC Policy 0504-6, and staff training requires that correction staff that are the first responders of a sexual assault shall:
	Separate the alleged victim and abuser,
	Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence,
	Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence.
	Notify the shift supervisor by telephone or in person and tell only those staff need to know in assisting you in carrying out these responsibilities.
	Staff are issued a card that includes steps to take as first responders. All random staff were able to articulate their responsibilities and have received training on preserving and protecting the crime scene.
	115.264 (b): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A, BTC Policy 0803-1 and staff training requires that non correctional staff that are first responders are required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff.
	Several administrative staff with little contact were interviewed and knew their duties and reported they received the training during yearly in service and on reminder training that is sent out by the PREA compliance managers from time to time. There one allegation of sexual abuse that has been made in the last 12 months that was notified in time of the facility to protect the scene and complete a SANE with the resident. The resident refused the examination and was transported to a psychiatric facility by a parent.
	Compliance was determined by review of the policies and training and by interviewing non-contact staff during the onsite audit. As an auditor I randomly tour the administrative areas and ask staff if I could ask them a question. After reminding them that they don't have the answer the questions I ask them, "what would you do if a resident came to you and said he was sexual assaulted." All staff were able to articulate they would follow the above requirements.

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

115.266	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	Statement of Fact
	115.266 (a): GEO policy and facility policy 803-1, verify that GEO would not enter into a collective bargaining agreement or other agreements that would limit the agency's ability to remove an alleged staff sexual abuser from contact with any resident pending the outcome of an investigation. On information provided for review, Beaumont Transitional Center does not have a collective bargaining agreement.
	115.266 (b): In all cases where the alleged abuser is an employee, contractor or a volunteer, there will be no contact between the alleged abuser and the alleged victim pending the outcome of an investigation. The staff member will be reassigned to a post with no resident contact or placed on administrative leave pending completion of the investigation.
	In interview with the Executive Vice President Continuum of Care and Reentry Services (agency head designee), he stated that no collective bargaining agreements for any of GEO's reentry facilities would limit the agency's ability to remove an alleged staff sexual abuser from contact with any resident pending the outcome of an investigation.

115.267	Agency protection against retaliation
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	Protection from Retaliation Logs
	Statement of Fact
	115.267 (a): GEO has as policy to protect residents who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. The policy provides procedures to protect individual in GEO facilities. The PREA compliance manager has been appointed with the responsibility to carry out these procedures.
	1152.267 (b): The GEO procedure states the agency has multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for residents, victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims and emotional support services for residents or staff that fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation are put in place.
	115.267 (c): Residents who allege sexual abuse will be monitored by the PREA Compliance Manager who will meet weekly with the alleged victim beginning the week following the incident and continue monitoring for at least 90 days or longer if there is a continuing need. The Human Resource Manager will monitor conduct and treatment of employees who reported staff misconduct or employee witness who cooperate with these investigations every 30 days for 90 days. Retaliation monitoring of residents is documented on the Protection from Retaliation Log. There were 3 monitoring logs reviewed by the auditor.
	115.267 (d): GEO procedure also requires Monitoring of residents includes periodic status checks. The PREA compliance manager was interview and indicted she would review the monitoring logs on the data base on an ongoing basis and randomly will see the resident during tour to check on his/her status. The retaliation monitor indicated during reviewing the monitor log that not only does she review the expected retaliation such as housing changes, disciplinaries, poor evaluation, she also reviews if the resident is allowed to go on work search passes, is he/she feel they are being chosen for random drug screens and are they still receiving assistant for applying for SSI and referred for perspective employers.
	115.267 (e): Retaliation monitoring may be terminated if it is determined that the allegation was unfounded. The retaliation monitor indicated while the official monitoring would officially end, she would continue to check on the resident for retaliation for making a report.

In interview with the PREA Compliance Manager and the Human Resource Manager and information provided on the Preaudit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months there were no incidents of retaliation that occurred.

Compliance was determined by review of the monitoring logs, agency policy and procedures, investigative files and interviews with the retaliation monitor, agency head, and facility administrator.

115.271 Criminal and administrative agency investigations Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard **Auditor Discussion** The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E- PREA Investigation Procedure **BTC PREA Tracking Log** Report of Investigation Attachment B-Notice of GEO Administrative PREA Investigation Template Notification of Outcome of Allegation PAQ 115.271 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E requires an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at the Beaumont Transitional Center, promptly, thoroughly, and objectively, including third party and anonymous reports. All allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or immediately referred to TDCJ Office of Inspector General for determination of appropriate staff to conduct the investigations. Criminal investigations are transferred to Jefferson County Sheriff's office for investigations. If the nature of the allegation is not criminal OIG will investigate or refer back to the center any allegations that are not criminal in nature. 115.271 (b): The facility has two trained investigators that have completed specialized training in the investigation of sexual abuse allegations. The facility provided documentation of completion of specialized investigative training completed by facility investigators. Two of the investigators were interviewed and were extremely knowledgeable regarding conduct investigations in a confinement setting. 115.271 (c): It is the responsibility of investigators to gather and preserve circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data. Investigators will interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators and witnesses and review prior reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator. 115.271 (d): When the quality of evidence supports criminal prosecution, the agency or Jefferson County Sheriff's office will conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors.

- 115.271 (e): The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as a resident or staff. A resident who alleges sexual abuse is not required to submit to a polygraph examination.
- 115.271 (f): The administrative investigation will include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse. The administrative investigation shall be documented in a written report and include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments and investigative facts and findings.
- 115.271 (g): A criminal investigation shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial and documentary evidence. The facility shall request a copy of completed investigative reports from the TDCJ and Jefferson County Sheriff's office. Allegations are tracked on the PREA Tracking Log.
- 115.271 (h): Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred to Jefferson County Sheriff's office for investigations and criminal prosecution. On information reported on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and in interview with facility investigators, since the last PREA audit there no allegations of sexual abuse referred for prosecution. Criminal investigations are conducted by the Jefferson County Sheriff's office abuse investigators. If an allegation involves staff, notification is made to GEO's Office of Professional Responsibility for investigation. There was one allegation of sexual harassment that was referred to GEO OPR for investigation which was not criminal in nature.
- 115.271 (i): The agency will retain all written reports as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.
- 115.271 (j): The departure of an alleged abuser or victim from employment or control of the facility or agency, shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation
- 115.271 (I): When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse allegations, the facility will cooperate with investigators and will try to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. In interview with the PREA Coordinator, she reported that facilities are required to check in with outside investigators at a minimum of every 30 days and document that contact was

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

In interview with facility investigators, they were knowledgeable of their responsibilities of conducting administrative investigations of all allegations received and knew when to refer allegations that appear to be criminal investigation. The facility utilizes facility investigators and TDCJ Parole OIG to conduct investigations. Each administrative report include staff action a lack of action, barrier, and staffing at the time of the incident.

Since many of the residents at BTC are on parole status awaiting an appropriate housing plan the center reports all allegations to the TDCJ regional Parole supervisor and to the TDCJ on site monitor. On one incident the resident claim he was forced to provide oral sex and went to the hospital for a SANE. During the SANE the resident refused the examination and was transported to a psychiatric hospital by a parent.

Compliance was determined by review of investigations and interviews with agency head, PREA coordinator, Facility Administrator, OIG staff and facility investigators.

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

115.273	Reporting to residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	Notice of Outcome of Investigations
	115.273 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-E, and BTC Policy 0803-1 indicate that following an investigation of sexual abuse of a resident, the resident shall be informed in writing as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. The PREA Compliance Manager is responsible for preparing the Notification of Outcome of Allegation form and presenting it to the alleged victim for his signature. The resident receives a copy of the form, and a copy is forwarded to the PREA Coordinator office.
	115.273 (b): According to policy and PREA compliance manager if the facility did not conduct the investigation, the facility shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident.
	115.273 (c): GEO policy requires following a resident's allegation that an employee has committed sexual abuse against the resident; the facility is required to inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation. The resident is to be informed if the staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit, if the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
	115.273 (d): GEO policy and procedure requires following an resident's allegation that he has been sexually abused by another resident, the agency will inform the alleged victim if the alleged abuser has been indicated on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or if the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
	115.273 (e): All Notification of Outcome of Allegation or attempted notifications are documented and filed in the corresponding investigative file. There were 2 notifications during the last 12 months. In both incidents the resident had discharges from the TDCJ. GEO makes notification on allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The notification letters and date of resident discharged were provided to the auditor during the onsite audit.
	Compliance was determined by review of the agency and facility policy and interviews with PREA compliance managers, investigators, and facility administrator.

115.276	Disciplinary sanctions for staff
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	Employee Handbook
	Staff Discipline SOF
	Reports to Law Enforcement SOF
	115.276 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A establishes the standard that employees shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse policy.
	115.276 (b): Based on GEO policy termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.
	115.276 (c): Based on GEO policy and facility administrator and human resources staff disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the act committed, the staff member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.
	115.276 (d): All terminations for violations of the agency's policies on sexual abuse and sexual harassment, or resignations, shall be reported to law enforcement and licensing agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal.
	In interview with the facility administrator and in information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, in the past 12 months, no staff member was terminated or received any adverse action due regarding a PREA violation. There were no substantiated cases of staff-on-inmate sexual abuse. Staff training includes personnel policies involving violation of PREA standards or having any sexual activity with residents. In interviews with staff at BTC it was obvious that staff training includes setting appropriate boundaries with residents and to provide an atmosphere that foster respect and support to staff. Resident interviewed discussed they feel safe and supportive by staff.

115.277	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following polices, directives and documentation was reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	Statement of Fact
	115.277 (a): Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse/sexual harassment would be prohibited from contact with residents and would be reported to the appropriate investigator and law enforcement or relevant professional
	licensing/certifying bodies unless the activity was clearly not criminal in nature. Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse even though it was not criminal will be reported to professional licensing/certifying bodies.
	115.277 (b): In cases that were not criminal in nature, the facility would take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents.
	During the previous audit cycle, there were no incident where a contractor or volunteer was accused of, suspected, or found guilty of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at BTC. Compliance was determined by review of the volunteer and contractor training and statement acknowledging violation of PREA standards. Also interviews with a contractor, PREA compliance manger and facility administrator confirm compliance with this standard.

115.278	Disciplinary sanctions for residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E
	GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 803-1
	Statement of Fact
	Resident Handbook – Prohibited Act
	Posters located throughout the facility
	115.278 (a): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-E, and facility policy 803-1, if a resident is found guilty of engaging in sexual abuse involving another resident, either through administrative or criminal investigations, the resident will be subject to formal disciplinary sanctions. The Resident Program Handbook outlines violations a resident will be disciplined for and the sanctions to be imposed.
	115.278 (b): Sanctions will be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories.
	115.278 (c): Based on GEO policy 5.1.2-E, the disciplinary process may consider whether an individual's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.
	115.278 (d): If the facility offers counseling or other interventions designed to address the reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider requiring the offending individual to participate. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will determine if the resident will be required to participate in counseling or other interventions designed to address the reasons or motivations for the abuse.
	115.278 (e): Disciplining a resident for sexual contact with an employee is prohibited unless it is found that the employee did not consent to the contact.
	115.278 (f): A report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.
	115.278 (g): The agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents. Facilities may not deem that sexual activity between residents is sexual abuse unless it is determined that the activity was coerced. In information provided on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and in interview with the Facility Director, in the past 12 months there were no disciplinary sanctions imposed for residents violating the sexual abuse policies. Resident that have consensual sex are subject to disciplinary for violation of facility policy for not allow consensual sex, however it would not be considered a PREA violation.
	Compliance was determined by review of the facility and GEO policy, review of the conduct of sexual activity, review of incident reports and interviews with the investigator, PREA compliance manager and facility administrator.

115.282 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

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

GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-E

GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A

BTC Policy 0803 - 1

Statement of Fact

Posters located

Coordinated Response Plan

Victim Advocacy Posting English/ Spanish

MOU Christus Health of Southeast Texas

MOU with Spindletop Mental Health Center

115.282 (a): GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A, and BTC coordinated response plan provide a procedure for Victims of sexual abuse to receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. Following a reported PREA allegation, resident would be transported to Christus Health of Southeast Texas for medical treatment and a SANE provided by a trained SANE staff. The Christus Health of Southeast Texas has a SART program, and the resident would be provided the services of the Sexual Abuse Response Team. A Resident Referral Verification form will be utilized to document the offer that onsite or offsite mental health services was made to the resident victim. The referral forms are forwarded to TDCJ who approves the referral, except in emergency situations. The facility has an agreement with Rape and Suicide Crisis Center. The agreement states the Rape and Suicide Crisis Center will provide trained specialist to help identify and prioritize the needs of the victim, and connect them with helpful resources; provide information informing the victim of their rights under the law, and referrals for legal consultation and representation when ready; provide the victim with a support advocate to accompany them during medical exams, legal and or court appointments; and provide confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse consistent with those that are provided to the community. The center has a MOU with Spindletop Mental Health Service to provide mental health services. There was documentation of residents that reported referred for counseling services through the Victim Advocate Referral form and the Emergency Activity Sheet

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

115.282 (c): Resident victims are offered prophylactics for sexually transmitted infections in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate by staff at the Christus Hospital. Medical staff at the hospital indicated that is part of the SANE process and she would follow up when the resident returns to the facility.

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

Compliance was determined by review of the coordinated response plan, MOU with Christus Health of Southeast Texas, and agreement with the Rape and Suicide Crisis Center. Compliance was also determined by interviews with first responders, random staff, PREA compliance manager and facility administrator. The facility provided a statement of fact that there has been one allegation of sexual assault that required a SANE during the last PREA cycle. The resident was transported for the examination but refused services and was pick up by his parent prior to the SANE.

115.283 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard **Auditor Discussion** The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A BTC Policy 0803-1 Healthcare Charges SOF Resident Handbook MOU Christus Health of Southeast Texas MOU with Spindletop Mental Health Center 115.283 (a): Residents in need of medical treatment can make appointments with local doctors and utilize the hospital's emergency room. If there is a medical emergency, 911 would be called. The resident would be transported by the EMS with staff escort. Non-emergency incidents may be transferred by facility staff. Medications are stored and given to residents by the Nurse that reports to the facility. Residents are allowed to have approved keep-on-person medications. Mental health, drug abuse, and sex resident treatment services are provided through local outside agencies. 115.283 (b): According to GEO policy 5.1.2-and facility policy 0803-1, the evaluation and treatment will include follow-up services, treatment plans and referrals for continued care upon transfer or release. 115.283 (c): According to the Spindletop Mental Health Center and Christus Health of Southeast Texas medical staff and mental health care provided is consistent with the community level of care. 115.283 (d-e): Christus Health of Southeast Texas has a SART program and female are offered pregnancy tests and comprehensive information about, and timely access to, all lawful pregnancy-related medical services. 115.283 (f): Resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated will be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate. 115.283 (g): All services will be provided without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident. 115.283 (h): The facility attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offers treatment when deemed appropriate. On information provided by the PREA Compliance Manager, in the past 12 months, there were no residents who required ongoing medical or mental health treatment due to being victimized by sexual abuse. There are two resident that is receiving mental health services from Spindletop for sexual victimization and domestic abuse prior to incarceration. Compliance was determined by review of the GEO policy, interviews with medical and mental health staff at Christus Health of Southeast Texas and the Spindletop Mental Health Center

115.286 Sexual abuse incident reviews Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard **Auditor Discussion Auditor Discussion** The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard: GEO Corporate Policy 5.1.2-A BTC Policy 0803-1 Report of Investigation After Action Reviews PAO 115.286 (a-b): GEO policy 5.1.2-A, requires facility to conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation in which the allegation has been determined to be substantiated or unsubstantiated within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. At the time of the PAQ there was one allegation of sexual abuse in the twelve months that required an Incident Review Team Meeting. GEO has developed a data base that includes all areas of an investigation to ensure compliance with the Investigative standards. The Incident Review Team (After Action Report) is required before the case is closed in GEO data base. The office if the GEO coordinator reviews all investigations for accuracy, thoroughness, and if the investigative files include retaliation monitoring and after-action report. The PREA coordinator or her staff are notified of the date and time of the after-action report and can be a member is they feel there were some PREA concerns such as barriers, staffing, or staff neglect that needs to referred to OPR. 115.286 (c): The Incident Review Committee consists of the facility administrator, Chief of Security, PREA Compliance Manager, Lead Investigator, Unit Manager, Classification Supervisor and the nurse, and the PREA Coordinator office may attend via telephone or in person. 115.286 (d): The team considers whether the incident was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, perceived status or gang affiliation. The team examines the area where the incident was alleged to have occurred and assesses whether physical barriers in the area may have contributed to the abuse, whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented and whether the staffing levels at the time of the incident were adequate. 115.286 (e): The facility will implement the recommendations for improvement or documents the reasons for not doing so. The facility provided an after-action report. It contained all of the components of this standard. When interviewed, the members of the incident review team knew their responsibilities as they relate to the review of sexual abuse incidents. The

facility does after action reports on Sexual harassment when substantiated.

Exceed compliance was determined by agency and facility policies, GEO investigative data base which mandates after action reports on all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment if the allegation has been determined to be unsubstantiated or substantiated. Also, a review of an after action report and interviews with member of the Incident Review Team and PREA coordinator.

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

115.288	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate PREA Procedure 5.1.2-A
	GEO Annual PREA Data Report
	TDCJ Annual PREA Data Report
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	115.288 (a): GEO reviews all of the data collected from all of its facilities and aggregates that data annually to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training by identifying problem areas, taking corrective action on an ongoing basis and preparing an annual report of its findings. This information is provided in the annual report.
	115.288 (b): The PREA Coordinator reviews the data collected and the annual report includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
	115.288 (c): The PREA Coordinator forwards the annual report to the Senior Vice President of GEO Care and to the Senior Vice President, US and International Operations for their signatures and approval. The report is made public on the GEO website at https://www.geogroup.com/prea.
	115.288 (d): Before making aggregated sexual abuse data public, all personal identifiers are redacted as stated on the last page of GEO's annual report.
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice annual reports and GEO annual reports were reviewed. There were no recommendations for improvement in 2019-2022. In the 2020 report there were no allegation of sexual abuse involving staff on residents. There were five allegation of sexual abuse involving resident on resident. Three were unsubstantiated and two were unfounded. The were not recommendation for improvements or corrective action plans due to the reviews.
	Exceed compliance of this standards was determined by reviewing annual reports for TDCJ and GEO, review the facility policy and interviews with the PREA coordinator and PREA compliance manager. The GEO annual report provides more information than is required and at the same time provides the person reviewing the report a detailed look at PREA in action in GEO facilities.

115.289	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO Corporate PREA Procedure 5.1.2-A
	BTC Policy 0803-1
	GEO Annual PREA Data Report
	TDCJ Annual PREA Data Report
	115.289 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2-A ensures that data collected are securely retained for at least 10 years according to GEO policy 1.1.7-A
	115.289 (b): GEO makes all aggregated sexual abuse data from all its facilities made public annually on their website at https://www,geogroup.com/prea. A review of the website confirmed that the agency has PREA reports from 2017 until 2021 uploaded in the above website.
	115.289 (c): Before making aggregated sexual abuse data public, GEO removes all personal identifiers.
	115.289 (d): Corporate Policy: 5.1.2-A Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program (PREA) for Adult Prison and Jail and Adult Community Confinement Facilities ensures that data collected are securely retained for at least 10 years.
	Compliance was determined by review of three (3) annual report, corporate policy and interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator.

115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following policies, directives and documentation were reviewed in formulating compliance with this standard:
	GEO policy 5.1.2-C
	PREA Audit Postings
	115.401 (a): GEO policy 5.1.2- require during the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and each three-year period thereafter, GEO's Contract Compliance Department ensures that a PREA auditor who has been certified through the Department of Justice audits each facility at least once. The initial PREA audit of BTC was conducted May 2016 by a DOJ certified PREA auditor. The second audit was conducted in June 2019 by a DOJ Certified auditor. This is the third audit of this facility and is being conducted by a certified PREA auditor. This auditor's recertification was effective January 1, 2022.
	This is the third certification or recertification of this auditor.
	115.401 (b): According to GEO's PREA Coordinator and the annual PREA report, during the three-year period beginning on August 20, 2013, GEO ensured that each of its facilities were audited at least once and continues to ensure that its facilities are audited every three years. During the last cycle many audits were scheduled, rescheduled, and postponed due to the pandemic. However, each facility was audited during the last 3 year cycle. This is the third year of this cycle. According to GEO coordinator all facilities are scheduled to be audited during this cycle.
	115.401 (h): During the audit, I was allowed access to all areas of Beaumont Transitional Center. I was allowed to visit areas throughout the facility during the official tour and additional visits to different areas of the facility while interviewing and observing camera locations.
	115.401 (i): I requested personnel files, resident files, training records, investigation files, logbooks, and pertinent forms utilized to carry out the requirement of the audit process. Each document was provided in a timely basis.
	115.401 (m): I interviewed all staff on duty on the for the first 24 hours of the audit. and random sample of resident during the onsite audit. No resident declined to be interviewed and the facility did not prohibit me from interviewing residents selected for interview. Interviews were conducted in a private area of the facility.
	115.401 (n): Posting were displayed throughout the facility with the name and address of the PREA auditor. The auditor did

not receive any correspondences from residents. The information was posted on March 9, 2022.

115.403	Audit contents and findings
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The agency maintains all PREA related Policies on its website including third party reporting, staff reporting, investigation of allegations and all previous PREA audits. The audit reviewed the reports for 2016 and 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

115.252 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.252 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.253 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support services	
115.253 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support services Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving residents mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
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115.261 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	yes
115.261 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, do staff always refrain from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
115.261 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.261 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, does the agency report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.261 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?	yes
115.262 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?	yes
115.263 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?	yes
115.263 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes
115.263 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.263 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?	yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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