



RIVERSIDE HOUSE

Guiding offenders to become productive citizens

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Riverside Christian Ministries, Inc. D/B/A Riverside House 2023 PREA ANNUAL REPORT
(In accordance with 28 CFR §115.288)

POLICY

Riverside House PREA policy establishes zero tolerance for sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment. The PREA policy provides guidelines for the prevention, detection, response, investigation, and tracking of allegations against Riverside House residents. A further purpose of the PREA policy is to provide guidelines for successful community re-entry of residents. Riverside House strives to maintain a culture of safe and confidential reporting for both residents and staff.

METHOD

The monitoring of PREA compliance is a part of the Riverside House Quality Control Plan. The internal PREA Audit for Riverside House has been on-going since it passed the DOJ PREA audit in 2019.

ASSESSMENT

For this reporting period Riverside House registered 2 allegations of sexual harassment. Of the allegations one was unfounded, and one was unsubstantiated. In the prior period there were zero incidences of sexual related incidents.

Riverside House employs 3-trained PREA investigators to ensure timely and quality responses to all allegations.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

We continue to review the outcomes of all our sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations to determine if the facility must make changes to provide a safer residential environment.

In 2023, both of our investigations were resident vs resident, and there was no staff involvement. We also determined there were no physical barriers that assisted the residents to facilitate the alleged harassment. Therefore, we had no immediate actions to take relative to these allegations.

The agency, however, continues to address sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our resident population by:

- All staff completed 40 hours of the required training in addition to PREA training.
- Primary contractors and volunteers completed PREA training prior to resuming their duties in the facility

... I was a stranger, and ye took me in ... Matthew 25:35



- All residents upon admission are required to watch a PREA video explaining sexual assault/abuse and their rights under PREA and complete a checklist later stored in the resident file.
- Camera system upgrades including blind spot identification
- Room assignments are selected based on past known victim identification to provide additional safety and oversight of at-risk individuals
- Implemented a Kiosk for residents to have direct communication of complaints or suggestions to the CEO

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Riverside House has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jackson Memorial Hospital, specifically the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center. It is hospital based and staffed with SANE-trained (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners), mid-level providers ready to provide comprehensive quality medical treatment. Crisis counseling provided by a team of clinicians, advocates and therapists all sensitivity trained to work with rape victims. Victim Advocates received 30 hours of online training through the "Florida Council Against Sexual Violence Advocacy Core Training". Riverside House and Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center MOU states:

- Making available to a survivor of sexual violence Certified Rape Crisis Advocates as a component of the standard response to a report of sexual abuse and/or a request for help from a survivor of sexual violence.
- Any time that an incident or allegation of sexual abuse is discovered or reported within 1 hour of knowledge of the incident; Riverside House will arrange to transport the victim of sexual abuse to the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center for a forensic medical exam, and to meet with a rape crisis advocate from the center.
- If the incident occurred more than 120 hours prior to the report, Riverside House ensures that the victim receives a medical evaluation and any needed treatment; a mental health evaluation; and contact information for the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center.

SUMMARY

Riverside House continues to progress in addressing sexual abuse and misconduct by continually monitoring all allegations of sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment. Each allegation is investigated by trained investigators and reviewed by management. If any issues or trends are identified, they are immediately addressed. This may include modifications to existing policy, procedures, education, or training, and consideration of physical building limitations and the need for video monitoring equipment.

Approved by:



Cleveland Bell, III President/CEO

2023 PREA ALLEGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Summary of Agency Allegations for the calendar years 2019 - 2023

| Category of Sexual Abuse | | Year | Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse | Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse | Volunteer/Contractor - Resident Sexual Abuse |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Sexual Abuse Allegations | Unfounded | 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Total: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Substantiated | 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Total: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unsubstantiated | 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Total: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Category of Sexual Harassment | | Year | Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment | Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment | Volunteer/Contractor - Resident Sexual Harassment |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Sexual Harassment Allegations | Unfounded | 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2023 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | Total: | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Substantiated | 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Total: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unsubstantiated | 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2023 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | Total: | 0 | 1 | 0 |

DEFINITIONS

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| Substantiated allegation | an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred. |
| Unfounded allegation | an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred. |
| Unsubstantiated allegation | an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final |
| Source: | Definitions provided by PREA Resource Center, Prisons and Jail Standards - 115.5 General definitions https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/implementation/prea-standards/prisons-and-jail-standards |