

The Bottineau County Correctional Center Prison Rape Elimination Act 2024 Annual Report

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In 2003 the Federal Government signed into law the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). This law established a set of standards designed to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment experienced by individuals incarcerated in our nation. This law does not focus solely on prison environments as it includes county jails, juvenile detention centers, confinement center, etc....

As a grade 1 correctional facility in North Dakota, Bottineau County Correctional Center (BCCC) has adopted these standards in preventing, detecting, responding to, and eliminating acts of sexual abuse & sexual harassment in our facility.

BCCC has zero-tolerance for any form of sexual abuse & sexual harassment.

BCCC investigates all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and has provided inmates numerous methods of reporting:

*Verbally tell any staff member

*Write any staff member

* Have a third party make the report by contacting any BCCC staff member in writing or verbally

*Contact a third party by writing or calling (inmates are provided this contact information)

* Call our confidential crime tip line which is accessible by any inmate phone

Any allegations of sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement for investigative purposes. Any person found to engage in a criminal act will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Any staff member found to violate BCCC policy regarding PREA will be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination from employment.

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PREA STATISTICAL DATA FOR 2024

115.89 Data storage, publication and destruction

<u>Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment Allegations</u>

Reported Allegations	N=0	
Substantiated Allegations	0	
Unsubstantiated Allegations	0	
Unfounded Allegations	0	
On-Going Investigations	0	

<u>Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse Allegations</u>

Reported Allegations	N=0	
Substantiated Allegations	0	
Unsubstantiated Allegations	0	
Unfounded Allegations	0	
On-Going Investigations	0	

Staff/Volunteer/Contractor-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment Allegations

Reported Allegations	N=0	
Substantiated Allegations	0	
Unsubstantiated Allegations	0	
Unfounded Allegations	0	
On-Going Investigations	0	

<u>Staff/Volunteer/Contractor-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse Allegations</u>

Reported Allegations	N=0	
Substantiated Allegations	0	
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115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities

- (a)Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred.
- (b) Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.
- (C) The agency shall document that it has provided such notification

Reported allegations pursuant to 115.63

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Definitions:

<u>Substantiated Allegation:</u> Allegation that was investigated and determined to have sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion of guilt.

<u>Unsubstantiated Allegations:</u> Allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

<u>Unfounded Allegation:</u> Allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

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