

PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: Gándara Alternative Options

Facility Type: Juvenile

Date Interim Report Submitted: NA

Date Final Report Submitted: 05/26/2026

Auditor Certification

The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.



No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.



I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.



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Date of Signature: 05/26/2026

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Start Date of On-Site Audit: 04/26/2026

End Date of On-Site Audit: 04/27/2026

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility name: Gándara Alternative Options

Facility physical address: 64 Dulong Circle, Chicopee, Massachusetts - 01022

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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	12
Current population of facility:	7
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	9
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No
What is the facility's population designation?	Men/boys

Age range of population:	14-21
Facility security levels/resident custody levels:	staff secure
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with residents:	13
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	5
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name of agency:	Gándara Mental Health Center, Inc.
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
Physical Address:	64 Dulong Circle, Chicopee, Massachusetts - 01022
Mailing Address:	
Telephone number:	

Agency Chief Executive Officer Information:

Name:	
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Agency-Wide PREA Coordinator Information

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Facility AUDIT FINDINGS

Summary of Audit Findings

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

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

Number of standards exceeded:

1

- 115.313 - Supervision and monitoring

Number of standards met:

42

Number of standards not met:

0

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION

Please note: Question numbers may not appear sequentially as some questions are omitted from the report and used solely for internal reporting purposes.

GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION

On-site Audit Dates

1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2026-04-26
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2026-04-27

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:	This auditor communicated with a representative from Baystate Hospital to inquire if there was an MOU in place for SANE and SAFE services to conduct forensic examinations. Representative confirmed that there is an active MOU in place. This auditor also communicated with a representative from the Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) to inquire if there is an MOU in place for victim advocate services. She stated that the hospital generally contacts them prior to conducting a forensic exam. This auditor also communicated with the Massachusetts State Police to confirm that there is an MOU in place for conducting criminal investigations. The investigator confirmed that there is a current MOU in place and that they do conduct criminal investigations when required.

AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION

14. Designated facility capacity:	12
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15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	9
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	1
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 on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
23. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:	10
25. 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
26. 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:	4
27. 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

28. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
29. 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
30. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
31. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
32. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
33. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
34. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0

35. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	This facility is all male. The ages ranged from 13 to 16 years. There were Caucasian, African-American, and Hispanic youth. Their length of stay ranged from 6 hours to 11 months. The majority of youth came from the western region in the Springfield area. All residents were in the facility were interviewed.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
36. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	10
37. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	0
38. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	4
39. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	There were male/female; Caucasian/African-American/Hispanic staff members and contractors. Staff ranged from 6 months to 18 years of employment. Line staff were interviewed from all three shifts. Two (2) teachers and one (1) Physician's assistant, who were contractors, were interviewed. Their length of employment ranged from 3 years to 10 years and all three (3) confirmed they received their PREA education at the beginning of the year.

INTERVIEWS

Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews

Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews

40. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:

10

41. 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

42. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?

This facility is all male. The ages ranged from 13 to 16 years. There were Caucasian, African-American, and Hispanic youth. Their length of stay ranged from 6 hours to 11 months. The majority of youth came from the western region in the Springfield area. All residents in the facility were interviewed.

43. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

44. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):

All residents in the facility were interviewed.

Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews

45. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:

5

As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".

47. 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).

This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth with physical disabilities in the facility.

48. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	4
49. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	☒ 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).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth who were visually impaired in the facility.
50. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	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).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth who had hearing impairment in the facility.
51. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	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).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth who were Limited English Proficient in the facility.
52. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	0

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).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth who identified as being gay or bisexual in the facility.
53. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	☒ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. ☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	N/A
54. 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).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth who reported sexual abuse in the facility. The Director of DYS Investigations Unit confirmed there were no sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations made at this facility within the last 12 months.
55. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:	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).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, risk assessments, educational records; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and program director to verify that there were no youth who disclosed prior victimization during screening while at the facility.

56. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	☒ Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. ☐ The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	This auditor reviewed the resident population data, medical records, educational record, risk assessments; and interviewed residents, line staff, teachers, clinical staff, medical staff and Program Director to verify that residents have not been placed or are not placed in isolation at the facility. During the tour of the facility, this auditor did not see isolation rooms/areas.
57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	All identified/targeted residents residing in the facility were interviewed (cognitive and prior disclosure at screening).
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews	
Random Staff Interviews	
58. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	12

59. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	☒ Length of tenure in the facility ☒ Shift assignment ☒ Work assignment ☒ Rank (or equivalent) ☐ Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken) ☐ None
60. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	☒ Yes ☐ No
61. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	There were male/female; Caucasian/African-American/Hispanic staff members. Staff ranged from 6 months to 18 years of employment. Line staff were interviewed from all three shifts. All staff were from the Springfield region of the state.
Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews	
Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.	
62. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	12
63. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	☒ Yes ☐ No
64. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	☒ Yes ☐ No

65. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	☒ Yes ☐ No
66. 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)

67. Select which SPECIALIZED STAFF roles were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Agency contract administrator
- ☒ Intermediate or higher-level facility staff responsible for conducting and documenting unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- ☐ Line staff who supervise youthful inmates (if applicable)
- ☒ Education and program staff who work with youthful inmates (if applicable)
- ☒ Medical staff
- ☒ Mental health staff
- ☐ Non-medical staff involved in cross-gender strip or visual searches
- ☒ Administrative (human resources) staff
- ☐ Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff
- ☒ Investigative staff responsible for conducting administrative investigations
- ☐ Investigative staff responsible for conducting criminal investigations
- ☒ Staff who perform screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness
- ☐ Staff who supervise inmates in segregated housing/residents in isolation
- ☒ Staff on the sexual abuse incident review team
- ☒ Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation
- ☒ First responders, both security and non-security staff
- ☒ Intake staff

	☐ Other
68. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	☐ Yes ☒ No
69. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	☒ Yes ☐ No
a. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS who were interviewed:	3
b. Select which specialized CONTRACTOR role(s) were interviewed as part of this audit from the list below: (select all that apply)	☐ Security/detention ☒ Education/programming ☒ Medical/dental ☐ Food service ☐ Maintenance/construction ☐ Other
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	The specialized staff ranged in employment from 2 months to 10 years. They were male and female; Caucasian and African-American. The interviewed specialized staff were from all departments including administration/Central Office, Investigations Unit, medical, education, and clinical.

SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATION SAMPLING

Site Review

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

71. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Was the site review an active, inquiring process that included the following:

72. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

73. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

74. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

75. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

76. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).	This auditor had access to all areas of the facility. Conducted interviews in a private room. Observed residents in the classrooms and in the housing unit. Had informal conversations with youth and staff in these areas during the tour of the facility. Observed PREA posters, Rape Crisis Center posters, DCF hotline postings, PREA boxes, grievance forms, and these were observed in Spanish and English. Looked at camera placement and did not see any cameras in bathrooms, changing areas, or resident rooms.
Documentation Sampling	
Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.	
77. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?	☒ Yes ☐ No
78. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).	This auditor requested and received documents from the Agency PREA Coordinator who was very responsive to my requests. I reviewed the Staffing Plan, Institutional Plan, staff training records, Unannounced Rounds forms, housing log book, resident education acknowledgment forms, risk assessments, 6-month reassessment, MOUs, training records, Volunteer/Contractor PREA Acknowledgment Training Form; and staff background checks.

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review

85. Enter the total number of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/ sampled:

0

a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files:	There were no sexual abuse allegations made during the past 12 months. This was confirmed during interviews with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit, Agency PREA Coordinator, and DCF Investigator; thus there were no investigative reports to review.
86. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files	
87. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
88. 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)
89. 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)
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files	
90. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0

91. 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)
92. 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)
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review	
93. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files:	There were no sexual harassment allegations made during the past 12 months. This was confirmed during interviews with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit, Agency PREA Coordinator, and DCF Investigator; thus there were no investigative reports to review.
94. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files	
95. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0

96. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
97. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files	
98. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
99. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
100. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

101. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.	There were no sexual abuse or sexual harassment allegations made during the past 12 months. This was confirmed during interviews with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit, Agency PREA Coordinator, and DCF Investigator; thus there were no investigative reports to review.
SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION	
DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff	
102. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the 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	
103. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.	☐ Yes ☒ No
AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION	
108. Who paid you to conduct this audit?	☒ 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) ☐ A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm) ☐ 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.

115.311	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS) Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) is committed to the prevention and elimination of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within their facility/facilities through compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. DYS is committed to the equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the agency's effort to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary sanctions for staff and youth perpetrators and/or criminal prosecution as authorities deem appropriate. This policy contains the necessary definitions, sanctions, and descriptions of the agency strategies and with residents, staff, volunteers, and contractors. DYS has a designated Agency PREA Coordinator who reports directly to the Senior Director of Residential Operations. The Agency PREA Coordinator oversees twenty-one (21) Facility PREA Compliance Managers. This auditor reviewed the Agency Organizational Chart, confirmed the Agency PREA Coordinator's position, and noted that she reports directly to the Senior Director of Residential Operations for any

	PREA related issues within the agency. She is knowledgeable of the PREA standards and has stated that she is committed to PREA and implementing PREA in both facilities. The Agency PREA Coordinator also reported that she has the support needed and sufficient time to develop, implement, and oversee the agency's efforts towards PREA compliance in both agency facilities and to fulfill the PREA responsibilities. She was interviewed by this auditor on April 26, 2026. Gandara Alternative Options has a designated Facility PREA Compliance Manager. His official title is Program Director of Gandara Alternative Options. The Facility PREA Compliance Manager has served in this role for approximately one (1) year and is knowledgeable of the PREA standards. This is his first PREA audit as the Facility PREA Compliance Manager. He was interviewed by this auditor during the on-site portion of this audit on April 26, 2026 and stated he has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • DYS Policy 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Agency and Facility Organizational Charts • Pre-audit Questionnaire Interviews: • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Program Director
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115.312	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion Gandara Alternative Options does not contract for the confinement of its residents with other private agencies/entities. This was confirmed during interview with the Regional Director. As a result of Gandara Alternative Options not contracting for the confinement of its residents with other agencies/entities, there were no contracts for this auditor to review. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Pre-Audit Questionnaire

	Interviews: • Interview with Regional Director • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager
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115.313	Supervision and monitoring
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) requires the facility to develop, implement and document a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and where applicable, video monitoring to protect youth against sexual abuse. The Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan was reviewed by the Program Director on November 5, 2025. This plan is reviewed on an annual basis but assessed on a regular basis. In determining adequate staffing levels and the need for video monitoring, facilities must take into consideration: 1. Generally accepted juvenile detention and correctional/secure residential practices; 2. Any judicial findings of inadequacy; 3. Any findings of inadequacy from federal investigative agencies; 4. Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies; 5. All components of the facility’s physical plant (including “blind spots” and/or areas where staff or youth may be isolated); 6. Composition of the different facilities; 7. Number and placements of supervisory staff; 8. Programs occurring on each shift; 9. Relevant laws, regulations, and standards; 10. Prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse; and 11. Minimum staff to youth ratios must be 1 to 8 during waking hour and 1 to 16 during sleeping hours. Any deviations from the plan due to limited and discrete exigent circumstances must be documented on the Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan. Only security staff must be included in those reports. There were ten (10) residents residing at Gandara Alternative Options during the on-site portion of this audit. The average daily population at these facilities during the past twelve (12) months has been nine (9) residents. The annual Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan at Gandara Alternative Options

addresses the facility staffing plan and requirements. The plan is reviewed on an annual basis and was reviewed by the Agency PREA Coordinator. The facility is currently budgeted for seventeen (17) direct care staff; thirteen (13) positions are currently filled.

The Gandara Alternative Options facility is equipped with twenty-seven (27) video surveillance cameras (16 indoor cameras and 11 outdoor cameras); Recordings from these devices remain on a secure server for approximately thirty (30) days.

There were two (2) workstations and two (2) monitors in the facility. In addition, the Program Director has access to the video surveillance system on his computer in his office which can be viewed and/or reviewed at any point during the day.

Video from all major incidents is reviewed by the Program Director and retained on a flash drive. It was noted during interview with the Program Director that random video surveillance is reviewed on a weekly basis by the Supervisors at Gandara Alternative Options. It was noted that the video surveillance system was installed in 2015 and updated in 2019 and then updated again on September 17, 2025.

Interview the Program Director confirmed the video surveillance system is inspected on an annual basis.

b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states “minimum staff to youth ratios must be 1 to 8 during waking hours and 1 to 16 during sleeping hours. Any deviations from the plan due to limited and discrete exigent circumstances must be documented on the Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan.”

This auditor observed staffing ratios of 1:2 during the on-site portion of the audit. This exceeds the standard during program hours.

The Program Director reported that there have been no deviations from the staffing plan during the past 12 months. They also reported that in the event administrative staff at Gandara Alternative Options feel staffing ratios cannot be maintained during an upcoming shift, staff would be held over and paid overtime to meet the ratios.

Interviews with the Program Director and Facility PREA Compliance Manager revealed that staffing is monitored shift to shift by the Facility Director and Assistant Program Director and that adjustments are made as needed to ensure the ratios are met. Staff schedules and resident rosters were also reviewed by this auditor and confirmed the facility is exceeding minimum ratios daily.

c) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states, “minimum staff to youth ratios must be 1 to 8 during waking hours and 1 to 16 during sleeping hours. Any deviations from the plan due to limited and discrete exigent circumstances must be documented in the Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan and is also communicated to the Regional Director and the Program Director.”

The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states the facility runs at a minimum of 1:7 staff to resident ratio during Shift 3 (11:00pm to 7:00am) and a minimum of 1:5 staff to resident ratio during Shift 1 (7:00am to 3:00pm) and Shift 2 (3:00pm to 11:00pm). Gandara Alternative Options’ policy requires 1:3 during live shifts and 1:6 during the overnight shift. Both the DYS and Gandara Alternative Options ratios exceed the requirements for this standard. It was confirmed by this

auditor after reviewing population reports for the past 12 months, staff schedules, and observations made during the tour of the facility that these ratios were being exceeded on a regular basis at the facility. During the on-site portion of the audit, there were a total of ten (10) residents residing at the facility. There have been a minimum four (4) staff assigned to the living unit during Shift 1 and Shift 2, and a minimum of four (4) staff assigned to the living unit during Shift 3 to ensure proper supervision of the residents.

d) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) requires each facility's PREA Compliance Manager to schedule and conduct an annual (or more frequently, as necessary) facility review using the Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan.

A review of the Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan confirmed this plan is reviewed on an annual basis and was reviewed and revised by the Program Director on November 17, 2025. The Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan was also reviewed and approved by the Agency PREA Coordinator March 12, 2026.

e) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states, "A residential member of administration shall conduct and document unannounced rounds, at a minimum of twice each month (one during waking shift and one during sleeping shift) at each facility, to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. All rounds shall be documented in the Unannounced Visit Form, the unit log, and emailed to the Senior Program Director. The Program Director carries a radio during the unannounced rounds to ensure staff are not alerting each other. He also reviews video footage to verify this. Staff is prohibited from alerting other staff members or residents that rounds are occurring."

A review of Unannounced Visit Form and staff interviews confirmed that unannounced rounds are conducted by the Senior Program Director, Program Director, and Assistant Program Director at Gandara Alternative Options. The Program Director who conducted unannounced rounds was interviewed and was able to discuss how they complete the unannounced rounds, assure minimum ratios were being met, and their inspections of the facility are completed. The Program Director said that they enter the facility from various entrances. He said he enters from the front entrance during his overnight unannounced rounds because it is the furthest from the housing unit. Staff cannot hear the door open or close. He said then he just walks onto the housing unit. He said he looks for staff positioning, reads logbooks for accuracy, and notes the tone of the unit. The unannounced rounds are random by selecting different times of day/night and days of the week. This auditor was able to review the Unannounced Visit Forms to confirm that unannounced rounds were being completed minimum of twice per month (one during waking hours and once during sleeping hours) during the past 12 months. Gandara Alternative Options and DYS facilities are required to conduct unannounced rounds—one on each shift, each month. This was verified during interview with the Program Director and review of the Unannounced Rounds Forms by this auditor.

Review of documentation and proof to determine compliance:

	• Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Gandara Alternative Options staff schedules • Unannounced Visit Forms • Resident Roster • 2025 Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan • Residential Staff/Youth Ratios Policy • Locations of video surveillance cameras (interior and exterior) • Tour of the facilities Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Assistant Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with twelve (12) random staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with all residents
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115.315	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a-c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.01.02(a) – Searches in Secure Facilities states that youth may only be searched by staff of the same gender. The facility does not conduct full strip searches. The facility conducts pat searches and clothing searches; the youth is never completely naked. All searches must be conducted with a witness. All residents stated that they have never been subject to a cross-gender pat down search. All staff have received cross gender pat search training, and were trained to conduct the pat searches in a respectful and dignified manner; and staff could candidly discuss the search training policy during their interviews. All random staff that were interviewed confirmed that cross-gender searches do not occur. DYS “Guidelines for Practice with LGBTQI – GMC Youth” prohibits searching youth for the purpose of determining if a youth is Transgender or Intersex. According to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, there were no cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender pat searches during the past twelve (12) months. Staff and residents interviewed supported that cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender pat searches are prohibited and do not occur at Gandara Alternative Options. During interviews, staff could describe what an exigent circumstance would be. During the past 12 months, there have been no cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of residents performed by

medical staff or non-medical staff at Gandara Alternative Options.

Interviews with all residents, Facility PREA Compliance Manager, clinician, and the Program Director confirmed there have been no cross-gender pat searches of residents during the past 12 months at Gandara Alternative Options. All residents stated during their interviews that only male staff conducted pat searches.

Staff interviewed understood what an exigent circumstance would be and that this is the only time they would be permitted to conduct a cross-gender pat search.

Staff interviewed reported that it is against DYS policy to conduct a cross-gender pat search. Staff and residents interviewed confirmed there have been no cross-gender pat searches conducted at Gandara Alternative Options during the past 12 months.

d) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth enables all residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia. There are no cameras in the bathrooms, showers, youth rooms, or anywhere youth are permitted to change their clothes. All youth interviewed acknowledged that they have privacy when showering, using the bathroom, and changing their clothes. All staff interviewed stated that their presence is announced when they enter the housing unit of the opposite gender youth. There are signs at the entrances to the housing unit requiring opposite gender to announce their presence upon entering the unit. All youth interviewed acknowledged that the opposite gender staff announce their presence when entering the housing unit. This auditor observed this practice throughout the facility during the on-site portion of the audit.

e) This provision is no longer applicable.

f) The staff PREA training curriculum includes the searching of residents, including cross-gender pat searches of residents in a professional and respectful manner. All staff are required to participate in and complete these trainings upon hire. Staff interviewed were able to describe these trainings to this auditor and discuss key points covered during the trainings during interviews with this auditor. Staff stated that they receive this training on an annual basis.

According to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, there were no cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender pat searches during the past 12 months. This was confirmed during interviews with the Program Director, Facility PREA Compliance Manager, staff, and residents during the on-site portion of this audit.

Reviewed documentation to confirm compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.01.02(a) – Searches in Secure Facilities
- Massachusetts DYS Policy 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth

	• Staff Training Curriculum • Staff Training Logs • Tour of Facility Interviews: • Interview with the Program Director • Interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with all residents
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115.316	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that all residents that are admitted with disabilities (physical or mental) will be instructed on the facility’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy further states that use of youth-to-youth interpreters is prohibited. The facility has multiple Spanish speaking staff. This auditor received copies of intake material in Spanish. Special Education teachers are available for youth with learning disabilities. A language interpretation service is available for other languages should the need arise. They also provide Braille for the blind residents and a hearing specialist for the deaf residents. This auditor interviewed four (4) cognitively disabled residents during the on-site portion of this audit. These residents confirmed their needs are being met and an intake staff took the time to explain the materials and answered any questions that they had, and anytime they do not comprehend something, they know they can seek assistance from a staff, and they will take the time to review the material they do not understand to ensure they are able to comprehend that material. During an interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager, he noted any disabled resident residing in the facility, receives an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse. It was noted while reviewing the resident roster and resident files with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager that there were four (4) youth residing at the facility during the on-site portion of this audit who had some sort of cognitive disability (including residents identified as Special Education or having a learning disability).

Interview with the Special Education teacher stated that he coordinates each resident's educational plan and goals, and works with the math teacher and ELA teacher twice per week on their educational plans and goals for each resident.

b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states, “Residents, who are limited in English proficiency, shall have equal opportunity to all aspects of DYS’s services.

The PREA brochure is available to residents in both English and Spanish. Both versions of this brochure were reviewed by this auditor prior to the on-site portion of this audit. PREA posters are in the living unit, all common areas, hallways, and the area where family visits take place. These posters are also in both English and Spanish.

There were no limited English proficient residents residing at Gandara Alternative Options during the on-site portion of this audit. Therefore, there were no residents for this auditor to interview. It was also confirmed during an interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager and a review of resident files that there have been no limited English proficient residents admitted into the facility during the past 12 months.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states, “DYS shall not rely 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 a resident’s safety, the performance of first response duties, or the investigation of the resident’s allegations.”

Interviews with staff confirmed that residents are not used as interpreters. In addition, it was confirmed during interviews with staff, the Program Director, and Facility PREA Compliance Manager that there have been no circumstances during the past 12 months at Gandara Alternative Options where resident interpreters, readers, or other types of resident assistants have been used. Staff interviewed all understood there are interpreters and resources available for the residents through the interpreting service. Staff stated that the telephone number for Interpreters and Translators, Inc. is located in the PREA binder along with the Facility Institutional Plan. They said that the binder is located in the staff office. This was observed by this auditor during the tour of the facility. The telephone number for Interpreters and Translators Inc. is also posted on the wall in the staff office. They also provide Braille for the blind residents and a hearing specialist for the deaf residents. There is a MOU with Interpreters and Translators Inc. for interpreting services.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of

	Youth • MOU with Interpreters and Translators Inc. • English and Spanish Reporting Posters • PREA Brochures (English and Spanish) • PREA Binder • Facility Institutional Plan • Tour of the facility Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Clinical Director • Interview with the Special Education teacher • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with four (4) cognitively disabled residents • Interviews with all residents
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115.317	Hiring and promotion decisions
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a-b) Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.05.06(a) - Hiring of Staff (criminal history screening) states, "DYS shall not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents, and shall not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: 1. Has engaged in sexual abuse in prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution. 2. Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force or coercion; or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refused; or 3. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above DYS shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of a contractor, that may have contact with residents." The practice of conducting background checks for all prospective employees prior to employment was confirmed during an interview with a representative from Human

Resource Office as well as reviewing twelve (12) randomly selected employee files. All employee files reviewed by this auditor had the appropriate background checks.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.06(a) – Hiring Staff states, “Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, DYS shall:

1. Perform a criminal offender record information (CORI) at the Criminal History System’s Board (CHSB) including out of state inquiries
2. Perform abuse and neglect records of the Department of Children and Families (DCF)
3. Perform sex offender registry information (SORI) of the Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB)
4. Conduct driving records background checks from the Registry of Motor Vehicles

During the past 12 months, there were eleven (11) employees hired at Gandara Alternative Options who may have contact with residents. This auditor reviewed twelve (12) randomly selected staff files contained in the above-mentioned background information. This was also confirmed during an interview with a representative from the Human Resource Office. In addition, the Agency PREA Coordinator was able to describe the agency’s hiring and promotion process in detail to this auditor.

d) Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.10.01 – Volunteer Services states, “Contractor agencies shall ensure all criminal background checks are conducted and documented prior to service for employees who may have contact with residents. Additionally, background checks will be completed no less than every five years.”

This auditor verified proof of criminal background checks.

During the past 12 months, there were seven (7) contractors (5 teachers, 2 medical staff) approved to enter Gandara Alternative Options to have contact with residents. Three (3) contractors were interviewed (Teaching Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff). During interview with the three (3) contractors (Teaching Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff), they were able to describe the PREA training they received on an annual basis, which included PREA reporting responsibilities, review of the zero-tolerance policy, how to preserve physical evidence, and how to detect signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. They stated that they received their PREA training in February 2026 and March 2026 respectively. This auditor requested and was provided background checks and PREA training records for all contractors to verify compliance with this standard. The Program Director showed this auditor the contents of PREA training for contractors and the acknowledgement form they must sign after receiving and understanding the PREA training as well as the acknowledgement forms signed by the three (3) contractors.

e) Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.05.06 – Hiring of Staff states, “DYS shall conduct all criminal background checks no less than every three years for current

employees.”

Background checks will be completed no less than every three years.

During interviews with a representative from the Human Resource Office and the Agency PREA Coordinator, it was noted that when a person is hired at DYS, their name is entered into the Criminal Offender Record Information at the Criminal History System’s Board. If an employee is arrested, it is their duty to report, and it will show up in the Criminal History System Board. Checks are made to the Department of Children and Families for abuse and neglect every three (3) years for current employees and any employee eligible for promotion. This auditor was able to review twelve (12) randomly selected staff files to confirm the above-mentioned practice has been implemented and is being adhered to.

f) Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.05.06(a) – Hiring of Staff notes applicants are required to report their application for employment any arrests that may impact their ability to work with youth. Applicants are asked if they have had a felony conviction of a sex offense at any time.

g) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(a) – Hiring of Staff states, “Material omission regarding such misconduct or the provision of materially false information shall be grounds for termination.”

This screening process noted above was confirmed during an interview with a representative from the Personnel Office as well as reviewing twelve (12) randomly selected employees background checks. The employment application allows prospective employees to disclose their criminal history prior to a background check being completed.

A representative from the Personnel Office noted that when requested, DYS does provide information on substantiated or 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.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.05.06 (a) – Hiring of Staff
- Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.10.01 – Volunteer Services
- Review of twelve (12) randomly selected staff files
- Review of Contractors Background Checks
- DYS CORI Regulations
- CMR 12.00 et seq
- CORI Clearance Forms
- Contractors’ training records

Interviews:

- Interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator

	• Interview with the Human Resource staff • Interview with Senior Program Director • Interview with Program Director • Interviews with three (3) contractors (Teaching Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff)
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115.318	Upgrades to facilities and technologies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Gandara Alternative Options develops a Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan on an annual basis (updated on November 5, 2025, by the Program Director). Any expansion or modification at Gandara Alternative Options is noted on this plan. The facility's most recent Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan was provided to this auditor prior to the on-site portion of this audit and was confirmed during the interview with the Program Director during the on-site portion of this audit. There have been no expansion or modification projects completed at Gandara Alternative Options since the last PREA audit in 2023. The facility's video surveillance system provides a camera view of every door in the area where youth are permitted as well as doors to enter the area where they are not permitted. The Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan clearly addresses the use of technology to improve the safety of the youth. Through interviews with the Senior Program Director, Agency PREA Coordinator, and the Program Director, it was confirmed that if there are any additional plans for expansion or modifications at Gandara Alternative Options, the agency will take into consideration the possible need to increase video monitoring and to further review monitoring technology to protect residents from sexual abuse. Gandara Alternative Options currently has 27 cameras of which are 16 interior and 11 exterior cameras. The Program Director and the Assistant Program Director have access to the system via their office laptop/computer. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • 2025 Video Surveillance and Staffing Plan • Tour of the facility Interviews:

	• Interview with Senior Program Director • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Program Director
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115.321	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a-b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth addresses the availability of Rape Crisis Centers and DCF Child at Risk Hotline services to youth, that services will be provided to the youth at no cost. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC); and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts State Police were reviewed by this auditor. The MOU clearly stated that the Emergency Department at Baystate Hospital will provide forensic examination conducted by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or other similarly credentialed forensic examiner, collect and maintain the integrity of the evidence collected during the examination for law enforcement. Facility staff does not conduct physical evidence collection of criminal acts or forensic examinations. All staff are trained to preserve incident scenes and measures to prevent evidence from being destroyed. This was confirmed via interviews with staff and Director of DYS Investigations Unit. DYS investigators conduct administrative investigations along with DCF investigators. The Massachusetts State Police conduct criminal investigations. There is a statewide MOU for evidence collection and forensic examinations in place. There were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual assault during this audit period. This was confirmed via interview with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit. c) The Program Director, Facility PREA Compliance Manager, and the Physician’s Assistant stated during their interviews that Baystate Hospital is where a resident would be transported for a forensic examination by a SANE/SAFE. DYS has a Memorandum of Understanding with Baystate Hospital that confirms Baystate Hospital will provide a forensic examination conducted by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner or a similarly credentialed examiner with the patient’s consent. This examiner will collect and maintain the integrity of evidence collected during the examination for law enforcement. Baystate Hospital will also contact Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) to send an advocate. Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states, that DYS “offers residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical

examination, without financial cost, where evidentiary or medically appropriate.”

In reviewing documentation, there were no incidents of sexual abuse at Gandara Alternative Options during the past 12 months that involved penetration and required a resident to be transported to Baystate Hospital for a forensic examination by a SANE/SAFE.

d) The Agency PREA Coordinator provided this auditor with a Memorandum of Agreement with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) that states a victim advocate would be dispatched to Baystate Hospital to provide rape crisis counseling and advocacy services to the victim.

A representative from Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) was interviewed via phone by this auditor and confirmed an advocate would respond to Baystate Hospital to provide rape counseling, emotional support, and advocacy services to any victim of sexual abuse. The representative stated that the hospital would contact them as well as the facility staff.

e) DYS has a Memorandum of Agreement with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) which states an advocate would be contacted to accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews. This advocate would also provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals. This auditor was provided a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) to review prior to the on-site portion of this audit. In addition, this auditor was able to interview a representative from Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) to confirm the services listed in the Memorandum of Agreement are available to any resident victim of sexual abuse at Gandara Alternative Options.

f) DYS investigators and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) conduct sexual abuse and sexual harassment administrative investigations. All alleged incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment which may be criminal in nature are reported to the Massachusetts State Police investigators.

An interview with an investigator/representative from Massachusetts State Police confirmed this agency complies with all PREA investigative standards when completing an investigation at Gandara Alternative Options.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- MOU with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA)
- MOU with Baystate Hospital
- MOU with Massachusetts State Police

Interviews:

	• Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Program Director • Interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit • Interview with representative from Baystate Hospital • Interview with representative from Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) • Interview with investigator/representative from Massachusetts State Police • Interview with Physician's Assistant
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115.322	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that any reports (direct, indirect, third party) received involving sexual abuse and sexual harassment shall be reviewed by the Program Director and either the Facility PREA Compliance Manager or one of the members of the administrative team. It requires that the allegation be reported to DCF Child at Risk Hotline (1-800-792-5200) for administrative investigation. The DYS Director of Investigations will be notified for a DYS investigator to conduct an administrative investigation. Allegations that may be criminal in nature will be referred to the Massachusetts State Police. All DYS staff are mandated reporters of abuse and all staff interviewed were aware of their obligations to report abuse under Massachusetts law. b) As noted in the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c), all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are referred to DCF and DYS for administrative investigation; and Massachusetts State Police for criminal investigation. Interviews with the Senior Program Director, Program Director, and Director of DYS Investigations Unit confirmed that during an open investigation, communication is maintained between DCF and Gandara Alternative Options through telephone calls, emails, and on-site visits. An interview with a representative from DCF also confirmed these statements. Information regarding the referral of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for investigation and other PREA related information is posted on the agency website. PREA related information is also posted in the facility in each living unit, common areas, and visiting areas. These posters were observed by this auditor during the tour of the facility. All allegations are referred to DCF Child at Risk Hotline within 24 hours and are

	documented on an Incident Report. There were no allegations of sexual abuse or harassment during the past 12 months at Gandara Alternative Options. c) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states that the agency shall request the investigating agency conduct investigations in compliance with PREA standards. A representative from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) was contacted and stated her agency completes thorough investigations on each incident and sends a detailed report to the Program Director noting their findings, determinations, and recommendations at the completion of each investigation. The Facility PREA Compliance Manager noted that following the facility receiving an investigative report from the Department of Children and Families indicating an Unsubstantiated or Substantiated determination regarding a sexual abuse investigation, a PREA Abuse Incident Review is conducted by the Incident Review Team and documented by the Program Director. During the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Gandara Alternative Options that was investigated by the facility. This was verified during interview with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • MOU with Massachusetts State Police • MOU with Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care • DYS Website Interviews: • Interview with Senior Program Director • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with representative from the Department of Children and Families • Interview with Director of DYS Investigative Unit • Interview with representative from Massachusetts State Police
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115.331	Employee training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth; Policy 01.05.08 – Sexual Harassment Policy for Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees; and Policy 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth require all employees to receive training that is specific to juveniles and the gender of the population they are working with. Employees must sign an acknowledgement verifying that they understand the training they received.

Current employees must receive this training and receive refresher training annually. This training must include the following critical subjects:

1. The agency's policy on zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual.
2. How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual misconduct prevention, detecting, reporting, and response policy and procedures.
3. Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
4. The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities.
5. Dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.
6. Common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of juvenile victims.
7. How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual misconduct.
8. How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents.
9. How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including those who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual.
10. How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
11. Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent.

All employees receive an initial training through a DYS Power Point presentation. Current employees, who received this training, receive refresher training annually.

All staff interviewed reported that they received initial PREA training/annual refresher on all areas noted in this standard. All staff interviewed were aware of their obligations related to PREA, their obligations as mandated reporters of abuse, their duties as first responders, and the facility protocols related to evidence collection. Interviews with staff members also confirmed they receive the training and understood the material that was covered in the training they received. This auditor was able to review the Training Roster and confirmed they had appropriate staff members signatures and noted if they understood the training they received and completed a post-training test.

b) PREA training is provided specific to the facility annually.

In addition to the above-mentioned trainings, staff also received mandated reporter trainings as per the DYS Mandatory Training Curriculum. Staff were able to discuss their mandated reporter responsibilities as well as their first responder

responsibilities.

During the on-site portion of this audit, it was noted that posters are posted throughout the facility to educate both staff and residents on agency PREA policies. Brochures noting PREA requirements are given to residents, staff, volunteers, and contractors.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states, "Current employees must receive the initial PREA training and refresher training annually." This auditor reviewed training records and confirmed all staff completed the annual trainings/refreshers on a yearly basis. Interviews with staff also confirmed they receive the trainings/refreshers on an annual basis and understood the material that was covered in the trainings/refreshers they received.

d) All staff who successfully completed the annual PREA training must document through employee signature that employees understand the training they have received. This auditor was able to review the Training Roster and confirmed they had the appropriate staff signatures and noted if they understood the training they received.

Interviews with randomly selected staff confirmed they are knowledgeable of PREA. Staff demonstrated their knowledge of PREA, the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth, and the residents' and staff's rights to be free from retaliation for reporting allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment during interviews. Staff were also able to note the appropriate steps they would take to protect residents of imminent sexual abuse as well as their role as a first responder.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Massachusetts DYS Policy 01.05.08 – Sexual Harassment Policy for Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees
- Massachusetts DYS Policy 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- PREA Training Curriculum including DYS Power Point
- Mandated Reporter Curriculum: Recognizing Signs of Child Abuse Curriculum
- Training Roster
- Training files of contractors
- Twelve (12) randomly selected employee files

Interviews:

	• Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts
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115.332	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth pg. 14 states that volunteers and interns who have contact with youth shall receive training on this policy either through Basic Training or on the Volunteer Orientation Training. The PREA training is a review of the DYS PREA Policy. They shall receive instructions regarding facility policy, prohibited contact, prevention, detection, response, and reporting of sexual misconduct prior to assuming responsibilities that include contact with youth. Volunteers, interns, and contractors will receive PREA brochures, and must sign an acknowledgement that they received and understood the training. Gandara Alternative Options reported that there were seven (7) contractors (5 teachers, 2 medical staff) and zero (0) volunteers currently approved to enter the facility. During the past 12 months, there have been seven (7) contractors and zero (0) volunteers approved to enter the facility. During an interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager, it was noted that prior to entering the facility, all volunteers, interns, and contractors receive training on the DYS Policy 01.05.07(c)-Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth through Basic Training or on the Volunteer/Contractor Orientation Training. They also receive an acknowledgement to review and sign off indicating they have received the training and understood it. b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states that DYS shall ensure that all contracting entities have received and understood their responsibilities with respect to prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states that the volunteer and contractor acknowledgement shall be completed; documentation shall be maintained by the Facility PREA Compliance Manager. The Facility PREA Compliance Manager was able to explain the process of educating a volunteer/contractor prior to them entering the facility to ensure they are aware of

	the agency zero-tolerance policy, their duty to report, and the importance of appropriate interactions with the residents. There have been seven (7) contractors approved to enter the facility during the past 12 months. This auditor requested and received signed Volunteer/Contractor Training and Acknowledgement Forms for seven (7) contractors approved to enter Gandara Alternative Options prior to the past 12 months to confirm they received training prior to entering the facility and having contact with residents. During interview with the three (3) contractors (Teaching Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff), they were able to describe the PREA training they received on an annual basis, which included PREA reporting responsibilities, review of the zero-tolerance policy, how to preserve physical evidence, and how to detect signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. They stated that they received their PREA training in February 2026 and March 2026 respectively. This auditor requested and was provided background checks and PREA training records for all contractors to verify compliance with this standard. The Program Director showed this auditor the contents of PREA training for contractors and the acknowledgement form they must sign after receiving and understanding the PREA training as well as the acknowledgement forms signed by the three (3) contractors. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • PREA Brochure for Contractors and Volunteers • Training logs • Signed Training Acknowledgements for Medical Contractors • Educational Signed Training Acknowledgement for all Teachers (Contractors) • Volunteer Orientation Training Curriculum • Contracted employee training records Interviews: • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with three (3) contractors (Training Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff)
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115.333	Resident education
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that all juveniles, upon intake, shall receive verbal and written information about sexual misconduct during their orientation. The information shall address:

1. Their right to have confidential access to their attorney or other legal representation;
2. Their right to have reasonable access to parents or legal guardians;
3. How to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment;
4. The facility's process and procedure for a resident to file a grievance;
5. The facility's process and procedure for accessing the facility's client advocate;
6. How to access outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse (this information shall include mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free numbers of available local, state and/or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations);
7. For individuals being admitted to the facility solely for civil immigration purposes, mailing addresses, telephone numbers (including toll-free hotlines were available) of immigrant service agencies;
8. The extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws;
Information related to the DYS Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c);
9. Information related to the agency's policy against for reporting sexual abuse, sexual harassment or cooperating with an investigation and;
10. Comprehensive education in person:
 - Their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment
 - Their right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or harassment
 - The agency's response policies and procedures for responding to reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment

a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c)-Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth requires that all youth be informed of policy on excessive use of force, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. In addition, within 10 days of intake, DYS shall provide age-appropriate education to residents, either in person or video, about their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and free from retaliation for reporting allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Youth must be provided information concerning prevention, intervention, self-protection, reporting of sexual abuse and the agency's zero tolerance policy.

This auditor was able to review copies of PREA pamphlets. All residents receive these pamphlets upon admission to Gandara Alternative Options. They are available in both English and Spanish. Upon receiving the pamphlets at intake, each resident

signs an acknowledgement form noting they received these pamphlets. This auditor was able to review all resident files to confirm each resident received the PREA education pamphlets and signed an acknowledgement form noting they received the pamphlets. Residents interviewed were knowledgeable of PREA and were able to articulate ways they can report sexual harassment and sexual abuse. In addition, all residents interviewed confirmed they received PREA education during their intake and comprehensive PREA education within the first week of admission. During interviews, all residents were able to explain PREA concepts in their own words, identify multiple reporting avenues (including third party), and articulated their right to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and retaliation. Resident responses reflected comprehension consistent with their age and development level. This auditor reviewed the facility's PREA education curriculum, including the Dialogue Tree, educational pamphlets, and youth acknowledgement forms. Materials were written in plain language and were developmentally appropriate for a juvenile population. The content avoided graphic descriptions and focused on body safety, boundaries, reporting options, and the facility's zero-tolerance policy.

b) Gandara Alternative Options reports there were fifty-nine (59) residents admitted to the facility whose stay was 10 days or longer during the past 12 months. All seventy-four (74) of the residents received comprehensive PREA education following their intake into the facility. The facility delivers comprehensive PREA education to each resident following the intake process (during their first week at the facility).

This education included their right to be free from both sexual abuse and sexual harassment and retaliation for reporting such incidents. This auditor reviewed all resident files of youth currently in placement and confirmed all of the files noted these residents received their comprehensive PREA education within 10 days of being admitted to the facility. All residents interviewed confirmed they received PREA education during their first day of being admitted into the facility, and each resident's file had a signed acknowledgement form noting they received the PREA education on day of admission and comprehensive PREA education on day seven.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) requires youth who are transferred to another facility must receive this information again to the extent that the information from the previous facility differs from their new facility.

In addition, Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states that youth must be informed of the zero-tolerance policy on excessive force, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment.

Intake staff interviewed reported each resident admitted into Gandara Alternative Options receives PREA education during the intake process. They were able to describe reviewing the agency zero tolerance policy and receiving and providing each with PREA pamphlets. The staff member who was interviewed, demonstrated an understanding of how to adapt instructions based on resident age, maturity, and comprehension level. In addition to providing each resident with these pamphlets during intake, a staff completes a comprehensive PREA education session and answers any questions they may have on day seven. This auditor reviewed all

resident files during the on-site portion of this audit and all resident files reviewed contained a signed copy of the acknowledgement form noting the resident received both PREA education at intake and the comprehensive PREA education per policy noted above. The clinician who was interviewed demonstrated an understanding of how to adapt instructions based on the resident's age, maturity, and comprehension level.

All residents interviewed confirmed they received comprehensive PREA education during their intake at the facility. They also acknowledged reviewing and receiving the PREA pamphlets upon intake. During interviews, all residents were able to explain PREA concepts in their own words, identify multiple reporting avenues (including third party), and articulated their right to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and retaliation. Resident responses reflected comprehension consistent with their age and development level. This auditor reviewed the facility's PREA education curriculum, including the Dialogue Tree, educational pamphlets, and youth acknowledgement forms. Materials were written in plain language and were developmentally appropriate for a juvenile population. The content avoided graphic descriptions and focused on body safety, boundaries, reporting options, and the facility's zero-tolerance policy.

d) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states DYS shall provide residents education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who are limited English proficient or otherwise disabled, as well as to residents who have limited reading skills.

Language assistance resources are available through a contracted interpreting service called Interpreters and Translators Inc. They also provide Braille for the blind and a hearing specialist for the deaf. Facilities must not rely upon youth interpreters, youth readers or other types of youth assistants except in limited circumstances where there is an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could jeopardize a youth's safety, the performance of first responder duties subject to section 115.364 of the PREA Juvenile Standards, or the investigation of the youth's allegations. All education and information must be made available in formats accessible to all youth (limited English, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as limited reading skills).

Interviews with Intake staff at Gandara Alternative Options confirmed all PREA education information is communicated orally and in writing and in a language clearly understood by the resident, during the intake process and during the resident's first day at the facility. Language assistance resources are available through a contracted interpreter service. The facility also ensures that key information about PREA is continuously and readily available or visible through posters, the Resident Handbook, and PREA pamphlets in both English and Spanish. This auditor was able to confirm this material was available in both English and Spanish during the tour of the facility and by reviewing the Resident Handbook and PREA pamphlets that all residents receive.

This auditor interviewed four (4) cognitively disabled residents residing at Gandara

Alternative Options during the on-site portion of this audit. These residents confirmed all PREA education materials were explained to them in a language they understood, and the staff took the time to answer any questions they had. There were no limited English proficient residents residing at the facility during the on-site portion of this audit. It was noted there have been no limited-English proficient residents admitted into Gandara Alternative Options during the past 12 months.

e) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states, "receipt of the above (PREA) education and information must be documented for each youth."

All resident intake and comprehensive PREA education are documented on acknowledgment forms. These acknowledgement forms are signed and dated by the resident upon receiving the intake and comprehensive PREA education information and is also signed and dated by the staff who delivered the education.

In addition, each resident receives the PREA education pamphlets and Resident Handbook upon intake into the facility. Each resident signs an acknowledgment form noting they received these pamphlets. These acknowledgement forms are kept in the resident's electronic file called JJEMS (Juvenile Justice Electronic Management System). This auditor was able to review all resident files and each file contained the above-mentioned documentation confirming the resident received the PREA pamphlets during and the comprehensive PREA education within 24 hours of being admitted into the facility.

f) At intake, all residents receive PREA pamphlets and the Resident Handbook.

These pamphlets include information about the agency's zero tolerance policy and reporting information noting ways to report an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. In addition, there were visible posters (in both English and Spanish) in the hallways, all common areas, visiting areas, and in the living unit of the facility that were viewed by this auditor during the on PREA during the first day and provided comprehensive PREA education on the seventh day of admission and on a regular basis during their stay at the facility. All residents interviewed stated they have been educated on PREA during their first day and provided comprehensive PREA education during the first 10 days. Each resident interviewed was knowledgeable of PREA standards and their role in the facility. All residents were also provided with a Resident Handbook that has telephone numbers to report any sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) – Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- PREA Brochures in English and Spanish
- Youth PREA Education Program Curriculum
- Posters for Reporting Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment in English and Spanish
- PREA Education and Comprehensive PREA Education Acknowledgement

	Forms • Resident Handbook • MOU with Interpreters and Translators, Inc. • All youth files Interviews: • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Intake staff • Interview with clinician that provides PREA Education • Interviews with all residents • Interviews with four (4) cognitively disabled residents
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115.334	Specialized training: Investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a) The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is the state entity outside of the agency responsible for the investigation of all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Department of Children and Families has responsibility for investigation of all PREA related allegations and incidents.” b-d) The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is responsible for the investigation of all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at Gandara Alternative Options. A representative from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) was interviewed and confirmed all investigators complete the PREA training. This training covers the topics of interviewing juvenile 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. DYS maintains that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations. There are signed acknowledgment forms with their signatures. In addition, the Agency PREA Coordinator and Program Director were able to confirm all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are referred to Massachusetts State Police for investigation. There were no allegations of sexual harassment during the past 12 months at Gandara Alternative Options. This was verified during interview with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

	- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) -Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation, and Sexual Harassment of Youth - MOU with the Department of Early Education Care Interviews: - Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator - Interview with Program Director - Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit - Interview with representative from the Department of Early Education and Care
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115.335	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) require all full time and part time medical and mental health practitioners who work within DYS facilities shall be trained in no less than: detecting and assessing signs of sexual abuse and harassment; preserving physical evidence of sexual abuse; responding effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and harassment; and how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. There are currently two (2) medical staff and two (2) mental health staff (plus one vacant) employed at Gandara Alternative Options. Training records reviewed by this auditor confirmed all mental health staff at the facility completed the required specialized trainings. Medical and mental health staff confirmed they received the trainings and understood the material specific to their job title. b) Gandara Alternative Options does not conduct forensic examinations. In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse with penetration, forensic examinations are conducted at Baystate Hospital by SANE/SAFE. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in place with Baystate Hospital that confirms Baystate Hospital will provide a forensic rape examination conducted by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or other similarly credentialed examiner. This auditor was provided with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with Baystate Hospital to confirm compliance. c) This auditor received and reviewed medical and mental health staff training records, training certificates, and sign off/acknowledgement forms at DYS. In addition, interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed they had received and understood the specialized trainings they received specific to their job title.

	d) As noted in the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c), mental health staff also receive the PREA training all staff at the facility are required to complete on an annual basis. Medical and mental health staff interviewed were knowledgeable of the PREA standards and their roles regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response at Gandara Alternative Options. This auditor was able to review medical and mental health staff training records to confirm they received and successfully completed the annual PREA training that all staff at Gandara Alternative Options are required to complete. This was also confirmed during interviews with medical and mental health staff at the facility. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation, and Sexual Harassment of Youth • MOU with Baystate Hospital • Employee Training Curriculum • Documentation of PREA Training for Medical and Mental Health Staff Interviews: • Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit • Interview with representative from Baystate Hospital • Interview with Clinical Director • Interview with Physician's Assistant • Interview with clinician
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115.341	Obtaining information from residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth and DYS Policy and Procedures 03.01.04 – Searches in Community Programs address the standards related to screening youth for risk of victimization and abusiveness. These address the use of the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument: Risk of Victimization and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior in that it is administered within seventy-two (72) hours of intake to obtain information about each resident's personal history and behavior to reduce the risk of sexual abuse by or towards a resident, and every six (6) months throughout a resident's placement. The two

practices utilized by DYS far exceed the seventy-two (72) hours allocated to the standard. Youth are administered the "Dialogue Tree" immediately upon admission by intake staff. Within twenty-four (24) hours, but usually the day of admission, clinical staff perform the full screening of youth using the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument.

The policy states that the results of the Vulnerability Assessment (VAI) are utilized when making bed assignments and determining the appropriate level of supervision necessary.

This auditor discussed the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument (VAI) with the clinician who completes the form and the Facility PREA Compliance Manager. The Vulnerability Assessment Instrument (VAI) is completed by a clinician upon intake. Residents are reassessed periodically (a minimum of every 6 months) after the initial screening by clinical staff. All staff interviewed were aware this screening is used to protect residents from sexual abuse while being housed at Gandara Alternative Options.

During the past 12 months, there were one hundred and six (106) residents admitted to Gandara Alternative Options whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or longer. All Gandara Alternative Options residents admitted to the facility were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other residents upon intake by being administered the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument. This auditor was able to confirm the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument is completed upon intake by interviewing a clinician who completes the assessment and by reviewing the database that logs the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager.

Interviews with residents confirmed the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument (VAI) is completed as noted in the above-mentioned policy as all residents interviewed stated they were asked questions when they first arrived as to whether they had ever been sexually abused, if they had any disabilities, or if they were fearful of sexual abuse while at Gandara Alternative Options. All current resident files were reviewed for documentation verifying the risk assessments were being completed as per the above-mentioned policy. All the files reviewed had the above-mentioned screening (VAI) completed within 72 hours of intake and periodically throughout the resident's stay at the facility. This auditor was able to review a six-month reassessment of one (1) current resident who had been there more than six months. Interview with the resident confirmed that he did receive a six-month reassessment by his clinician.

b) The Vulnerability Assessment Instrument (VAI) is an objective screening assessment commonly used to conduct risk assessments of each resident upon admission to the facility and periodically throughout their stay at the facility. The clinician, who completes the VAI, was interviewed and understood how to administer this screening and was aware of its importance in keeping residents safe from sexual abuse. The clinician interviewed was able to explain how he reviews case history notes and behavior records of the resident prior to intake and then

administers the VAI to the resident by completing a one-on-one interview during the intake process.

c) The Vulnerability Assessment Instrument attempts to ascertain information about: prior sexual victimization or abusiveness; any gender non-conforming appearance or manner of identification as lesbian, gay, or bisexual, and whether the youth may therefore be vulnerable to sexual abuse; current charges and offense history; age; level of emotional and cognitive development; physical size and stature; mental illness or mental disabilities; physical disabilities; the youth's own perception of vulnerability; and any other specific information about the individual youth that may indicate needs for heightened supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other youth.

This auditor was able to review the VAI that is used to screen residents at Gandara Alternative Options and confirms this tool captures the information required in this standard. A review of all resident files confirmed the VAI is being completed within 72 hours of intake and periodically throughout the resident's stay at Gandara Alternative Options after the initial screening is completed.

d) Interviews with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager and clinician revealed that clinicians interview each resident face to face upon admission. Each resident is then reassessed periodically throughout their stay by a clinical staff. It was noted that the initial screening is completed during the resident's intake on their first day at the facility (no later than 72 hours after their admission). During an interview, a clinician that completes the VAI also stated he uses case history notes and behavioral record when completing the initial VAI during intake.

e) All completed VAIs are securely kept in a statewide database known as JJEMS (Juvenile Justice Electronic Management System) and the only persons with access are clinicians and administrative staff at Gandara Alternative Options. All pertinent necessary information is recorded and communicated to staff for bedroom assignment or additional supervision purposes only to ensure sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents. During an interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager, this auditor was able to view the database to confirm confidentiality of the documents. In addition, interviews with staff confirmed all pertinent information is communicated to them verbally and via log entries to ensure all staff are aware of any precautions implemented to protect the resident(s) at the facility.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Massachusetts DYS Policy 03.01.04 - Searches in Community Program
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- Vulnerability Assessment Instrument: Risk of Victimization and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior

	• Completed Vulnerability Assessment Instruments for all residents • Six-month Reassessment • Review of resident files Interviews: • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with clinician that performs the screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness • Interviews with all residents • Interview with resident that had a six-month reassessment
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115.342	Placement of residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth, Treatment Plans, and DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth pertain to screening/assessing residents at intake states that a member of the clinical team will obtain information about each resident’s personal history and behavior to reduce the risk of sexual abuse by or to a resident and their behavior will be evaluated throughout their stay. Housing/room decisions for each youth will be based on the risks determined by the intake screen and Assessment Instrument, as well as any information ascertained through conversations during the intake process and medical and mental health screenings with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse. 1. Lesbian, gay, or bisexual residents shall not be placed in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status, nor shall agencies consider lesbian, gay, or bisexual identification or status as an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive. 2. All housing placements will be made with the sole intention of ensuring the resident’s health and safety. Isolation is not practiced and is prohibited by DYS and was not used during the past twelve (12) months. a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 02.02.01(b) – Treatment Plans require

that youth at Gandara Alternative Options are screened for potential vulnerabilities to victimize others with sexually aggressive behavior upon arrival/intake. This screening will be documented using the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument and entered into JJEMS within 72 hours of admission. Living unit and room assignments must be made accordingly.

Interviews with the Program Director and the Clinical Director confirmed the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument is completed by the clinical therapist within 72 hours of intake and bedroom assignments are made accordingly to keep all residents at Gandara Alternative Options free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Both were able to discuss how the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument (VAI) is used to place all residents in appropriate bedroom assignments to ensure residents are kept safe at all times.

A review of the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument (VAI) supported this policy.

Residents confirmed through interviews that screenings are being administered as per policy. Any residents who would be identified as sexually vulnerable from the information noted on the VAI, would have a Safety Plan developed for them and communicated to all staff to keep them safe at Gandara Alternative Options.

b) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.03.01(a) – Involuntary Room Confinement require that residents only be isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of ensuring residents’ safety can be arranged. During any period of isolation, Gandara Alternative Options shall not deny residents daily large muscle exercise and are legally required educational programming or special education services. Residents that are isolated shall receive daily visits from a medical and/or mental health provider. Isolation, as it relates to this standard, is not authorized under DYS Policy and was not used during this audit period. Involuntary room confinements, as isolation referred to in DYS is not authorized for the purposes described in this standard.

It was documented on the PAQ that there were no residents in isolation during the past 12 months at Gandara Alternative Options. Interviews with the Program Director and the Clinical Director confirmed Gandara Alternative Options has not used isolation to protect any resident at risk for sexual victimization during the past 12 months as the use of isolation is prohibited in DYS. During the four of the facility, this auditor did not notice any areas where a resident could be isolated.

c) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth states that lesbian, gay, or bisexual youth shall not be placed in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification, or status, nor shall DYS consider lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive.”

There were no residents residing at Gandara Alternative Options who identified as lesbian, gay, or bisexual during the time of the on-site portion of this audit.

Interviews with the Program Director and Clinical Director confirmed that under no

circumstance would a resident be placed in a specific bedroom based solely on their sexual identification. The Clinical Director stated residents are placed in appropriate bedrooms by using the results from the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument to ensure safety.

d-g) These provisions are no longer applicable.

Interviews with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager and staff confirmed all residents residing in the facility would be given the opportunity to shower separately from the other residents. All staff interviewed stated that all residents in the facility shower separately as only one resident is permitted to use the restroom at a time to shower. Bathroom use is one (1) resident at a time with door closed and staff posted outside. The bathroom includes three (3) sinks, three (3) showers, and three (3) toilets but only one (1) resident is permitted in the bathroom at one time. This was verified during interviews with staff and residents. The bathroom is where all residents change their clothing. This practice was verified by all residents during their interviews.

h-i) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.03.01(a) says that residents may be isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of ensuring residents' safety can be arranged.

- The basis for the facility's concern for the resident's safety;
- The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged."

There were no residents at Gandara Alternative Options who were at risk of sexual victimization held in isolation during the past 12 months. The use of isolation is prohibited by DYS. Therefore, there was no documentation for this auditor to review.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07 (c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation, and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 02.02.01(b) - Treatment Plans
- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.03.01(a) - Involuntary Room Confinement
- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.09 - Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth
- Vulnerability Assessment of all residents
- Housing Log
- Review of all resident files

Interviews:

	• Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Senior Program Director • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with clinician who conducts risk screening • Interviews with all residents
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115.351	Resident reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth has established procedures for allowing multiple internal methods for residents to privately report sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment and/or staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. These methods include but are not limited to: 1. Direct reporting to an employee, educational staff, or contracted entity; 2. Private reporting to a public or private entity, or an office that is not part of the agency; 3. The grievance process; 4. Parents Reporting information is delivered to the residents through the intake process, Resident Handbook, PREA pamphlets, and posters. Numerous posters (in both English and Spanish) were observed throughout the facility by this auditor during the tour. These posters highlighted the various ways residents and staff can report incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Interviews with residents confirmed they were educated on how to report allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, and neglect. All residents interviewed were able to note several ways to report allegations to facility staff, administrative staff, the DCF Child at Risk Hotline, their parents, case workers, or attorneys. b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that DYS shall provide at least one method for residents to report sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of DYS and that is able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of

sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment to DYS officials allowing the resident to remain anonymous upon request. These methods include, but are not limited to:

1. Private reporting to a public or private entity, or an office that is not part of the agency;
2. Staff shall provide residents with access to call the DCF Child at Risk Hotline upon request.

Reporting information is delivered to the residents through the intake process, Resident Handbook, PREA pamphlets (DYS Youth Orientation material), and posters. Numerous posters (in both English and Spanish) were observed throughout the facility by this auditor during the tour. These posters highlighted the various ways residents and staff can report incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

In addition, the pamphlets at Gandara Alternative Options were reviewed by this auditor and they contained telephone numbers and addresses for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to offices outside of the facility. In this case, the pamphlets contain the toll-free telephone numbers and addresses to Rape Crisis Centers, DFC Child at Risk Hotline (1-800-792-5200).

The primary reporting mechanism is to an outside agency, DFC Child at Risk Hotline. This allows for receipt of the report and transmission to the facility anonymously if requested. Prior to the on-site visit, this auditor did a telephone interview with a representative from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and she confirmed the services. This reporting method is posted throughout the facility.

There were no current residents that reported sexual abuse or sexual harassment while at Gandara Alternative Options. There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported to the DCF hotline during the past 12 months.

Most residents interviewed were aware of their right to contact outside agencies including DCF. Residents interviewed also confirmed they received this information through posters in their living unit and around the facility, PREA pamphlets, and PREA education received at intake.

There were no residents placed at Gandara Alternative Options solely for civil immigration purposes. However, during interviews with agency management, it was determined they would provide these residents information on how to contact consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security to report sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states, "Staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties. These reports shall be immediately processed according to child abuse regulations."

Staff interviewed were knowledgeable of the various ways residents and staff can report incidents of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or retaliation. In addition, staff

interviewed stated they would immediately document a verbal report by notifying their supervisor and contacting DCF hotline immediately to report the allegation.

d) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) requires DYS to provide residents with access to tools necessary to create a written report. There shall be grievance forms located in all common areas to allow the residents to create written reports. Grievance forms were observed by this auditor during the tour of the facility by the PREA box located on the housing unit and be the PREA box located in the visiting room.

Youth also have the option of reporting allegations to DCF hotline via their respective toll-free numbers posted on the living unit. Additionally, youth, their families, and the public have the ability to report allegations outside the agency/ facility via the toll-free number for DCF Child at Risk Hotline.

Interviews with residents confirmed they are educated on ways to report allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment upon intake into the facility. In addition, the residents were able to note ways they could report allegations of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and retaliation to DCF Child at Risk Hotline either in writing or by calling the toll-free telephone numbers listed in their Resident Handbook, PREA pamphlets, and on posters throughout the facility. Staff interviewed also understood the ways a resident can privately report allegations of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and retaliation.

e) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states staff shall provide the ability to privately report sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment of residents.

There is a PREA box located in the visiting room for parents to submit forms pertaining to any abuse allegation. Forms are available in English and Spanish. The box is checked on a daily basis. The box is accessible to staff, visitors, and contractors. The PREA boxes were observed by this auditor during tour of the facility. There is a PREA box located on the housing floor as well for residents.

Interviews with staff confirmed they are aware that they are permitted to privately report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All staff interviewed stated they could report the allegation to an administrative staff at the facility or by reporting the allegation to DCF Child at Risk Hotline via the toll-free hotline.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.01 - Youth Grievance Process
- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.04(c) - Residential Visitation Policy Incorporating Family Engagement Principles
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire

	• Resident Handbook in Spanish and English • Mandated Reporter Training Curriculum • Telephone Policy • Posters in facility in English and Spanish • MOU with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with all residents
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115.352	Exhaustion of administrative remedies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a-h) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.01 – Youth Grievance Process complies fully with this standard. There were no incidents of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or retaliation filed using the grievance process in the past twelve (12) months. No grievances by third parties were filed alleging sexual abuse, harassment, or retaliation. The policy requires that grievances can be used to report sexual abuse or harassment, but residents are not required to use a grievance. If they do, they can do so without having to submit or refer to the staff involved in the grievance. Residents cannot be disciplined for filing a grievance. The policy contains all necessary provisions and timelines. I reviewed all resident files, and all contained notification of the grievance process. PREA pamphlets describe various ways a resident can report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Each resident receives a copy of these pamphlets at intake and a clinician/intake worker reviews these pamphlets during the intake process with each resident. The grievance process is not listed as a formal mechanism to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment in either of these pamphlets. All residents interviewed were aware of the grievance procedure. All the resident files reviewed contained notification of the grievance process. In addition, all staff interviewed could describe the steps they would take to protect a resident from imminent sexual abuse. These steps included separating the alleged victim from the alleged aggressor, increasing supervision, contacting their supervisor and documenting the threats in writing.

	There were no grievances filed by third parties alleging sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or retaliation at Gandara Alternative Options during the past 12 months. This was confirmed by reviewing resident files and grievance records with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager during the on-site portion of this audit. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.01 – Youth Grievance Process • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Resident Handbook • Facility grievance records • Grievance form in Spanish and English • Files of all residents Interviews: • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with all residents
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115.353	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth ; DYS Policy an Procedures 03.04.04(c) – Residential Visitation Policy Incorporating Family Engagement Principles state that residents will be provided access to outside support services and legal representation related to sexual abuse, by providing, posting, or otherwise making accessible mailing addresses and telephone numbers of local, state, and/or national victim advocacy organizations. DYS shall enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.” PREA pamphlets contain telephone numbers and addresses for victim advocates from a rape crisis center. All residents receive a copy of these pamphlets at intake. In addition to residents receiving a copy of the above-mentioned pamphlets, there are numerous posters posted around the facility with telephone numbers and

addresses to Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA). This information is available in both English and Spanish and was reviewed by this auditor and noted during the tour of the facility. Gandara Alternative Options also has a Memorandum of Agreement with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA). This Memorandum of Agreement states Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) will provide any victim of sexual abuse a victim advocate.

Interviews with residents confirmed they are educated and aware of the services that are available to them in the event they are a victim of sexual assault at Gandara Alternative Options.

b) Most of the residents interviewed were aware of the services available to them from Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) in the event they are a victim of sexual abuse. Residents interviewed also stated they were educated that any correspondence with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) is confidential and private. In addition, the residents understood the responsibility of the victim advocate to report new information of sexual abuse to the authorities as they are mandated to report that information. Residents noted during interviews this information is provided to them during their intake, is noted in pamphlets they receive during their intake into the facility and is posted throughout the facility. A few residents, during their interview, pointed out the posters with the Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) telephone number.

There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at during the past 12 months. This was verified by the Director of DYS Investigations Unit during his interview.

c) Gandara Alternative Options has a MOU with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) and the services they offer. The MOU was reviewed; and this auditor spoke to a representative via telephone prior to the on-site audit. She confirmed the services offered in MOU.

A Memorandum of Agreement is in place with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) in accordance with this standard. The Memorandum of Agreement confirms each party's responsibilities regarding this standard. The Agency PREA Coordinator and the Facility PREA Compliance Manager both describe this Memorandum of Agreement and the services that are provided by Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) to provide advocacy services to any victims of assault at Gandara Alternative Options.

d) Visitation and contact with legal representation and family members is outlined in the Visitation Policy. Gandara Alternative Options provides residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys and/or legal representation as well as parents or legal guardians. Attorneys can also visit whenever it is convenient for them to do so, and these visits/conversations would be in a private setting. Parents or legal guardians are permitted to visit on a weekly basis and residents also receive telephone calls to family members on a weekly basis. All residents interviewed stated they receive weekly telephone calls to their families and weekly visits (if the family is able to visit). The majority of residents stated that

	they have received visits from their attorney and phone calls. They said that they meet in a private room, and noted that we were conducting our interview in that same private room. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.04(c) – Resident Visitation Policy Incorporating Family Engagement Principles • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Telephone and Visitation Policy • MOU with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) • Resident Handbook • English and Spanish PREA posters in the facility • Resident PREA Brochures Interviews: • Interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with the Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with all residents • Interview with representative from the Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA)
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115.354	Third-party reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth describes multiple methods used to receive third party reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and is posted on the agency’s website to inform the public about reporting resident sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of residents. Third party reports can also be made to any staff, the Program Director, DCF Hotline, attorneys, or parents.

	This auditor was able to review the agency's website and confirm multiple methods to file a third-party report are posted on the website. In addition to being posted on the agency website, multiple methods to file a third-party report are posted in the visiting area of the facility and were observed by this auditor during the tour of the facility. There is a PREA box located in the visiting room for parents, visitors, staff, and contractors. There is a PREA box located on the housing floor, which was observed by this auditor during the tour of the facility, Interviews with residents confirmed they are aware of who third parties are. They were also aware that these individuals can report allegations or incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment on their behalf. All staff interviewed acknowledged that they would accept a third-party report of abuse and respond in the same manner as if they had witnessed the abuse themselves. Staff interviewed noted they would document the allegation and report the allegation to DCF Hotline for investigation. There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment filed by a third party at Gandara Alternative Options during the past 12 months. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • DYS public website • PREA posters • PREA box Interviews: • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts • Interviews with all residents
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115.361	Staff and agency reporting duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that all staff must immediately report any known or suspected act or allegation of sexual misconduct or retaliation to administration. They must treat all reported incidents or prohibited conduct seriously and ensure that known or

suspected acts or allegations of sexual misconduct are reported immediately.

All staff members interviewed were aware that any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, staff neglect, or any violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation, must be reported to DCF Child at Risk Hotline. All staff members interviewed were aware that they must immediately contact their supervisor to report the allegation of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. Interviews with staff members (including medical and mental health staff) confirmed they are aware of their obligations to protect the confidentiality of the information they obtain from a report of sexual abuse.

b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth requires all staff to comply with mandated reporter laws.

All staff interviewed were aware of their responsibility to report any allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to DCF Child at Risk Hotline for investigation.

The staff were able to describe their role as Mandated Reporters to this auditor during the interviews and were aware of the DCF hotline to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states, "Apart from reporting to designated supervisors, and State or local service agencies, all DYS staff are prohibited from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions."

Interviews with staff, including mental health, confirmed they are aware of their obligations to protect the confidentiality of the information they obtained from a report of sexual abuse.

d) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states, "medical and mental health practitioners shall be required to report sexual abuse to designated supervisors and officials, as well as to designated State or local service agencies where required by mandated reporting laws."

Medical and mental health staff interviewed indicated that disclosure is provided to residents regarding the limitation of confidentiality and their duty to report at the initiation of treatment services. In addition, these staff are required to report any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to their direct supervisor immediately upon learning of the allegation. This information is also reported to DCF hotline for investigation. Staff interviewed also discussed completing Mandated Reporter trainings on an annual basis and were able to discuss their role as mandated reporters during interviews.

e) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states, "Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, facility administration shall promptly report the allegation to the DCF Child at Risk Hotline."

All staff interviewed also stated that in addition to reporting the allegation to their direct supervisor; and are required to report the allegation to DCF hotline and document the allegation/incident.

f) All allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, neglect, and retaliation are reported to DCF Child at Risk Hotline for investigation. DCF Child at Risk Hotline will determine if the information meets the requirements to register a report for investigation.

It should be noted: all staff (including medical and mental health staff) are trained to treat third party reports the same as if they witnessed the incident themselves when receiving a report from a third party.

Interviews with the Program Director, Facility PREA Compliance Manager, and staff (including medical and mental health staff) confirmed they are aware of how to report an allegation and were aware all allegations are investigated by DCF, DYS investigators, and State Police. The Program Director and the Facility PREA Compliance Manager were able to describe the reporting process as well as the investigative process once the allegation is referred to DCF Child at Risk Hotline.

There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that was reported during the past twelve (12) months at Gandara Alternative Options. All staff interviewed were aware of their responsibility to report allegations as they are mandated reporters. Interview with the Physician's Assistant stated that a youth disclosed prior sexual abuse which occurred more than five (5) years ago in the community. He said he did call the DCF hotline and they were aware of this allegation. He stated that he had also reported it to the Program Director.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- Training Logs
- PREA posters

Interviews:

- Interview with the Program Director
- Interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager
- Interview with Physician's Assistant
- Interview with clinician
- Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts

115.362	Agency protection duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth addresses the requirements of this standard. The policy and the facility's Institutional Plan require an immediate response should a youth be determined to be at imminent risk of sexual abuse or assault; it shall take immediate action to protect the youth. The Senior Program Director was interviewed regarding the protective action the agency takes when learning that a resident is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. The Senior Program Director reported the agency would ensure steps are taken to remove the risk to the resident which could include separation of the resident from the potential abuser, either by transferring the resident to another facility or making a living unit change if the potential abuser is a staff working at the facility. The staff could also be removed from the living unit, transferred to another program, or placed on administrative leave pending an investigation. The Senior Program Director stressed the safety of the resident is the agency's utmost priority. Staff interviewed stated they would immediately separate the resident at risk from the potential abuser, increase supervision, call for additional staff assistance if needed, and report the incident to their direct supervisor and DCF Child at Risk Hotline. Their direct supervisor would then determine the best course of action to ensure the safety of the resident. In addition, staff interviewed stated they would also document the incident. Interview with the Program Director confirmed staff members would be expected to act immediately to separate the resident at risk from a potential abuser. In addition, they reported a Safety Plan would be developed and implemented to ensure the safety of the resident at risk. The Safety Plan would include increased supervision/monitoring, separation from the potential abuser, and making a room change as necessary. There were no residents that the facility determined were subject to substantial risk of sexual abuse during the past 12 months. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Institutional Plan for Gandara Alternative Options • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • PREA Binder

	Interviews: • Interview with Senior Program Director • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts
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115.363	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that any DYS state or contracted provider, employee, intern, or volunteer in an Alternative LOCKUP Program (ONA), residential or community placement who learns of or suspects alleged sexual boundaries violations, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment within an ONA or residential placement shall immediately report the information to their Program Director and either the Facility PREA Compliance Manager or one of the members from the administrative team where the allegation occurred. Such initial report may be verbal, but the reporter must also complete a written incident report prior to the end of the shift. Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours after receiving the allegation. All allegations will be reported to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Interview with the Program Director confirmed this reporting process and noted that there has not been a report in the last 12 months of any allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment occurring to a resident while in another facility. b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) notes the Program Director of the facility that receives the allegation must notify the Facility Director of the other facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred and must also notify the appropriate investigative agency. Such notifications must be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. Interview with the Program Director confirmed he understood the timeframe to notify the agency/facility where the alleged abuse occurred. After interviewing the Program Director, it was confirmed that Gandara Alternative Options did not receive any allegations that a resident was abused while residing in another facility. c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) notes notifications to the

	facility where the alleged abuse occurred must be documented and reported to the Department of Children and Families. Interview with the Program Director confirmed he would document any notification of alleged abuse using an Incident Report. He also stated an email would also be sent to the Facility Director of the facility where the alleged abuse occurred (after contacting this person by telephone) to provide further documentation. In addition to documenting the allegation, the Program Director noted he would immediately report the allegation of abuse to DCF hotline for investigation. If the allegation occurred in a facility outside of the state, he stated he would contact the proper investigative agency in the state where the allegation occurred. d) The Program Director was able to articulate what his responsibilities would be if he received an allegation from another facility that a resident was sexually abused or sexually harassed while residing at Gandara Alternative Options. He stated he would immediately generate an Incident Report and contact DCF hotline to report the allegation of abuse for investigation. He stated if the alleged abuser was still residing or employed at Gandara Alternative Options, a Safety Plan would be developed immediately to ensure the safety of all residents. The facility did not receive any allegations/notifications from other facilities that a resident was sexually abused or sexually harassed while residing at Gandara Alternative Options during the past 12 months. This was confirmed by this auditor by reviewing Incident Reports that were filed during the past 12 months, and interview with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Incident Reports Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit
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115.364	Staff first responder duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, the first staff member to respond shall act in accordance with the policies. The first staff member to respond to the scene shall be required to:

1. Separate the victim and alleged abuser
2. Preserve and protect the scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence
3. Request that alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, swimming, drinking, or eating
4. Take steps to prevent the alleged abuser from destroying evidence, such as washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating
5. Notify the Program Director or designee and document the incident
6. Transport to Baystate Hospital

There were no allegations that were reported during the past twelve (12) months required first responder actions.

All staff interviewed could articulate the steps they would take as a first responder. Their responses were consistent with the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth.

b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) notes first responder duties for non-security staff are the same as security staff. Non-security staff have been trained appropriately in the above-mentioned duties as a first responder.

Non-security staff interviewed were educated in their role as first responders and were able to articulate exactly what they would be expected to do in the event they were the first responder to an incident of sexual abuse. They stated they would immediately call for assistance so security staff would be able to report to the area of the incident and assist with securing the scene.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire

Interviews:

	• Interview with Program Director • Interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator • Interviews with twelve randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts
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115.365	Coordinated response
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth requires each facility to have an institutional plan for a coordinated response. The plans provide clear and concise directions for response to any alleged PREA violation. Interviews with the Program Director, direct care staff, medical staff, and mental health staff indicated that each is knowledgeable of his/her responsibilities in regard to an incident or allegation of sexual assault. All staff interviewed were aware of their program's Institutional Plan and where to locate the document. This auditor was able to review the Institutional Plan to confirm this document described the role of the administrative staff, direct care staff, medical staff, and mental health staff. The plan is detailed and notes the roles of all staff at Gandara Alternative Options. All staff interviewed were aware of the location of the Facility Institutional Plan, which is kept in the PREA binder in the staff office. This was observed by this auditor during the tour of the facility. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Training Logs • Facility Institutional Plan • PREA Binder Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Physician's Assistant • Interview with clinical staff

	• Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts
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115.366	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.04(d) – Code of Employee Conduct states that effective August 20, 2012 DYS will not enter into or renew any collective bargaining unit agreement that limits the ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted. There have been no new collective bargaining agreements entered into by DYS that would violate this standard. The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.04(d) authorizes DYS to protect youth from contact with alleged abusers up to and including suspending staff without pay. There were no reported allegations of staff sexual misconduct during this audit period. During the interview with the Program Director, he stated that any time there is an allegation, a safety plan for the specific resident, and all the residents, is put into place. This always includes removing the staff person from contact with the resident or residents and depending upon the allegation, placing the staff member on Administrative Leave until the investigation is completed. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.04(d) – Code of Employee Conduct Union Contract with AFSCOME, NAGE, MNA, SEIU Interview: • Interview with Senior Program Director • Interview with Program Director

115.367	Agency protection against retaliation
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

a-e) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth shall protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with investigators pertaining to sexual abuse and sexual harassment from retaliation by other staff or residents.

DYS employs multiple protective measures which may include housing or room changes, or transfers for residents, (regardless of if they are victims or abuser); removal of alleged staff or resident(s) from contact with victim(s); emotional support services for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. Policy requires monitoring for at least 90 days following an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (or until an allegation is determined to be Unfounded following investigation). Items that may be monitored include any resident disciplinary reports, bedroom or programming changes, negative performance reviews, and reassignments of staff.

Interview with the Program Director indicated that he and the Assistant Program Director serve as retaliation monitors at Gandara Alternative Options. They were educated and trained on signs of retaliation. The Program Director stated the agency would expect that actions would be taken immediately to ensure the resident was safe. It is the expectation of the agency that any resident who reports an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment would be monitored for at least 90 days or until the allegation is investigated by the Department of Children and Families. He stated they would monitor the resident by completing status checks for at least 90 days per policy. These status checks are made on a daily basis by checking in with the youth and/or reviewing documentation such as resident disciplinary reports, and room or programming changes. They monitor behavioral changes in residents, such as isolating oneself. They monitor work records of staff, including tardiness, and absenteeism. Documentation of retaliation monitoring is kept on a Retaliation Monitoring form. This auditor was able to review a Retaliation Monitoring form.

There were no incidents of retaliation, known or suspected, during the past twelve (12) months.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Retaliation Monitoring form

Interview:

	• Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit
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115.368	Post-allegation protective custody
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.09 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination Against Youth states segregated housing of youth to keep them safe from sexual misconduct is not used and is prohibited. The facility did not use segregation or isolation for the purpose of this standard during this audit period. There were no reported instances of sexual abuse during this period. Interview with the Program Director confirmed the prohibition of segregated housing for this purpose. During the tour of the facility, this auditor did not notice any places where a resident could be segregated or isolated. In addition, interviews with residents at the facility confirmed the prohibition of segregated housing. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 03.04.09 – Prohibition and Discrimination Against Youth • Tour of the facility Interview: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interviews with all residents

115.371	Criminal and administrative agency investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth

states, "The DYS Director of Investigations or his/her designed shall investigate all allegations of sexual boundary violations, sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, and retaliation for reporting such allegations or cooperating with an investigation. The investigation will include an effort to determine whether employee's actions or omissions contributed to the allegation."

Interview with the Director of DYS Investigations Unit confirmed that they would conduct these investigations promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.

As noted in the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c), DYS does conduct investigations for allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Investigations may be completed by DCF investigators and Massachusetts State Police.

b) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states DYS will "cooperate and consult with law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office conducting the criminal investigation and ensure that the criminal investigation is completed." DYS will contact the law enforcement agency and request that an officer trained in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims be responsible for the investigation.

c-h) Interview with a representative from Massachusetts State Police confirmed that criminal investigations are completed by the Massachusetts State Police and includes gathering and preserving direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; interviewing alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; reviewing prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.

The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) notes the facility will cooperate with outside investigators and will remain informed of the investigative process. During interviews, the Senior Program Director stated that if an investigation is conducted by the State Police, DYS Investigations Unit and the facility maintain contact with the Massachusetts State Police investigators during an open investigation via telephone calls, e-mails, and on-site visits. If it is an administrative investigation, DYS Investigations Unit and the facility will remain in contact with the investigator from the Department of Children and Families via telephone calls and emails.

i-j) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(b) requires that all files are kept as long as the alleged abuser is within DYS custody or employed by the agency, plus five (5) years. This was confirmed by the Agency PREA Coordinator.

k-m) Per the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c), the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from their employment or control by the facility/agency does not provide a basis for termination of an investigation. The Director of DYS Investigations Unit stated during his interview that the investigation would continue until a determination is made. This was also confirmed by the Agency PREA

	Coordinator, and the Senior Program Director. Interview with the Program Director indicated that when an allegation is made for sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it is immediately reported to the DCF hotline. Administrative investigations will be conducted by a DYS investigator immediately as well as a DCF investigator. If it is determined that the incident is criminal, it is reported to the State Police and they conduct the investigation. There were no reported allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment within the past twelve (12) months. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • MOU with Massachusetts State Police • Monitoring Retaliation Form • Review of all resident files Interviews: • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with the Senior Program Director • Interview with Program Director • Interview with the Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with representative from Massachusetts State Police
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115.372	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that DYS shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. Interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator and Director of DYS Investigations Unit confirmed the process of investigations involving alleged sexual abuse follow these guidelines.

	There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment during the past twelve (12) months. This was confirmed during interviews with the DYS investigator and Program Director. There was no documentation to review. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit
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115.373	Reporting to residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a-e) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that the DYS Director of Investigations or his/her designee shall notify the resident victim by the DYS Investigations unit and law enforcement and anytime extensions from the completion of the decision and document such notifications in JJEMS Progress Notes. Such notifications shall include whether the: 1. Allegation has been determined to be Substantiated, Unsubstantiated, or Unfounded; 2. Employee or youth alleged to have committed the sexual abuse is no longer within the youth's program or facility; and 3. Employee or youth alleged to have committed the sexual abuse is indicated and/or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse due to the youth's allegation The Program Director and Agency PREA Coordinator stated that the resident would continuously be informed as to the on-going status of the investigation, whether it involved another resident or a staff member. They also confirmed that the juveniles who are currently in the custody of DYS are entitled to know the outcomes of investigations of their allegations. The facility informs the juvenile whether the allegation was determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. All

	notifications or attempted notifications are documented. If the allegation involved a staff member, the facility informs the juvenile whenever the staff member is no longer posted within the juvenile's unit, when the staff member is no longer employed at the facility, when the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility, or when the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. If the allegation involved another juvenile, the facility informs the alleged victim when the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility or when the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility. There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment during the past twelve (12) months. There were no documents to review. Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit stated that if an investigation was determined to be Substantiated, Unsubstantiated, or Unfounded, the resident would be notified, and this would be documented in the resident's electronic case file in JJEMS. There were no documents to review. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Massachusetts DYS Grievance Policy Interview: • Interview with the Program Director • Interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Director of DYS Investigations Unit
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115.376	Disciplinary sanctions for staff
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states DYS employees who violate agency sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policies or who engage in behavior that contributes to sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment of residents shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination. Sexual misconduct perpetrated by staff is contrary to the policies of DYS and professional ethical principles that all employees are bound to

	uphold. There is no consensual sex in a custodial or supervisory relationship as a matter of law. A sexual act with a resident by a person in a position of authority over the resident is a felony subject to criminal prosecution. Retaliation against a resident who refuses to submit to sexual activity or retaliation against individuals (including witnesses) because of their involvement in the reporting or investigation of sexual misconduct is also prohibited and grounds for disciplinary action including termination and criminal prosecution. b-d) Failure of employees to report incidents of sexual misconduct is cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination. All dismissals for violations of the Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) or resignations by staff who would have been dismissed or subject to dismissal proceedings if not for their resignation must be reported to law enforcement agencies unless the activity was clearly not criminal and reported to any relevant licensing bodies. The Pre-Audit Questionnaire indicated that no staff members were terminated for violating any sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies during the past twelve (12) months. This was confirmed during the interview with the Program Director and interview with the Human Resource staff. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Twelve (12) randomly selected staff files Interview: • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with the Program Director • Interview with Human Resource staff
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115.377	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.10.01(a) – Volunteer and Intern Services states DYS shall immediately prohibit youth contact by a contractor, intern, or volunteer, and/or discontinue a volunteer or intern activity that threatens the

	security or the safety of the youth, employee, and/or the volunteer including acts that are in violation of this policy or fail to follow applicable training. The Pre-Audit Questionnaire indicated that there were no contractors or volunteers reported to law enforcement for engaging in sexual abuse or sexual harassment of residents during the past twelve (12) months. This was verified by the Agency PREA Coordinator, Human Resource staff (Workforce Coordinator), and Program Director during their interviews. At the time of the in-person audit there were seven (7) contractors at the facility. Three (3) contractors (Teaching Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff) were interviewed by this auditor during the on-site portion of the audit. b) The Program Director stated that the facility would immediately remove the contractor or volunteer from the facility, would contact appropriate authorities, and would not allow them to return until the completion of an investigation. There were no reported instances of sexual assault or sexual harassment by the approved contractors or volunteers during the past twelve (12) months; therefore, there was no documentation to review regarding this standard. This was verified by the Program Director during his interview. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.10.01(a) – Volunteer and Intern Services • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Signed training acknowledgement of seven (7) contractors Interview: • Interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with the Program Director • Interviews with three (3) contractors (Teaching Coordinator, Special Education teacher, and medical staff) • Interview with Workforce Coordinator
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115.378	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a-b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that after investigation, if it is determined that a youth intentionally made a

false allegation and did not act in good faith based upon a reasonable belief, program behavior management systems should be utilized to address the youth's behavior. Consideration will be taken into the nature and circumstances of the incident, resident history, mental health or disabilities, and precedent of sanctions imposed under similar circumstances.

c) Consideration will be taken into the nature and circumstances of the incident, resident history, mental health or disabilities, and precedent of sanctions imposed under similar circumstances. Residents are subjected to disciplinary sanctions for contact with staff, if upon investigation, it is determined that the staff member did not consent to such contact. Disciplinary action must be administered in a fair, impartial, and expeditious manner.

d) Consideration must also be given to providing the offending resident therapy, counseling, or other interventions for the abuse. DYS has a youth handbook that outlines the behavioral treatment program response for such violations. Based upon the therapeutic nature of these programs, the general tenor of responses was therapeutic in nature.

Interview with the Clinical Director confirmed that a resident's mental health is always considered when discipline is imposed for incidents of sexual abuse. In addition, the Clinical Director stated the resident's mental health diagnosis is reviewed and considered during Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews following a substantiated or unsubstantiated finding to ensure appropriate discipline was imposed.

Consideration must be given to providing the offending youth therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse. However, the facility may not require participation in such interventions as a condition of access to general programming or education.

Interview with mental health staff was conducted by this auditor during the on-site portion of this audit. The interview confirmed Gandara Alternative Options does offer mental health services for any resident found to have engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse. The mental health staff stated the resident's participation in therapy sessions is not always required as a condition of access to reward-based incentives.

There were no allegations of sexual abuse during the past twelve (12) months.

e) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states the facility may only discipline a youth for sexual contact with staff upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact. Interviews with the Program Director confirmed a resident would only be disciplined for sexual contact with a staff member upon finding the staff member did not consent to the sexual contact. There were no incidents of resident-on-staff sexual abuse during the past twelve (12) months. The Program Director also confirmed that residents are not disciplined for reports of sexual abuse made in good faith, even if the investigation did not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation. The Program Director also noted

	that any suspicion of possible sexual abuse is reported to the DCF hotline immediately for investigation. There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment during the past twelve (12) months. f) Interviews with the Program Director and the Agency PREA Coordinator confirmed that the facility does not use isolation and the underlying issues related to the incident would be addressed in therapy. They also stated that a resident making a report in good faith cannot be disciplined according to the PREA Policy. g) The DYS Policy 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that sexual activity between youth is prohibited, however for such activity to constitute sexual abuse, there must be no assent to the activity, or it must be forcible or coerced. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Youth Handbook Interview: • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Clinical Director • Interview with clinician
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115.381	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion a-c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth requires that if a resident's intake assessment indicates that they have experienced any prior sexual victimization or have perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institution setting or in the community, the resident will be offered a follow-up meeting with the psychologist, psychiatrist, and/or mental health worker within 14 days of the intake screening. Documentation of such shall be noted on the

resident's Vulnerability Assessment Instrument. At any time an allegation of sexual abuse occurs, the youth will be taken to Baystate Hospital to be seen by a SANE without financial cost to the youth. Upon return from the hospital, the medical staff is to assess for any lingering, acute, or non-acute physical injuries, as well as psychological impact of the victimization.

There were ten (10) residents admitted during the past twelve (12) months who disclosed prior victimization during risk screening at intake per PAQ and interview with the Clinical Director.

There were ten (10) residents that disclosed prior victimization during screening, in the past twelve (12) months. Interview with the Clinical Director stated that all ten (10) residents were offered follow-up therapy sessions with their clinician. This was documented in the resident's electronic file.

Interviews with the Program Director and Clinical Director confirmed any information from the intake screen is limited to medical, mental health staff, or other staff as necessary to implement treatment plans, security, and management decisions including bed, and program assignments. This information is not accessible to direct care staff.

d) During the interview with the Program Director, it was noted they are mandated reporters and are required by law to report any information they receive from a resident relating to sexual abuse. All staff members interviewed stated they inform the resident upon intake of their reporting duties.

During interviews with the clinicians, they indicated they are aware that residents reporting prior sexual victimization or prior sexual aggression are to be referred for a follow up meeting with medical and mental health staff within fourteen (14) days of intake. They related that services that are offered include evaluations, developing a treatment plan, and offering on-going services. They were also aware that the residents have the right to refuse a follow-up meeting. All residents received physicals within 14 days of admission. There were ten (10) residents that disclosed prior victimization during screening, in the past twelve (12) months.

Interview with the Clinical Director stated that all ten (10) residents were offered follow-up therapy sessions with their clinician. This was documented in the resident's electronic file.

A review of all resident files noted there were no current residents who had disclosed prior victimization during screening; but there were residents who had abuse allegations not discussed at the time of risk screening due to their on-going trial. Per the clinical staff interview, youth have access to medical services in the facility. When a disclosure of prior abuse occurs, and services are offered by clinical staff, which is documented in the resident's case file. Access to these files is restricted. All youth interviewed confirmed that they were seen by medical shortly after arrival at the facility.

During interviews with the Program Director, Clinical Director, Intake staff, and clinicians, all indicated they are aware that youth reporting prior sexual

	victimization or prior sexual aggression are to be referred for a follow-up meeting with medical and mental health staff. Interview with medical staff confirmed that screening includes history of sexual abuse. Per medical staff interview, youth have access to all medical services available in the community. All youth interviewed confirmed that they were seen by medical staff shortly after arrival at the facility. A review of all youth files noted there were no current youth who disclosed prior victimization during screening. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Vulnerability Assessments of all residents • Secondary clinical documentation of follow up meetings • Secondary medical documentation • Files of all residents Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Clinical Director • Interview with Physician's Assistant • Interviews with mental health staff • Interview with Intake staff • Interviews with all residents
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115.382	Access to emergency medical and mental health services
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth requires resident victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis prevention services. It is noted that the resident will be immediately transported to Baystate Hospital for a forensic medical exam. The outside medical facility's trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) will make the final determination regarding evidence collection. Staff who can provide support to the victim must accompany the youth. If a youth refuses to be

examined at the hospital, such refusal must be properly documented on the appropriate form(s).

Gandara Alternative Options has a MOU in place with Baystate Hospital to have a forensic examination completed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and provide medical/mental health services at no cost to the victim. This MOU was provided to this auditor for review. In addition, this auditor contacted a representative from Baystate Hospital to confirm resident victims are referred to their facility and receive the services noted in the MOU.

There were no residents at the facility who reported sexual abuse involving penetration during the past twelve (12) months. Therefore, there were no residents sent to Baystate Hospital for a forensic examination. This was confirmed during interviews with the Agency PREA Coordinator, Program Director, and medical staff.

b) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) requires if no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time of the report of recent abuse is made, staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioner. In addition, first responders will not allow the youth to engage in any activities such as hygiene, washing, bathing, showering, eating, drinking, brushing teeth, chewing gum, and eating or drinking (unless medically necessary). Youth should also be discouraged from urinating or defecating as that may destroy evidence prior to being presented at a hospital for the gathering of such evidence.

All staff members interviewed confirmed the duties of a first responder and were able to describe their responsibilities if they are a first responder to an allegation of sexual abuse.

c) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states victims of sexual abuse are offered timely information about sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis. This is in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

This auditor interviewed the Physician's Assistant, during the on-site portion of the audit, who stated any resident of sexual abuse would be offered information and timely access to sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis while at Gandara Alternative Options through the community medical provider, Baystate Hospital.

d) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) states all medical, mental health, and counseling services must be provided at no cost to the youth.

This auditor was able to interview the Program Director and a clinician during the on-site portion of this audit and a representative from Baystate Hospital. All interviewed confirmed that any victim of sexual assault would be referred to Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) and receive medical and mental health treatment at no cost to the victim.

Gandara Alternative Options has a MOU with the Baystate Hospital. Western Region

	Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) is notified by staff, the hospital, or the facility. They will send an advocate to the hospital and meet with the victim and guide the victim through the SANE examination, investigation process, interviews, and arrange for counseling and support services for the resident. These services will be at no cost to the resident. Interviews with the Program Director and the Physician's Assistant confirmed that resident victims of sexual abuse are provided timely and unimpeded access to emergency services at no cost to the victim. This was confirmed by this auditor by reviewing the MOU with Baystate Hospital, Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA), and speaking to a representative from each. The facility's Institutional Plan fully addresses the requirements of his standard. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • MOU with Baystate Hospital • MOU with Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) • Facility Institutional Plan Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with representative from Baystate Hospital • Interview with representative from Western Region Rape Crisis Center (YWCA) • Interview with Physician's Assistant • Interview with Clinical Director • Interview with clinician • Interviews with twelve (12) randomly selected staff from all three (3) shifts
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115.383	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states if the screening indicates that a resident has previously penetrated or experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of intake. Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) also states that any resident or resident offender will be assessed and offered follow-up counseling that will be on-going within sixty (60) days of learning about the abuse history. However, the counseling usually occurs the same day staff learn about it. In the event a sexual assault incident was to occur, the victim would receive services from the community provider as outlined in the statewide MOU. Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperated with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Interviews with the Program Director and interview with Clinical Director confirmed all residents are offered a medical and mental health evaluation upon their arrival to the facility (if they have been a victim of sexual abuse in a residential facility or not). It was noted these evaluations are completed during the resident's first week at the facility.

b) Medical and mental health evaluations completed on each resident at the facility include a diagnosis and recommendation. Clinical Director interviewed noted if a resident was a victim of sexual abuse in a residential facility, follow-up services would occur more frequently, and recommendations would include more specific follow-up services. Medical evaluations are conducted by the medical department of the facility.

c-h) Interview with the Program Director confirmed any resident who is a victim of sexual abuse at the facility would be offered timely follow-up for sexually transmitted diseases as part of the follow-up with the medical department. This would occur if the victim was tested at the hospital or not.

Interviews with the Program Director and Physician's Assistant confirmed the above-mentioned process occurs as detailed in this standard. In addition, they stated the level of the care that a resident receives is consistent with the community level of care.

There were no incidents of sexual abuse or sexual assault occurring at the facility during the past twelve (12) months. In the event that an incident was to occur, the victim would receive services from the community providers as outlined in the statewide MOU.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth

	• Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Files of all residents Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Physician's Assistant • Interview with Clinical Director • Interview with clinician
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115.386	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a-e) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that within 30 days of the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, the facility shall conduct a Sexual Abuse Incident Review of all allegations (Substantiated or Unsubstantiated), unless the allegation has been determined to be Unfounded. The Facility PREA Compliance Manager shall convene a Review Team including upper-level management officials. The Review Team shall obtain input from direct care staff, supervisors, investigators, medical, mental health professionals, and other employees as appropriate. In addition, the Review Team must: 1. Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicated a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse. 2. Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by perceived race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, status, gang affiliation, or motivated by other group dynamics at the facility. 3. Examine the area of the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to access whether the physical layout may enable abuse. 4. Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts. 5. Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff. 6. Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such a report to the Facility Director. 7. The facility must implement the recommendations for improvement or must document its reasons for not doing so.

	The Facility PREA Compliance Manager stated the Incident Review Team consists of upper-level management officials, medical, clinical, Agency PREA Coordinator, and Director of DYS Investigations Unit. A member of the Incident Review Team was interviewed during the on-site portion of this audit and was able to describe the review process that would take place in the event an allegation of sexual abuse was either Substantiated or Unsubstantiated. She stated the Incident Review Team would convene within thirty (30) days upon the completion of an investigation. Recommendations would include examining the need to change a policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse or sexual harassment. This Sexual Abuse Incident Review is headed by the Facility PREA Compliance Manager. If there is an incident there is a review process that consists of an upper management team. The Program Director and the Agency PREA Coordinator stated that the team convenes and reviews all reports as well as looks at the physical plant where the incident occurred. The team will make their recommendation in their report to the Agency PREA Coordinator, and Senior Program Director. All PREA Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews and findings are incorporated into the Annual Report by the Program Director. There were no incidents within the past twelve (12) months that have required an incident review. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Sexual Abuse Incident Review Template Interviews: • Interview with Program Director • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Incident Review Team member
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115.387	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

	Auditor Discussion a-f) The Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that the Director of Investigations in coordination with the Agency PREA Coordinator shall collect uniform data for all allegations of sexual abuse based on incident reports, investigation files, and incident reviews. The Agency PREA Coordinator shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually. 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. An interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator indicated that she keeps detailed records for all incidents to generate the annual report and/or data required by the United States Department of Justice. There were no allegations of sexual abuse during the past twelve (12) months. Upon request, the facility shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30th. This auditor was able to review the agency website and reviewed the Annual Report that is posted. The Agency PREA Coordinator confirmed that the Survey of Sexual Victimization has been requested by DOJ and was completed for 2024. The annual report is prepared by the Agency PREA Coordinator and is approved by the Commissioner for the agency. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • 2024 Annual PREA Report • DOJ 2024 Annual Survey of Victimization • Agency Website Interview: • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Facility PREA Compliance Manager
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115.388	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

a) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth states that they shall meet, no less than annually, to review information collected from all internal investigations and aggregated data included on the Survey of Sexual Victimization Summary in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training including:

1. Identifying problem areas
2. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis
3. Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions

Such a report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from the prior years and shall provide an assessment of Gandara Alternative Options' progress in addressing sexual abuse.

b-c) The annual report shall be approved by the Commissioner of DYS and made readily available to the public through the DYS website. Specific material is redacted from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility but must indicate the nature of the material redacted. DYS shall also remove all personal identifiers from the report. The most recent Annual PREA Report (2024) is posted on the agency website and was reviewed by this auditor.

d) Upon request, DYS provides all program specific data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice in the form of the Survey of Sexual Victimization. This survey was completed by the Agency PREA Coordinator and posted on the agency website.

Reviewed documentation to determine compliance:

- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures y - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth
- Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.08.02 – Information Security Policy
- Pre-Audit Questionnaire
- PREA Annual Report (2024)
- DYS website

Interviews:

- Interview with Program Director
- Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator

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115.389	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	a-d) Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth requires that aggregated sexual abuse data is made readily available to the public at least annually through the agency website. Data collected is retained for ten (10) years after the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise. The facility's Annual PREA Report is reviewed and approved by the Commissioner of DYS and made available to the public through its website. The Agency PREA Coordinator noted that no personally identifiable information is included in the report. The most recent Annual PREA Report (2024) is posted on the DYS website and was reviewed by this auditor. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(c) - Preventing and Responding to Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Harassment of Youth • Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedures 01.08.02 – Information Security Policy • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • PREA Annual Report (2024) • DYS website Interviews: • Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator • Interview with Program Director

115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

	Auditor Discussion a-n) Gandara Alternative Options was first audited on April 2014, during the first three-year cycle. The facility was re-audited May 18, 2017, first year of the second three-year cycle. The facility was re-audited again during the first year of third three-year cycle on October 28, 2020 and found to be fully compliant on November 30, 2020. This facility was reaudited in March 2023 and found to be fully compliant. It is being reaudited during the first year of the fifth three-year cycle on April 26, 2026. The facility provided all requested information via e-mail. The audit notification was posted more than six (6) weeks prior to the on-site portion of this audit (posted on January 5, 2026), and pictures of the notifications posted in all common areas, living unit, conference room, staff offices, and the front entrance were submitted to the auditor via email. During the tour of the facility, the notifications were still posted and viewed by this auditor. This auditor did not receive any correspondence from staff or residents. This auditor was permitted to and did tour all areas of the facility and was provided a private and confidential area of the facility to complete interviews of residents and staff. The agency has met this standard by having this facility audited during each 3-year cycle. The reports are posted on the DYS website. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • Pre-Audit Questionnaire • Tour of facility • DYS website • PREA Audit Notification • Photographs of PREA Audit Notification
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115.403	Audit contents and findings
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard Auditor Discussion Final PREA audit report from 2023 is posted on the DYS website. The final PREA reports were posted within ninety (90) days of issuance by the auditor. This was confirmed by reviewing the DYS website and an interview with the Agency PREA Coordinator. Reviewed documentation to determine compliance: • DYS website

	Interview:
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- Interview with Agency PREA Coordinator

Appendix: Provision Findings		
115.311 (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
115.311 (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 facilities?	yes
115.311 (c)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
	Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
115.312 (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.)	yes
115.312 (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 OR the response to 115.312(a)-1 is "NO".)	yes
115.313 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility has implemented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Generally accepted juvenile detention and correctional/secure residential practices?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate	yes

	staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?	
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or residents may be isolated)?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The composition of the resident population?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The number and placement of supervisory staff?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Institution programs occurring on a particular shift?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any other relevant factors?	yes
115.313 (b)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the agency comply with the staffing plan except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances?	yes
	In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility fully document all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)	yes
115.313 (c)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:8 during resident waking hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)	yes

	Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:16 during resident sleeping hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)	yes
	Does the facility fully document any limited and discrete exigent circumstances during which the facility did not maintain staff ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)	yes
	Does the facility ensure only security staff are included when calculating these ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)	yes
	Is the facility obligated by law, regulation, or judicial consent decree to maintain the staffing ratios set forth in this paragraph?	yes
115.313 (d)	Supervision and monitoring	
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: Prevailing staffing patterns?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?	yes
	In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?	yes
115.313 (e)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Has the facility implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A for non-secure facilities)	yes
	Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? (N/A for non-secure facilities)	yes
	Does the facility have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational	yes

	functions of the facility? (N/A for non-secure facilities)	
115.315 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.315 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches in non-exigent circumstances?	yes
115.315 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document and justify all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches?	yes
115.315 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility implement policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit?	yes
	In facilities (such as group homes) that do not contain discrete housing units, 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? (N/A for facilities with discrete housing units)	yes
115.315 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.315 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	

	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.316 (a)	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
115.316 (b)	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
115.316 (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 §115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?	yes
115.317 (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	yes

	coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	
	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 bullet immediately above?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of 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 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 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 bullets immediately above?	yes
115.317 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider 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?	yes
115.317 (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: Consult any child abuse registry maintained by the State or locality in which the employee would work?	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	yes

	abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?	
115.317 (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
	Does the agency consult applicable child abuse registries before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes
115.317 (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
115.317 (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
115.317 (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
115.317 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	

	Unless prohibited by law, 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
115.318 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect 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.)	yes
115.318 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	yes
115.321 (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
115.321 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth? (N/A 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	yes

	on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	
115.321 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency offer all residents who experience 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
115.321 (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
115.321 (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	yes

	interviews?	
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.321 (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 entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse.)	yes
115.321 (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? (Check N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.321(d) above.)	na
115.322 (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
115.322 (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
115.322	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	

(c)		
	If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.321(a))	yes
115.331 (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 juvenile facilities?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	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 and how to distinguish between consensual sexual contact and sexual abuse between residents?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?	yes
	The subsection of this provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to	yes

	mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent?	yes
115.331 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the unique needs and attributes of residents of juvenile facilities?	yes
	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
115.331 (c)	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
115.331 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.332 (a)	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

115.332 (b)	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
115.332 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.333 (a)	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
	Is this information presented in an age-appropriate fashion?	yes
115.333 (b)	Resident education	
	Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.333 (c)	Resident education	

	Have all residents received such education?	yes
	Do residents receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the resident's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
115.333 (d)	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
115.333 (e)	Resident education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.333 (f)	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
115.334 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.331, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.334	Specialized training: Investigations	

(b)		
	Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(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 administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.334 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.335 (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 juvenile 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
115.335 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	na
115.335 (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
115.335 (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 §115.331? (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
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.332? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.)	yes
115.341	Obtaining information from residents	

(a)		
	Within 72 hours of the resident's arrival at the facility, does the agency obtain and use information about each resident's personal history and behavior to reduce risk of sexual abuse by or upon a resident?	yes
	Does the agency also obtain this information periodically throughout a resident's confinement?	yes
115.341 (b)	Obtaining information from residents	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?	yes
115.341 (c)	Obtaining information from residents	
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
	The subsection of this provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Current charges and offense history?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Age?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Level of emotional and cognitive development?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical size and stature?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Mental illness or mental disabilities?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Intellectual or developmental disabilities?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does	yes

	the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical disabilities?	
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any other specific information about individual residents that may indicate heightened needs for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other residents?	yes
115.341 (d)	Obtaining information from residents	
	Is this information ascertained: Through conversations with the resident during the intake process and medical mental health screenings?	yes
	Is this information ascertained: During classification assessments?	yes
	Is this information ascertained: By reviewing court records, case files, facility behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident's files?	yes
115.341 (e)	Obtaining information from residents	
	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
115.342 (a)	Placement of residents	
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Housing Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Bed assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Work Assignments?	yes

	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Education Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Program Assignments?	yes
115.342 (b)	Placement of residents	
	Are residents isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of keeping all residents safe can be arranged?	yes
	During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents daily large-muscle exercise?	yes
	During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents any legally required educational programming or special education services?	yes
	Do residents in isolation receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?	yes
	Do residents also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
115.342 (c)	Placement of residents	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.342 (d)	Placement of residents	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.342 (e)	Placement of residents	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.342	Placement of residents	

(f)		
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.342 (g)	Placement of residents	
	This provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
115.342 (h)	Placement of residents	
	If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the resident's safety? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)	yes
	If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)	yes
115.342 (i)	Placement of residents	
	In the case of each resident who is isolated as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
115.351 (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: 2. 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
115.351 (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
	Are residents detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security to report sexual abuse or harassment?	yes
115.351 (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
115.351 (d)	Resident reporting	
	Does the facility provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report?	yes
115.351 (e)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?	yes
115.352 (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

115.352 (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 an 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
115.352 (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
115.352 (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 of time to respond is 70 days per 115.352(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

115.352 (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, other than a parent or legal guardian, 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
	Is a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile allowed to file a grievance regarding allegations of sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such juvenile? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile files a grievance (or an appeal) on behalf of a juvenile regarding allegations of sexual abuse, is it the case that those grievances are not conditioned upon the juvenile agreeing to have the request filed on his or her behalf? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.352 (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	yes

	the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	
	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
115.352 (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
115.353 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by providing, posting, or otherwise making accessible mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
	Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies?	yes
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.353 (b)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	

	Does the facility inform residents, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?	yes
115.353 (c)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
115.353 (d)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the facility provide residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or other legal representation?	yes
	Does the facility provide residents with reasonable access to parents or legal guardians?	yes
115.354 (a)	Third-party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident?	yes
115.361 (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 they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive 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 they receive regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	yes
115.361 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws?	yes
115.361 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local services agencies, are staff prohibited 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
115.361 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse to designated supervisors and officials pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section as well as to the designated State or local services agency where required by mandatory reporting laws?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of their duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.361 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the appropriate office?	yes
	Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's parents or legal guardians unless the facility has official documentation showing the parents or legal guardians should not be notified?	yes
	If the alleged victim is under the guardianship of the child welfare	yes

	system, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's caseworker instead of the parents or legal guardians? (N/A if the alleged victim is not under the guardianship of the child welfare system.)	
	If a juvenile court retains jurisdiction over the alleged victim, does the facility head or designee also report the allegation to the juvenile's attorney or other legal representative of record within 14 days of receiving the allegation?	yes
115.361 (f)	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
115.362 (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
115.363 (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
	Does the head of the facility that received the allegation also notify the appropriate investigative agency?	yes
115.363 (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
115.363 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.363 (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
115.364 (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
115.364 (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
115.365 (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

115.366 (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
115.367 (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
115.367 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, 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?	yes
115.367 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of 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: 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: Reassignments of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.367 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.367 (e)	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
115.368 (a)	Post-allegation protective custody	
	Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect a resident who	yes

	is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.342?	
115.371 (a)	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 does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or harassment. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or harassment. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.371 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims as required by 115.334?	yes
115.371 (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
115.371 (d)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency always refrain from terminating an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation?	yes
115.371 (e)	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	yes

	prosecution?	
115.371 (f)	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
115.371 (g)	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
115.371 (h)	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
115.371 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.371 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.371(g) and (h) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years unless the abuse was committed by a juvenile resident and applicable law requires a shorter period of retention?	yes
115.371 (k)	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
115.371 (m)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.372 (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
115.373 (a)	Reporting to residents	
	Following an investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse suffered in the facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes
115.373 (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
115.373 (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
115.373 (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
115.373 (e)	Reporting to residents	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.376 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual	yes

	harassment policies?	
115.376 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.376 (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
115.376 (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
115.377 (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
115.377 (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	yes

	take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents?	
115.378 (a)	Interventions and 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, may residents be subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.378 (b)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Are disciplinary 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
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied daily large-muscle exercise?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied access to any legally required educational programming or special education services?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident receives daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the resident also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
115.378 (c)	Interventions and 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
115.378 (d)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations	yes

	for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to offer the offending resident participation in such interventions?	
	If the agency requires participation in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives, does it always refrain from requiring such participation as a condition to accessing general programming or education?	yes
115.378 (e)	Interventions and 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
115.378 (f)	Interventions and 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
115.378 (g)	Interventions and 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
115.381 (a)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?	yes
115.381 (b)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?	yes

115.381 (c)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?	yes
115.381 (d)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from residents before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the resident is under the age of 18?	yes
115.382 (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
115.382 (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 staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.362?	yes
	Do staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.382 (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
115.382	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	

(d)		
	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
115.383 (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
115.383 (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
115.383 (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
115.383 (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.)	na
115.383 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.383(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.)	na
115.383 (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
115.383 (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
115.383 (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
115.386 (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
115.386 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.386 (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
115.386 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?	yes
	The subsection of this provision is no longer applicable to your compliance finding, please select N/A.	na
	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 §§ 115.386(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.386 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes
115.387 (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
115.387 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.387 (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
115.387 (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
115.387 (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	yes

	the confinement of its residents.)	
115.387 (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
115.388 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 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 § 115.387 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 § 115.387 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
115.388 (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
115.388 (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
115.388 (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	yes

	publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?	
115.389 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.387 are securely retained?	yes
115.389 (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
115.389 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.389 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.387 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.)	yes
	If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the second year of the current audit cycle.)	na

	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	na
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates, 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