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| **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report****Juvenile Facilities**[ ]  **Interim** [x]  **Final****Date of Report** June 13, 2019 |
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| **Agency Information** |
| **Name of Agency**Massachusetts Department of Youth Services | **Governing Authority or Parent Agency** *(If Applicable)*Commonwealth of Massachusetts |
| **Physical Address:** 600 Washington St. | **City, State, Zip:** Boston, Massachusetts 02111 |
| **Mailing Address:** 600 Washington St. | **City, State, Zip:** Boston, Massachusetts 02111 |
| **Telephone:** 617-960-3260 | **Is Agency accredited by any organization?** [ ]  Yes [x]  No |
| **The Agency Is:**  | [ ]  Military | [ ]  Private for Profit | [ ]  Private not for Profit |
|  [ ]  Municipal | [ ]  County | [x]  State | [ ]  Federal |
| **Agency mission:** Placing the right youth in the right program for the right reasons. |
| **Agency Website with PREA Information:** https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dys-prison-rape-elimination-act-prea |
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| **PREA Coordinator Reports to:**Director of Residential Services | **Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator** 29 |
| **Facility Information** |
| **Name of Facility:** South Hadley Girls |
| **Physical Address:** 87 Canal St. South Hadley, MA 01075 |
| **Mailing Address (if different than above):** 87 Canal St. South Hadley, MA 01075 |
| **Telephone Number:** 413-536-5519 |
| **The Facility Is:**  | [ ]  Military | [ ]  Private for Profit | [x]  Private not for Profit |
|  [ ]  Municipal | [ ]  County | [ ]  State | [ ]  Federal |
| **Facility Type:** | [ ]  Detention | [ ]  Correction | [ ]  Intake | [x]  Treatment |
| **Facility Mission:** Same as agency |
| **Facility Website with PREA Information:** Same as agency |
| **Is this facility accredited by any other organization?** [ ]  Yes [x]  No |
| **Facility Administrator/Superintendent** |
| **Name:** Ja’net Smith | **Title:** Regional Director |
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| **Facility PREA Compliance Manager** |
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| **Facility Characteristics** |
| **Designated Facility Capacity:** 16 | **Current Population of Facility:** 8 |
| **Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months** | 36 |
| **Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 10 days or more:** | 34 |
| **Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:** | 34 |
| **Number of residents on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:** | Zero |
| **Age Range of** **Population:** |  12-21 |
| **Average length of stay or time under supervision:** | 59.5 days |
| **Facility Security Level:** | Staff Secure |
| **Resident Custody Levels:** | Committed |
| **Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with residents:** | 24 |
| **Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:** | 10 |
| **Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:** | 0 |
| **Physical Plant** |
| **Number of Buildings:** 1 | **Number of Single Cell Housing Units:** Zero |
| **Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:** | Two |
| **Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:** | Zero |
| **Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary:** | Zero |
| **Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):**The facility has a video surveillance system which provides coverage for 90% of the facility. The system was completely upgraded shortly after the previous compliance audit in 2016. The system provides coverage of the recreation areas, kitchen, dining hall, all housing units, hallways and education areas. There is a camera view of all doors in areas where youth are. There are no cameras in the sleeping rooms. No cameras have a view inside bathrooms. There is no secure control booth. The system is designed for investigative use. There are two work stations that allow for viewing of live and recorded images. Retention time for recorded images is 30 days. There is no sound with the images. |
| **Medical** |
| **Type of Medical Facility:** | Triage |
| **Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:** | Baystate Medical Center |
| **Other** |
| **Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:** | 2 |
| **Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:** | 3 |

**Audit Findings**

**Audit Narrative**

*The auditor’s description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor’s process for the site review.*

This report is for South Hadley Girls Treatment Program in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The facility is operated by the Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps under contract with the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS). The on-site portion of the audit took place May 14, 2019. It was the second Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance audit for the facility.

South Hadley Girls is a staff secure 15-bed treatment unit for male adolescents. The on-site portion of the PREA Audit began May 14, 2019 and covered the audit period of May 14, 2018, to May 14, 2019. Prior to arrival at the facility, this Auditor reviewed pertinent agency policies, procedures, and related documentation used to demonstrate compliance with the Department of Justice (DOJ) PREA Standards for juvenile facilities. Just Detention was contacted to determine if they had any relevant information regarding the Facility. They reported that they did not have any relevant information.

The pre-audit questionnaire stated there was 24 staff at the facility with recurring contact with residents. The facility houses exclusively female residents. The average daily population was listed as six. The facility reported one allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The pre-audit questionnaire (PAQ) states there were no residents who identified as transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming in appearance. This Auditor received no correspondence from residents or staff.

The facility’s primary policy for PREA compliance, Department of Youth Services (DYS) Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(B) was reviewed in detail by this Auditor. The policy addresses all required elements of the DOJ PREA Standards and provides comprehensive guidance as to how the facility will achieve full compliance.

The PAQ submitted by the DYS PREA Coordinator included floor plans for the facility. South Hadley Girls has two housing units. One with five bedrooms (two triples, two doubles and one single) and a multi-user bathroom. The laundry room is also located on this unit. The second unit has two double occupancy rooms and a single user bathroom.

On the morning of May 14, 2019 this Auditor arrived at the facility for purposes of conducting an onsite tour of the facility and interviewing residents, staff, volunteers, and contractors. The facility provided a roster of staff, broken down by employee job categories, and a list of all residents by housing unit (this list also included length of stay). An opening meeting was held in the Program Director’s office. The following people were in attendance:

DYS PREA Coordinator

Program Director

Assistant Program Director

This Auditor gave a brief history of his work and auditing experience and explained how the audit process would go (tour of facility after this meeting, interviews with specialized staff, then resident and random staff interviews). Auditor explained he would conduct an exit briefing at the conclusion of the day. The purpose of the close-out would be to share findings at that point, provide a status update on the audit timeline, and to maintain transparency throughout the process. At the conclusion of the opening meeting, the facility tour began.

The Program Director led the Auditor on a tour accompanied by the DYS PREA Coordinator. The tour included all areas where residents are permitted. The tour also included the school class rooms, library, outdoor recreation yard, housing units, kitchen, dining area, community room, clinical offices, nurse’s office and administrative offices.

The facility has a video surveillance system which provides coverage for 90% of the facility. The system provides coverage of the recreation areas, dining hall, all housing units, hallways and education areas. There are no cameras in the youths’ rooms. There is a camera view of all doors in areas where youth are permitted. There are no video cameras in individual offices, but there is a camera view of the entrances to these areas. There are no cameras in the bathrooms. Residents are only permitted to change clothes in the bathroom. There are no camera views anywhere where residents are permitted to shower, use the toilet, or change clothes. Cross-gender viewing from the surveillance system is not an issue. Average retention time for the system is reported to be 30 days. Recorded images reviewed by this Auditor were crisp and fluid (no jerky motion from low frame per second recording). Recorded images from incidents are downloaded to a disc and stored with the investigation file.

Ten random staff and one volunteer were interviewed by this Auditor (which was all the staff on duty during the on-site audit and not interviewed as a specialized interview). Interviews were conducted in a private room. Staff interviewed were selected to include both male and female staff. Additionally, interviewees were selected to include staff from all shifts and all areas of the program. All staff interviewed acknowledged receiving PREA training as required by the standards. All staff were aware of their obligations under the facility’s PREA policy (reporting, accepting reports – verbal, written and third party, and protection from harm and retaliation). All staff were aware of their obligations as a mandated reported and had training in what to report and how to report. All staff could readily articulate their first responder duties. All staff were able to articulate steps they would take to protect a resident from imminent danger of sexual abuse.

The volunteer acknowledged receiving and understanding the PREA training and also understood her mandated reporter obligations.

The following staff titles were also interviewed in a private room:

DYS Statewide PREA Coordinator

PREA Compliance Manager

Program Director

Clinical Director

Clinician (2)

Assistant Program Director

All eight residents were interviewed by this Auditor (100 % of the population). Interviews were conducted in a private room without video surveillance. The interviewees ranged in age from 15 to 17 years. Lengths of stay ranged from one to four months. Interpretive services were not used as there were no youth in the program who required them. All residents stated they were aware of their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All knew how to report allegations if they needed to. All residents acknowledged going through the intake process and being searched by a staff member of the same gender. All residents acknowledged being aware when staff of the opposite gender were on the housing unit. All stated that they had a reasonable degree of privacy when changing clothes, showering, and using the toilet. All acknowledged being screened upon admission and seeing clinical staff on the date of admission. All felt that their medical needs were being appropriately addressed. All residents stated they felt safe at the facility.

All residents stated that they had been in numerous other DYS programs. All were asked about their other experiences in DYS facilities (safety, screening for risk, searches, privacy and PREA education). All acknowledged that there were no differences. None of the residents had a preferred program.

The facility reported one allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment during this audit period. This youth was interviewed regarding the program’s response to the allegation, but not the details of the alleged act(s) as there is still an ongoing criminal investigation. The youth’s account supported full compliance regarding the program’s response.

There were no transgender, intersex or gender non-conforming residents and therefore no specialized interviews were conducted in this area either. There were no Limited English Proficiency residents to interview and no residents with disabilities requiring specialized services to understand their rights under PREA.

DYS provided documentation of all staffs’ PREA training covering the 12 month period of this audit as well their initial background checks and subsequent re-checks.

**Facility Characteristics**

*The auditor’s description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the inmate, resident or resident population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.*

South Hadley Girls Treatment Program is a 15-bed treatment and transitional living program for adolescent females ages of 12-20. The program is located at 87 Canal Street, South Hadley, MA. Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corp South Hadley Girls Treatment Program provides young women between the ages of 12-21 with the educational, life skills, therapeutic, recreational and support services needed to improve their behavior and ultimately return home and into their communities.

Residents attend high school classes or HiSET courses and participate in a curriculum designed to impart new life skills to enable them to make healthier choices when re-entering their communities.

The girls participate in educational and clinical programs that are trauma informed. Positive youth development is an integral part of the therapeutic/milieu environment. Therapeutic services focuses on helping each young woman develop strategies to increase coping skills and promote positive decision­ making. The average length of stay is three to five months.

The Transitional Independent Living Program is an expansion of services offered by the South Hadley Girls Program. Six beds are available for Transitional Independent Living Program services for females who are committed to the Department of Youth Services, with the primary objective of helping our residents achieve the skills necessary to live independently. The vision of Transitional Independent Living Program is to encourage the growth and change needed for independence within a safe, secure and healthy environment.

The facility consists of a single one story brick and mortar structure without a fenced perimeter. The structure is roughly in the shape of the letter H. On the left side of building there are administrative offices, clinical offices, nurse’s office, library, classrooms, community room, staff bathrooms, kitchen and dining room. On the right side there are the resident bedrooms, bathrooms, community room, storage room and the staff office.

PREA-related postings, including how to access outside support services were posted on the housing unit in Spanish and English. The PREA audit notice was also posted in the housing unit (as well as the main entrance and visiting areas). Opposite gender staff were observed announcing their presence on the housing units during the tour and throughout the on-site audit.

There were eight residents in the program on the first day of the audit.

South Hadley Girls maintains 24 hour supervisory coverage as well as an On-Call Administrator.

**Summary of Audit Findings**

*The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met,* ***along with a list of each of the standards in each category****. If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.*

***Auditor Note:*** *No standard should be found to be “Not Applicable” or “NA”. A compliance determination must be made for each standard.*

**Number of Standards Exceeded:** Three

Standard 115.321, Standard 115.333 and Standard 115.341

**Number of Standards Met:** Forty

Standard 115.311, Standard 115.312, Standard 115.313, Standard 115.315, Standard 115.316, Standard 115.317, Standard 115.318, Standard 115.322, Standard 115.331, 115.332, Standard 115.334, Standard 115.335, Standard 115.342, Standard 115.351, Standard 115.352, Standard 115.353, Standard 115.354, Standard 115.361, Standard 115.362, Standard 115.363, Standard 115.364, Standard 115.365, Standard 115.366, Standard 115.367. Standard 115.368, Standard 115.371, Standard 115.372, Standard 115.373, Standard 115.376, Standard 115.377 Standard 115.378, Standard 115.381, Standard 115.382, Standard 115.383, Standard 115.386, Standard 115.387, Standard 115.388, Standard 115.389, Standard 115.401 and 115.403.

**Number of Standards Not Met:** Zero

Not Applicable

**Summary of Corrective Action (if any)**

Not Applicable

**PREVENTION PLANNING**

**Standard 115.311: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.311 (a)**

* Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the written policy outline the agency’s approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.311 (b)**

* Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.311 (c)**

* If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

[ ]  **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

[x]  **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

[ ]  **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

**Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative**

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The Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS) Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(B), page 1, clearly articulates the agency’s zero tolerance policy. Agency and facility organization charts clearly depict the roles of State-wide PREA Coordinator and Facility PREA Compliance Manager. Interviews with the PREA Coordinator and Compliance Manager proved their knowledge of the PREA standards and their commitment to the implementation of the PREA standards. The PREA Coordinator and Compliance manager both acknowledged sufficient time and authority to perform their jobs effectively. Notice of the PREA compliance audit was posted on all living units and other prominent locations throughout the facility. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.312: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.312 (a)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.312 (b)**

* 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".) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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This auditor was provided with copies of contracts the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has for the confinement of juvenile justice youth. The contracts clearly require full compliance with the PREA standards as a condition of the contract. DYS provides extensive monitoring, training and technical assistance to ensure full compliance. DYS pays for all contract providers’ compliance audits. The facility does not enter into such contracts. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.313: Supervision and monitoring**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.313 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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 internal or external oversight bodies? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.313 (b)**

* Does the agency comply with the staffing plan except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.313 (c)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* Does the facility ensure only security staff are included when calculating these ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* Is the facility obligated by law, regulation, or judicial consent decree to maintain the staffing ratios set forth in this paragraph? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.313 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.313 (e)**

* 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) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? (N/A for non-secure facilities) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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 functions of the facility? (N/A for non-secure facilities) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(B), page 12, was reviewed by this auditor. Policy requires the facility to have a staffing plan in compliance with the PREA standards and that the plan is reviewed annually. The facility has a staffing plan which was provided to this auditor. The document addresses all requirements of this standard Documentation of annual review of the plan was also provided. DYS Policy and Procedure 03.02.02(c), page 1, requires unannounced rounds. This auditor was provided documentation of these rounds and interviews with supervisory staff confirmed that they occur. There is a video surveillance system which provides video coverage of the housing unit, program areas and hallways. The system has a video retention period of at least 30 days. Unannounced rounds are supplemented with mandatory video reviews by supervisors. Observed staffing ratios of 3 : 1 during the on-site audit exceeded the standards during program hours. Over-night staffing in compliance with the standards (actually exceeds as there are always three staff on duty during the overnight shift) was documented on staffing schedules, housing unit logs as well as interviews with staff and residents. There were no instances of deviations from the staffing plan due to training, vacations, Family Medical Leave and other types of leave. Overtime is paid to maintain staffing ratios. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.315: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.315 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.315 (b)**

* Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches in non-exigent circumstances? [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.315 (c)**

* Does the facility document and justify all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.315 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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 [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.315 (e)**

* Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident’s genital status? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* If a resident’s genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.315 (f)**

* Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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Per DYS Policy and Procedure 03.01.02(a), page 3, states that youth may only be searched by staff of the same gender. All searches must be conducted with a witness. All random staff interviewed confirmed that cross-gender searches do not occur. All strip searches, under garment searches and pat searches are documented. All youth interviewed denied ever having been searched by an opposite gender staff. DYS “Guidelines for Practices with LGBTQI-GNC Youth” prohibits searching youth for the purpose of determining if the youth is transgender or intersex. All of the youth interviewed denied ever being searched for this purpose. There are no cameras in bathrooms, showers, youth rooms or anywhere youth are permitted to change clothes. DYS Policy and Procedure 03.01.02(a), page provides for all youth to shower privately. All youth interviewed acknowledged that they have privacy when showing, toileting and changing clothes. There are separate bathrooms for staff and residents. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.316: Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.316 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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: Are blind or have low vision? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.316 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.316 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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| DYS Policy and Procedure 01.07.05(b), page 5, meets the requirements of each element of this standard. The facility has taken reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse for residents who are limited in their ability to speak or understand English, deaf or hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired and those with intellectual deficits. The facility provided the entire education program in audio format for the blind and visually impaired and in written format for the deaf and deemed that was sufficient to meet the requirements of this particular standard. There were no deaf or blind residents to interview to determine the effectiveness of presentation. The facility’s PREA education program is an audio/visual presentation conducted by clinical staff. Written materials are provided in English and Spanish. If needed, translation services are available for residents with other language needs. Special education teachers and clinicians are available for residents with intellectual deficits. All residents interviewed were aware of their rights under the program. There were no hearing or visually impaired residents in the facility at the time of the on-site audit. Interviews with the Facility Administrator Compliance Manager confirmed every effort is made to provide residents with meaningful access to all aspects of the facility’s prevention, detection and response to the sexual abuse prevention program. Based upon all of the above, this standard is deemed to be in full compliance. |

**Standard 115.317: Hiring and promotion decisions**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.317 (a)**

* 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)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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 question immediately above? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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 question immediately above? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (c)**

* Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (d)**

* Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency consult applicable child abuse registries before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (e)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (f)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (g)**

* Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.317 (h)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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The Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS) Policy and Procedure 01.05.04(c)and DYS CORI regulations embodied in CMR 12.00 et seq meets the requirements of each element of this standard. The policy requires the facility to refrain from hiring, promoting, or enlisting the services of any employee, contractor or volunteer who may have contact with residents who has engaged or attempted to engage in any of the prohibited acts described in this standard. Written applications and interview protocols require applicants to answer questions specific to this standard. Material omissions regarding misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, are considered to be grounds for termination or withdrawal of an offer of employment, as appropriate. Staff are also under a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct throughout the duration of their employment. Background investigations are conducted to determine whether the candidate for hire is suitable for employment and includes a criminal background records check. Detailed records of these background investigations are maintained and available to the agency upon request. Updated background investigations are conducted every three years for those facility staff who may have contact with residents. Documentation of employee and contractor background checks was provided on-site. Volunteers go through a similar process and are always under supervision when in contact with residents. Interview with Director of Residential Services confirmed the process for employees and contractors. Interview with Facility Administrator confirmed process for the volunteers. Information from Human Resources Manager confirmed that information regarding references for former employees is handled through an outside contractor. Based upon all of the above, this standard is deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.318: Upgrades to facilities and technologies**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.318 (a)**

* 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 [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.318 (b)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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The facility made no renovations since the last audit. The facility’s video surveillance system was completely updated in June 2016. The facility’s video surveillance system provides a camera view of almost all door in areas where youth are permitted as well as doors to enter areas where they are not permitted. The system is in place for investigative purposes and is not routinely monitored live. The Annual Review of Staffing, Monitoring Technology and Facility Resources Report clearly addresses the use of technology to improve the safety of residents. Documentation of annual review was provided.

In response to the allegation in May of this year the facility has received funding for 11 additional cameras. These additional cameras will raise the surveillance system’s coverage to over 95% of the facility.

Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**RESPONSIVE PLANNING**

**Standard 115.321: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.321 (a)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.321 (b)**

* Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women publication, “A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents,” or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.321 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.321 (d)**

* Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.321 (e)**

* As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.321 (f)**

* 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/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.321 (g)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

**115.321 (h)**

* 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.) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [x]  NA

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Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 10; the Memorandum of Understanding with Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care; and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts State Police were reviewed by this auditor. The policy addresses all aspects of this standard. There were no instances of sexual abuse or assault during this audit period, and therefore there was no documentation to review. Physical evidence collection of criminal acts and forensic examinations are not conducted by facility staff. All staff are trained to preserve incident scenes and measures to prevent evidence from being destroyed. This was confirmed via interviews with staff. Criminal investigations are conducted by the Massachusetts State Police. There is a state-wide MOU for evidence collection and forensic examinations in place. That same MOU provides for rape crisis and victim advocacy services. There was one instances of sexual abuse or assault during this audit period. This was confirmed via email conversation with the DYS Director of Investigations. While the allegation itself did not involve actions that would have warranted SANE exam the program never the less sent the youth out for a forensic interview with a SANE in an effort to determine if anything else happened that was not reported. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.322: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.322 (a)**

* Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.322 (b)**

* Does the agency have a policy and practice 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency document all such referrals? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.322 (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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.322 (d)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

 **115.322 (e)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Massachusetts DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b) was reviewed by this auditor. The policy meets all the requirements of this standard. It requires that all allegations of sexual harassment and sexual abuse be investigated. It requires that allegations that may be criminal in nature be referred to law enforcement and provides clear guidance for when DYS may conduct an administrative investigation once a referral to law enforcement has been made. All DYS staff are mandated reporters of abuse and all staff interviewed were aware of their obligations to report abuse under Massachusetts law. The facility reported one allegation of sexual abuse during this audit period. The allegation was to refer to the Massachusetts State Police for investigation. DYS policy requires reporting of sexual harassment allegations that do not rise to the level of sexual harassment as defined by the PREA standards (the standards specifically state “repeated” as a condition of the definition). While there were no allegations of sexual harassment DYS as a whole, is intentionally reporting and investigating single occurrences of sexual harassment in order to improve the conditions of confinement at the facility as they relate to PREA compliance, and they should be applauded for their efforts. This practice clearly exceeds the requirements of this standard. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to exceed the standard.

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

**Standard 115.331: Employee training**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.331 (a)**

* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Residents’ right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.331 (b)**

* Is such training tailored to the unique needs and attributes of residents of juvenile facilities? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee’s facility? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.331 (c)**

* Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.331 (d)**

* Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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| DYS Policy and Procedures 01.05.07(b), 01.05.08, and 03.04.09 meet all aspects of this standard and are incorporated into the DYS power-point training received by all staff. All staff interviewed acknowledged that they had received the initial training and refresher training. Documentation was provided to this auditor confirming staff completes a post training test to confirm understanding of the material presented. Contract employees and volunteers complete the training. All staff interviewed were aware of their obligations related to the agency’s PREA policy, their obligations as mandated reporters of abuse, their duties as a first responder and agency protocols related to evidence collection.The training curriculum utilized by the facility meets all aspects of this standard as follows: |
| [x]  (1) Agency’s zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 1-2 |
| [x]  (2) How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 1-2 |
| [x]  (3) Residents’ right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 5-6 |
| [x]  (4) The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 1 |
| [x]  (5) The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 3-5 |
| [x]  (6) The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment juvenile victims. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 5-9 |
| [x]  (7) How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse. | Throughout the slides |
| [x]  (8) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 2, 12-13 |
| [x]  (9) How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 13 |
| [x]  (10) How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 5 |
| [x]  (11) Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent. | 01.05.07(b); Pg. 1 |

Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance

**Standard 115.332: Volunteer and contractor training**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.332 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.332 (b)**

* 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)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.332 (c)**

* Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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Per the DYS Volunteer/Intern Orientation Handbook all volunteers and interns must receive PREA training. The PREA training is a review of the DYS PREA policy. Volunteers and interns must sign an acknowledgement that they have received and understood the training. The facility does not utilize volunteers and therefore there were signed acknowledgements for review by this auditor. Contract education staff and contract medical staff attend the DYS PREA training. Documentation of completed training was provided to this auditor. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.333: Resident education**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.333 (a)**

* During intake, do residents receive information explaining the agency’s zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During intake, do residents receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is this information presented in an age-appropriate fashion? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.333 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.333 (c)**

* Have all residents received such education? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.333 (d)**

* Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are limited English proficient? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are deaf? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are visually impaired? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are otherwise disabled? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Have limited reading skills? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.333 (e)**

* Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.333 (f)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS’s resident education program, referred to as the “slide show” is provided to youth by their assigned clinician within 24 hours of admission (this practice far exceeds the ten days allotted by the standard). This is documented in the youth’s electronic case file. Copies of all youths’ signed acknowledgements were provided to this auditor. Youth receive materials about PREA and their rights to be free from abuse and how to report abuse upon admission. This document is available in English and Spanish. This initial handout is reviewed with youth by intake staff and the youth signs an acknowledgement that they understood the material presented. All youth interviewed were aware of the right to be free from abuse and multiple means of reporting allegations of abuse. All youth entering any DYS operated or contracted facility receives the education. All youth interviewed reported having received the education slide show on multiple occasions, equal to the number of programs they were admitted to programs. Posters, in both English and Spanish were clearly visible on all living units and throughout the facility. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to exceed the standard’s requirements.

**Standard 115.334: Specialized training: Investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.334 (a)**

* 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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.334 (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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.334 (c)**

* 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).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.334 (d)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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Per DYS Policy 01.05.07(b), page 8, DYS does not conduct criminal investigations of sexual abuse and assault. Such investigations are conducted by the Massachusetts State Police and the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). A Memorandum of Understanding is in place with the EEC and the MOU specifically requests that the agency comply with the relevant PREA standards. Documentation was provided of efforts to enter into an MOU with the State Police. Documentation of training for DYS Investigators was provided to this auditor. DYS investigators have completed a variety of trainings regarding investigations as well as specific training related to interviews and interrogations of juveniles in institutional settings. Interview with the DYS Director of Investigations confirmed the above information. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.335: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.335 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.335 (b)**

* 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.) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.335 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.335 (d)**

* Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.331? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 13 mandates specialized training for medical and mental health staff as per the PREA standards. Documentation of this training, including training for contract providers was provided to this auditor. Multiple clinical and medical staff members have been interviewed by this auditor and all acknowledged receiving specialized training. Facility medical staff does not conduct forensic examinations or collect evidence. The agency’s protocol is to preserve/avoid destruction of evidence and then transport to the designated medical facility (Baystate Medical Center). Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS**

**Standard 115.341: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.341 (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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency also obtain this information periodically throughout a resident’s confinement? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.341 (b)**

* Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.341 (c)**

* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any gender nonconforming appearance or manner or identification as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex, and whether the resident may therefore be vulnerable to sexual abuse? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Current charges and offense history? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Age? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Level of emotional and cognitive development? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical size and stature? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Mental illness or mental disabilities? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Intellectual or developmental disabilities? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical disabilities? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: The resident’s own perception of vulnerability? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.341 (d)**

* Is this information ascertained: Through conversations with the resident during the intake process and medical mental health screenings? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is this information ascertained: During classification assessments? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is this information ascertained: By reviewing court records, case files, facility behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident’s files? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.341 (e)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 03.01.04, pages 2-3 and 01.05.07(b), page 8 address the standards related to screening youth for risk of victimization and abusiveness. The two practices utilized by DYS far exceed the 72 hours allotted in the standard. Youth are administered the “Dialogue Tree” immediately upon admission by intake staff (before any search is conducted). Within 24 hours, but usually on date of admission clinical staff perform the full screening of youth using a standardized instrument. This screening is documented in the Juvenile Justice Enterprise Management System (JJEMS). JJEMS is state-wide database of information on all youth committed to DYS and is available to contract vendors as well as state operated programs. Access to screening information is limited to clinical staff and a limited number of upper level administrators. All of the youth interviewed stated that screening occurred shortly after admission. The screening instrument addresses all required elements of the standard. Interviews with intake staff, clinical staff and medical staff confirmed that the above practices occur. None of the residents interviewed reported ever having been disciplined or threatened with discipline over answering the above referenced questions. Interviews with PREA Compliance Manager clinical staff all support that this information is restricted to a need to know basis. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to exceed the standard.

**Standard 115.342: Use of screening information**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.342 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents daily large-muscle exercise? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents any legally required educational programming or special education services? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do residents in isolation receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do residents also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (c)**

* Does the agency always refrain from placing: Lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency always refrain from placing: Transgender residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency always refrain from placing: Intersex residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency always refrain from considering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator or likelihood of being sexually abusive? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (d)**

* When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident’s health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident’s health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (e)**

* Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex resident reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the resident? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (f)**

* Are each transgender or intersex resident’s own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (g)**

* Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.342 (h)**

* 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 [ ]  No [x]  NA
* 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 [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.342 (i)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 02.02.01(b)addresses how the information obtained during screening is utilized to inform programming and housing decisions. Isolation, as it relates to this standard, is not authorized under DYS policy and was not used during this audit period. There is a policy, DYS Policy and Procedure 03.03.01(a), in place to cover this standard. Involuntary room confinement, as isolation is referred to in DYS, is not authorized for the purposes described in this standard. Interviews with all staff and youth confirmed compliance with this standard. DYS Policy and Procedure 03.04.09 prohibits youth from being assigned to a housing unit based solely on gender identity and prohibits gender identity and sexual orientation from being used as a risk factor for abusiveness. DYS has a policy in place that allows for youth to be assigned to male and female facilities regardless of birth gender. While there were no transgender or intersex you currently at the facility, this auditor has interviewed biologically male youth who identify as female while in placement at a girls facility operated by or on behalf of DYS. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**REPORTING**

**Standard 115.351: Resident reporting**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.351 (a)**

* Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.351 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.351 (c)**

* Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.351 (d)**

* Does the facility provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 6, appropriately addresses this standard. All youth interviewed knew multiple means (tell staff, DCF Hotline, tell parent, call lawyer, file grievance) to report abuse of any kind. All knew where to find the DCF Hotline number to report abuse outside the agency. DCF is a separate agency with the capacity and mandate to respond to allegations of sexual abuse and harassment. None of the youth interviewed had ever reported sexual harassment, sexual abuse or any form of abuse while in DYD custody. Youth receive a handout at admission regarding how to report abuse and there are posters throughout the facility and on all housing units (in English and Spanish) with the information. All staff are mandated reporters of abuse per DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.04(d), page 6, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All staff interviewed were aware of their obligations as mandated reporters. Interviews with the PREA Compliance Manager, random staff and supervisors confirmed they would accept reports whether they were verbal, in writing, anonymous or third-party. There were no allegations, no third-party or anonymous reports made during this audit period and therefore no documentation of practice for review. All staff interviewed stated that they would have to write a report documenting the allegation and their actions regardless of how it was received. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.352: Exhaustion of administrative remedies**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.352 (a)**

* 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 [x]  No [ ]  NA

**115.352 (b)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.352 (c)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.352 (d)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.352 (e)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.352 (f)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.). [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.352 (g)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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DYS Policy and Procedure 03.04.01, complies in full with this standard (response time frames, appeals and acceptable grievance sources and formats). Although the policy fully complies with the standard, a grievance filed (regardless of source or format) that alleges that sexual abuse occurred or alleges an imminent threat would immediately trigger the agency’s PREA response procedures (Institutional Plan). A review of grievance records and interview with the PREA Compliance Manager confirm that there were no grievances filed related to sexual abuse or sexual harassment during this audit period. All youth interviewed were aware of the grievance procedures. All residents advised that they had not filed a grievance as related to this policy. All staff interviewed were able to describe steps they would take to immediately protect a youth from threatened or imminent sexual abuse. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.353: Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.353 (a)**

* 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 assessable mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.353 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.353 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.353 (d)**

* Does the facility provide residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or other legal representation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the facility provide residents with reasonable access to parents or legal guardians? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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A state-wide Memorandum of Understanding exits for the provision of these services. DYS Policy and Procedure 03.04.04(b), addresses access to these services. Interviews with medical and clinical staff confirmed that youth would be advised about confidentiality prior to accessing the services. Information is provided to youth via Department of Public Health posters that are on display in all living units and common areas throughout the facility. These display the telephone number and mailing address for juveniles to contact. All youth interviewed acknowledged ready access to contact with their families (free telephone calls and visiting) and the ability to contact their lawyer whenever they request to do so. Lawyer visits are not restricted and may occur whenever they are requested. There was one reported resident victim of sexual abuse or harassment during this audit period. Documentation of access to outside services was provided for review. Visiting and telephone records support full compliance with this standard. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.354: Third-party reporting**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.354 (a)**

* Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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There were no reported instances of third-party reporting during this audit period. DYS’s public website lists the Department of Child and Families (DCF) hotline number to call if sexual abuse or harassment is suspected. All youth interviewed acknowledged that they knew they could report abuse via a third party. 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. Information is provided to families about the DCF hotline as well the procedures for filing a grievance on behalf of their child. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A RESIDENT REPORT**

**Standard 115.361: Staff and agency reporting duties**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.361 (a)**

* Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.361 (b)**

* Does the agency require all staff to comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.361 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.361 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.361 (e)**

* Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the appropriate office? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* If the alleged victim is under the guardianship of the child welfare 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.361 (f)**

* Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility’s designated investigators? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b) meets the requirements of this standard. Staff are required to report immediately and according to agency policy, any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any incident of sexual abuse that occurred in a facility; retaliation against residents or staff who reported or participated in an investigation about such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All staff, contractors and volunteers are mandated reporters of child abuse. All allegations of sexual abuse or harassment must be properly reported and referred for investigation. Interviews with PREA Compliance Manager and random staff confirmed their awareness of the policy and their duties to report as required by this standard. All staff interviewed were aware of their obligation to report all allegations of sexual abuse as well as the requirement they document the information in an official written report. The facility reported one allegation of sexual abuse or harassment. This allegation was reported to the DCF Hotline and the Massachusetts State Police. All staff interviewed were aware of the need to maintain strict confidentiality over information regarding allegations of sexual abuse. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.362: Agency protection duties**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.362 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), pages 6 and 10 addresses the requirements of this standard. The policy and the facility’s institutional plan require and immediate response should a youth be determined to be at imminent risk of sexual abuse or assault. There were no reported instances of a youth being determined to be in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and therefore there was no documentation of practice to review for compliance. All staff interviewed were able to articulate immediate means that they would use to protect youth should this occur. These included immediately calling for a supervisor to respond to the location; keeping the youth under arms-length supervision until the supervisor arrives; removing the resident from the area and, if necessary based on the imminent nature of the threat, securing the youth alone in a room. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.363: Reporting to other confinement facilities**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.363 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the head of the facility that received the allegation also notify the appropriate investigative agency? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.363 (b)**

* Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.363 (c)**

* Does the agency document that it has provided such notification? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.363 (d)**

* Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), pages 6 addresses the requirements of this standard. Upon receiving an allegation that a detainee was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the facility will notify the appropriate office of the agency or the administrator of the facility where the alleged abuse occurred. Notification will be as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after learning of the allegation. Such notification will be documented. If the facility receives notification from another facility pursuant to this standard, it will notify DCF and refer the allegation for investigation. The Facility Administrator and PREA Compliance Manager reported the facility had received no allegations of sexual abuse, from a resident during the intake process, which occurred at another facility. The Facility Administrator and PREA Compliance Manager reported the facility had not received a sexual abuse report from another facility during this audit period. With no allegations of either type reported there was no documentation of compliance to review. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.364: Staff first responder duties**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.364 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.364 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(a), complies with the requirements of this standard related to first responder duties. All staff, volunteers and contractors receive training regarding first responder duties. The facility has an institutional plan that meets all the requirements of this standard. There were no reported instances of sexual assault during this audit period, therefore there was no documentation of staff performing these duties. All staff and contractors interviewed were able to articulate their first responder duties.

**Standard 115.365: Coordinated response**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.365 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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A copy of the facility’s institutional plan was provided to this auditor. The plans provide clear and concise direction for response to any alleged PREA violation. There was one reported allegation of sexual assault during this audit period. Documentation of the Institutional Plan being utilized was provided for review. All staff interviewed were aware of the program’s institutional plan and where to locate the document.

**Standard 115.366: Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.366 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.366 (b)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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The current collective bargaining agreement was reviewed by this auditor. There is nothing in the collective bargaining agreement that would violate this standard. DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.04(d) specifically authorizes DYS to protect youth from contact with alleged abusers up to and including suspending staff without pay. The staff member involved in the one allegation of sexual abuse was immediately suspended. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.367: Agency protection against retaliation**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.367 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.367 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.367 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.367 (d)**

* In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.367 (e)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.367 (f)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b) addresses the requirements of this standard. By policy the Program Director is the staff person charged with monitoring for retaliation. Staff, contractors, volunteers, and residents are prohibited by policy from retaliating against any person, including a resident, who reports, complains about, or participates in an investigation into an allegation of sexual abuse, or participates in sexual activity as a result of force, coercion, threats, or fear of force. Per the policy, monitoring is for a minimum of 90 days. The facility employs multiple protection measures (i.e. housing changes, removal of alleged staff or detainee abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for residents or staff that fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or for cooperating with investigations). The facility reports there were no allegations related to retaliation against staff or residents during this audit period. Facility Administrator reported there is a system in place to monitor for retaliation and documenting any actions taken in response. There were no reported allegations of sexual abuse or harassment and therefore no documentation of practice to review. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.368: Post-allegation protective custody**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.368 (a)**

* Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect a resident who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.342? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS policy does not permit the use of segregation as meant in this standard. There were no reported instances of sexual abuse during this audit period. The facility did not use segregation or isolation for the purpose of this standard during this audit period. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed in full compliance.

**INVESTIGATIONS**

**Standard 115.371: Criminal and administrative agency investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.371 (a)**

* When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA
* Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).] [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.371 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (c)**

* Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (d)**

* Does the agency always refrain from terminating an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (e)**

* When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (f)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (g)**

* Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (h)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (i)**

* Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (j)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (k)**

* Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.371 (l)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

**115.371 (m)**

* 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).) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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DYS and the facility do not conduct investigations of allegations that rise to the level of criminal behavior. These are conducted by the Massachusetts State Police. DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), pages 9-10 complies with this standard relative to administrative investigations. DYS investigators completed PREA investigations training through the NIC and follow the protocols there in when conducting investigations related to allegations of sexual abuse and harassment. There was one reported allegation of sexual abuse or harassment during this audit period. As the incident is still under investigation there was no report to be reviewed by this auditor. A review of prior sexual harassment investigation reports confirmed the investigators’ understanding of this policy and their training. DYS has made documented efforts to advise the Massachusetts State Police of the requirements of this standard. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed in full compliance.

**Standard 115.372: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.372 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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Per DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 10, section E (2), a preponderance of evidence is the standard. There were no completed administrative investigation reports of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment to review to confirm the evidentiary standard is being followed. Reports from other DYS administrative investigations (allegations from other facilities) confirm compliance with this standard by DYS investigators. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.373: Reporting to residents**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.373 (a)**

* Following an investigation into a resident’s allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.373 (b)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.373 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.373 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.373 (e)**

* Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.373 (f)**

* Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 10 meets the all requirements of this standard. There was one reported instances of sexual abuse alleged to have occurred during this audit period. However, the incident remains under investigation and therefore there was no documentation of practice to be reviewed for compliance. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**DISCIPLINE**

**Standard 115.376: Disciplinary sanctions for staff**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.376 (a)**

* Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.376 (b)**

* Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.376 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.376 (d)**

* Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff that would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff that would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.04(d), page 4addresses all the requirements of this standard. Staff are subject to disciplinary or adverse action up to and including removal from their position and the Federal service for substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or for violating agency or facility sexual abuse policies. Termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff that are substantiated for allegations of sexual abuse or for violating agency or facility sexual abuse policies. Per interviews with the DYS PREA Coordinator, Facility Administrator and DYS Director of Investigations, staff are subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution commensurate with the type of allegation substantiated. The facility reports that there were no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse against staff and therefore, no documentation of practice was available for review by this Auditor. The facility reports there were no staff removals or resignations in lieu of removal for violations of agency or facility sexual abuse policies. Therefore, no documentation of practice (reasonable efforts to notify relevant licensing bodies) was available for review by this Auditor. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.377: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.377 (a)**

* Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.377 (b)**

* In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.10.01(a), page addresses fully the requirements of this standard. The policy requires that the facility make reasonable efforts to report substantiated allegations of sexual abuse by a contractor or volunteer to any relevant licensing body, to the extent known, as well as report to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal. The facility reports there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment reported during this audit period that involved contractors or volunteers. The facility reports that there have been no violations of other provisions of these standards by contractors or volunteers and therefore no documentation of practice to review for compliance. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.378: Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.378 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.378 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.378 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.378 (d)**

* If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to offer the offending resident participation in such interventions? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.378 (e)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.378 (f)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.378 (g)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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There were no reported incidents of youth on youth sexual abuse or assault. The facility 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 are therapeutic in nature. DYS does not use punitive isolation/segregation as a sanction. Behavioral change is the goal versus punitive actions. The facility’s primary goal related to disciplinary sanctions in response to any rule violations is treatment oriented. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE**

**Standard 115.381: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.381 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.381 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.381 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.381 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 8 addresses the requirements of this standard. Youth admitted to the facility are seen by clinical staff within 24 hours of arrival. Staff performing the youth’s intake utilize a standardized screening tool to determine if a youth has any immediate and/or emergency medical or mental health needs. All youth interviewed confirmed that they were seen by clinical staff shortly after arrival at the facility. Interview with clinical staff confirmed that screening includes history of sexual abuse. Per medical staff interview, youth have access to all the same medical services available to youth in the community. Medical and clinical staff seek informed consent before reporting prior sexual victimization. When a disclosure of prior abuse occurs, and services are offered by Medical and clinical staff, this is documented in JJEMS. There were no reported instances of disclosure of prior sexual victimization or prior sexually abusive behavior. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.382: Access to emergency medical and mental health services**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.382 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.382 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Do staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.382 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.382 (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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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The facility’s Institutional Plan fully addresses the requirements of this standard. The Institutional Plan requires staff to call 911 when no medical staff are on duty to perform triage. DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b) also requires that the youth’s medical and mental health needs are met. First responders are required to notify medical and clinical immediately after the resident is safe from further ham. The state-wide MOU clearly states that services will be provided to the youth free of charge. There was one reported allegation of sexual abuse occurring at the facility during this audit period. However the nature of the alleged conduct was such that emergency medical care was not warranted and therefore there was no documentation to be reviewed. The youth was seen immediately by a mental health clinician and sent to the hospital for a forensic interview with a SANE in an effort to determine if any further abuse occurred. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.383: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.383 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.383 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.383 (c)**

* Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.383 (d)**

* Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.383 (e)**

* 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.) [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [x]  NA

**115.383 (f)**

* Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.383 (g)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.383 (h)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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There was one reported allegation of sexual abuse or sexual assault occurring at the facility during this audit period however the nature of the alleged conduct (kissing) did not necessitate ongoing medical care. In the event that an incident was to occur the victim would receive services from the community provider as outlined in the state-wide MOU. As previously noted, services from these providers are at no cost to the victim. All ongoing medical care beyond the scope of facility medical staff would be provided by community providers. The resident would have the option of facility clinical staff or community providers for ongoing mental health services. There were no reported disclosures of prior abuse and therefore no documentation of practice to review. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW**

**Standard 115.386: Sexual abuse incident reviews**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.386 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.386 (b)**

* Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.386 (c)**

* Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.386 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.386 (e)**

* Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

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There were no reported substantiated or unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse or sexual assault occurring at the facility during this audit period. DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 11 complies with all aspects of this standard. Due to the lack of sexual abuse or sexual harassment incidents there was no documentation of practice for this auditor to review. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.387: Data collection**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.387 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.387 (b)**

* Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.387 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.387 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.387 (e)**

* Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.387 (f)**

* 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.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

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DYS Policy and Procedure 01.05.07(b), page 12 complies with all aspects of this standard. DYS maintains an electronic data base of records for residents and staff (this includes residents and staff of facilities operated under contract on behalf of DYS). Combined these systems allow DYS to access data sufficient to complete the annual survey of sexual violence. The agency’s public website was reviewed by this auditor. Aggregate data for all contract and DYS operated facilities is posted. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.388: Data review for corrective action**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.388 (a)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No
* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.388 (b)**

* 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 [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.388 (c)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.388 (d)**

* Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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The agency’s public website was reviewed by this auditor. The most recent, available annual PREA report was posted. The annual report addresses all elements of this standard. DYS Policy and Procedure 01.08.02 fully addresses and complies with the retention requirements of this standard. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.389: Data storage, publication, and destruction**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.389 (a)**

* Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.387 are securely retained? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.389 (b)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.389 (c)**

* Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.389 (d)**

* 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

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The DYS Policy and Procedure 01.08.02 addresses the data storage requirements of this standard. A review of the data available on the DYS website supports full compliance for this standard. There is no individual identifying information contained in the aggregate data or the reports related to the data posted. Based upon all of the above, this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION**

**Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.401 (a)**

* During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, 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? (N/A before August 20, 2016.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**115.401 (b)**

* During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, 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? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.401 (h)**

* Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.401 (i)**

* Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.401 (m)**

* Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and residents? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**115.401 (n)**

* Were residents permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

[ ]  **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

[x]  **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

[ ]  **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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This auditor has conducted all PREA compliance audits for DYS since this standard was published. Each year this auditor has conducted compliance audits for at least one third of the facilities operated by DYS or operated on behalf of DYS. This auditor had unrestricted access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility. This auditor was permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information). This auditor was permitted to conduct private interviews with residents. Residents permitted to send confidential information and correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel. Based upon all of the above this standard was deemed to be in full compliance.

**Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.403 (f)**

* The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility’s last audit report was published. 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 that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.) [x]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

[ ]  **Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)

[x]  **Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)

[ ]  **Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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All prior agency final audit reports are posted on the agency’s website.

**AUDITOR CERTIFICATION**

I certify that:

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

[x]  No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and

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

**Auditor Instructions:**

Type your full name in the text box below for Auditor Signature. This will function as your official electronic signature. Auditors must deliver their final report to the PREA Resource Center as a searchable PDF format to ensure accessibility to people with disabilities. Save this report document into a PDF format prior to submission.[[1]](#footnote-1) Auditors are not permitted to submit audit reports that have been scanned.[[2]](#footnote-2) See the PREA Auditor Handbook for a full discussion of audit report formatting requirements.

Kurt Pfisterer /s/ June 13, 2019

**Auditor Signature Date**

1. See additional instructions here: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Save-or-convert-to-PDF-d85416c5-7d77-4fd6-a216-6f4bf7c7c110> . [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)