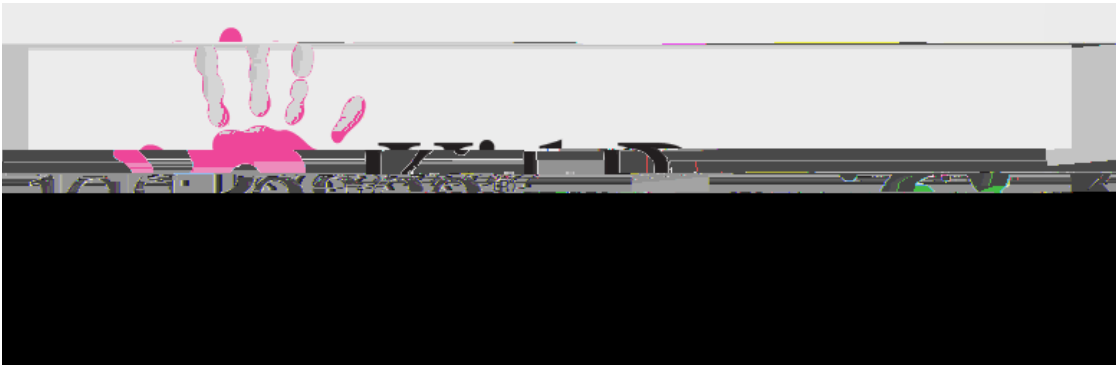


KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia



Annual Assessment of Progress in Addressing Sexual Abuse

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, 42 U.S.C. 15601 et Seq., regulations that adopt national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of prison rape. The finalized PREA standards were released on August 20, 2012, with an implementation date of August 2013. **Pursuant to 115.88 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia is required to:**

- (a) Review data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and trainings including by:
 - (1) Identifying problem areas;
 - (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
 - (3) Preparing an annual report of findings and corrective actions for KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia
- (b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide as assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
- (c) KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia report shall be 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.
- (d) KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia may redact specific materials from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the materials redacted.

Data Collection:

During the calendar year from July 2022 through June 30 2023, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia collected the referrals for investigation into allegations in order to report findings to the Department of Juvenile Justice for their annual Survey of Sexual Violence. The data received is the basis for this section of the report.

Client to Client Sexual Abuse

KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia defines sexual abuse of a client by another client as any of the following acts:

- (1) Contact between the penis and vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object or other instrument;

Analysis/Corrective Action:

The current data analysis from July 2022 through June 2023 reflects an increase in the number of sexual incidents that were substantiated during the previous (2021-2022) reporting period. A Corrective Action Plan completed by KidsPeace was submitted to and approved by the Department of Juvenile Justice following the 8/17/2022 incident of staff-to-client sexual harassment.

The 08/17/2022 substantiated Staff to Client Sexual Harassment

Analysis:

Team Meetings. A signed acknowledgement of this SOP will be placed in Associate's HR file.

All current Associates will be reeducated in KidsPeace Policy Social Media HR.CORP.513 during Unit Team Meetings. A signed acknowledgement of this SOP will be placed in Associate's HR file.

Summary:

It is our responsibility and part of our mission to continue to give hope, help and healing to children, adults and those who love them. KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia's vision is to help people in need overcome challenges and transform their lives by providing emotional and physical healthcare and educational services in an atmosphere of teamwork, compassion and ~~diversity~~. This could not be achieved without the collective efforts ~~among~~ associates, vendors, volunteers and clients at KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia. Each one ~~should~~ understand their roles and responsibilities in reporting and preventing ~~sexual~~ violence.

KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia remains committed to taking corrective actions to comply with all Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards. KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia created the ~~zero~~ tolerance policy to demonstrate "zero tolerance" for sexual abuse at our facility. KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia training curriculum was established to incorporate these policies/standards and to ensure that all KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia Associates, vendors and volunteers are not only made aware of the policies/procedures, but are instructed on the proper protocol in the event of a sexual incident.

It's the hope of KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia by demonstrating our belief in practicing a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual misconduct and/sexual harassment in our facility, that we will continue to work toward and achieve a zero account of sexual incidents in our facility.

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