

Bethany Christian Services Annual PREA Report 2024

Bethany Christian Services contracts with the State of Michigan to provide juvenile justice residential services and is, therefore, required to adopt and comply with all standards of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Bethany Christian Services' PREA Policy states that all agency personnel have zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents. Facilities must have preventive plans in place and, should allegations regarding sexual abuse or harassment be made, all personnel must be appropriately trained to take action to rapidly restore safety, attend to and support the victim, and promptly initiate the investigative process. Audits are required to ensure compliance with PREA standards.

Reporting Sexual Abuse or Harassment

- Bethany Christian Services' policy requires that all residential facilities provide youths with multiple ways to report sexual abuse and harassment, including suspected sexual abuse, and youth must be given an orientation on the multiple reporting options available to them. Facilities must ensure that youth who report sexual abuse or harassment and supporting witnesses are protected from retaliation. Facilities must inform youth that they will be protected from retaliation. Reporting options include:
 - Verbally or in writing to any staff, counselor or administrator.
 - In writing through the youth and family grievance process.
 - Verbally or in writing to an advocate or parent.
 - Externally by telephoning Children's Protective Services (CPS) at (855) 444-3911.
 - Any member of the public that suspects sexual abuse or sexual harassment is occurring has occurred at the facility may also report by calling CPS.

Aggregate Sexual Abuse Data

Data listed below is for juvenile justice program residents housed at Bethany Christian Services during calendar year 2024.

Demographic Data

Number of youths held in Bethany Christian Services on December 31, 2024:

- Male 10
- Female 0
- Total 10

Age of the youths:

- Age 17 or younger 8
- Ages 18-20 2
- Age 21 or older 0
- Total 10

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations during calendar year 2024:

Youth-on-youth allegations: 4
 Staff-on-youth allegations: 1
 Total Allegations: 5


| Date | Category | Type | Results | | | Review |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | |
| 01/04/2024 | Staff | Sexual abuse | | | X | n/a |
| 08/22/2024 | Peer | Touch, Penetration | | X | | 10/9 |
| 09/26/2024 | Peer | Touch | | | X | n/a |
| 12/09/2024 | Peer | Touch, Penetration | | X | | |
| 12/30/2024 | Peer | Harassment | <i>Currently under investigation</i> | | | |
| Totals | 5 | | | 2 | 2 | |

Sexual Abuse and Sexual harassment Allegations Results during calendar year 2024:

Substantiated (meaning more evidence than not to support it occurred): 0
 Unsubstantiated (meaning less evidence than not to support it occurred): 2
 Unfounded (it did not occur or was not a PREA incident): 2
 Under investigation: 1

For more information on PREA go to <https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/>

Report Approval



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