

PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: Pathway IDI Residential Facility

Facility Type: Juvenile

Date Interim Report Submitted: NA

Date Final Report Submitted: 08/14/2025

Auditor Certification

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



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



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



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Date of Signature: 08/14/2025

AUDITOR INFORMATION

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Start Date of On-Site Audit: 05/14/2025

End Date of On-Site Audit: 05/15/2025

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility name: Pathway IDI Residential Facility

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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	16
Current population of facility:	7
Average daily population for the past 12 months:	8
Has the facility been over capacity at any point in the past 12 months?	No
What is the facility's population designation?	Men/boys

In the past 12 months, which population(s) has the facility held? Select all that apply (Nonbinary describes a person who does not identify exclusively as a boy/man or a girl/woman. Some people also use this term to describe their gender expression. For definitions of “intersex” and “transgender,” please see https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/standard/115-5)	
Age range of population:	12-21
Facility security levels/resident custody levels:	Secure
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with residents:	81
Number of individual contractors who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	1
Number of volunteers who have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:	0

AGENCY INFORMATION	
Name of agency:	Pathway, Inc.
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
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Facility AUDIT FINDINGS	
Summary of Audit Findings	
<p>The OAS automatically populates the number and list of Standards exceeded, the number of Standards met, and the number and list of Standards not met.</p> <p>Auditor Note: In general, no standards should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA." A compliance determination must be made for each standard. In rare instances where an auditor determines that a standard is not applicable, the auditor should select "Meets Standard" and include a comprehensive discussion as to why the standard is not applicable to the facility being audited.</p>	
Number of standards exceeded:	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 115.311 - Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
Number of standards met:	
42	
Number of standards not met:	
0	

POST-AUDIT REPORTING INFORMATION

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

GENERAL AUDIT INFORMATION

On-site Audit Dates

1. Start date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2025-05-14
2. End date of the onsite portion of the audit:	2025-05-15

Outreach

10. Did you attempt to communicate with community-based organization(s) or victim advocates who provide services to this facility and/or who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. Identify the community-based organization(s) or victim advocates with whom you communicated:	Just Detention Alabama Division of Youth Services Local Child Advocacy Center

AUDITED FACILITY INFORMATION

14. Designated facility capacity:	16
15. Average daily population for the past 12 months:	8
16. Number of inmate/resident/detainee housing units:	2
17. Does the facility ever hold youthful inmates or youthful/juvenile detainees?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable for the facility type audited (i.e., Community Confinement Facility or Juvenile Facility)

Audited Facility Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit

Inmates/Residents/Detainees Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit

23. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of onsite portion of the audit:	6
25. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
26. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	6
27. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (visually impaired) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
28. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
29. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
30. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	2

31. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
32. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
33. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	1
34. Enter the total number of inmates/residents/detainees who were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	0
35. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of inmates/residents/detainees in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit (e.g., groups not tracked, issues with identifying certain populations):	Over the past 12 months, the facility has housed a diverse population of residents. There were a limited number of residents housed in the last year. The auditor was able to review intake assessments to verify the population characteristics.
Staff, Volunteers, and Contractors Population Characteristics on Day One of the Onsite Portion of the Audit	
36. Enter the total number of STAFF, including both full- and part-time staff, employed by the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	83
37. Enter the total number of VOLUNTEERS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	0

38. Enter the total number of CONTRACTORS assigned to the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit who have contact with inmates/residents/detainees:	1
39. Provide any additional comments regarding the population characteristics of staff, volunteers, and contractors who were in the facility as of the first day of the onsite portion of the audit:	<p>The facility had a diversity in terms of age, gender, ethnicity and background of staff, volunteers and contractors. While the facility had a high turnover rate, there was a range of experience and expertise among staff. The facility employed a versatile staff force that had notable qualification and specialized skills to contribute to the overall facility operations.</p>
INTERVIEWS	
Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
Random Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
40. Enter the total number of RANDOM INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	6
41. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees: (select all that apply)	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic, Non-Hispanic) </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of time in the facility </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing assignment </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Gender </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> None </div>
42. How did you ensure your sample of RANDOM INMATE/RESIDENT/DETAINEE interviewees was geographically diverse?	<p>It should be noted that there were only six residents at the site. The program is specialized providing services for youth how have a cognitive diagnosis. All of the residents were also targeted residents.</p>

43. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
a. Explain why it was not possible to conduct the minimum number of random inmate/resident/detainee interviews:	It should be noted that there were only six residents at the site. The program is specialized providing services for youth how have a cognitive diagnosis. All of the residents were also targeted residents.
44. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	On the first day of the onsite portion of the audit, the auditor was provided with a comprehensive list of all residents in the facility. The facility houses all male residents. The facility was able to utilize data from the risk assessment to identity any targeted populations.
Targeted Inmate/Resident/Detainee Interviews	
45. Enter the total number of TARGETED INMATES/RESIDENTS/DETAINEES who were interviewed:	9
<p>As stated in the PREA Auditor Handbook, the breakdown of targeted interviews is intended to guide auditors in interviewing the appropriate cross-section of inmates/residents/detainees who are the most vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. When completing questions regarding targeted inmate/resident/detainee interviews below, remember that an interview with one inmate/resident/detainee may satisfy multiple targeted interview requirements. These questions are asking about the number of interviews conducted using the targeted inmate/resident/detainee protocols. For example, if an auditor interviews an inmate who has a physical disability, is being held in segregated housing due to risk of sexual victimization, and disclosed prior sexual victimization, that interview would be included in the totals for each of those questions. Therefore, in most cases, the sum of all the following responses to the targeted inmate/resident/detainee interview categories will exceed the total number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees who were interviewed. If a particular targeted population is not applicable in the audited facility, enter "0".</p>	
47. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a physical disability using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0

<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>The program does not house residents who may have a physical disability.</p>
<p>48. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees with a cognitive or functional disability (including intellectual disability, psychiatric disability, or speech disability) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>49. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Blind or have low vision (i.e., visually impaired) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>

b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The program does not house residents who may be considered blind or low vision.
50. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed. </div>
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	The program does not house residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.
51. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) using the "Disabled and Limited English Proficient Inmates" protocol:	0
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees. </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed. </div>

b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	<p>The program does not house residents who are limited English Proficient.</p>
52. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	<p>2</p>
53. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who identify as transgender or intersex using the "Transgender and Intersex Inmates; Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Inmates" protocol:	<p>0</p>
a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	<p>There were no identified residents in the targeted area.</p>
54. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who reported sexual abuse in this facility using the "Inmates who Reported a Sexual Abuse" protocol:	<p>0</p>

<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>
<p>b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).</p>	<p>There were no identified residents in the targeted area.</p>
<p>55. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who disclosed prior sexual victimization during risk screening using the "Inmates who Disclosed Sexual Victimization during Risk Screening" protocol:</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>56. Enter the total number of interviews conducted with inmates/residents/detainees who are or were ever placed in segregated housing/isolation for risk of sexual victimization using the "Inmates Placed in Segregated Housing (for Risk of Sexual Victimization/Who Allege to have Suffered Sexual Abuse)" protocol:</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>a. Select why you were unable to conduct at least the minimum required number of targeted inmates/residents/detainees in this category:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility said there were "none here" during the onsite portion of the audit and/or the facility was unable to provide a list of these inmates/residents/detainees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The inmates/residents/detainees in this targeted category declined to be interviewed.</p>

b. Discuss your corroboration strategies to determine if this population exists in the audited facility (e.g., based on information obtained from the PAQ; documentation reviewed onsite; and discussions with staff and other inmates/residents/detainees).	There were no identified residents in the targeted area. The facility does not utilize isolation.
57. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing targeted inmates/residents/detainees (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews):	There were only six residents at the program. All of the residents were considered targeted by the nature of the program. The program is an intensive program for male juvenile offenders.
Staff, Volunteer, and Contractor Interviews	
Random Staff Interviews	
58. Enter the total number of RANDOM STAFF who were interviewed:	12
59. Select which characteristics you considered when you selected RANDOM STAFF interviewees: (select all that apply)	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of tenure in the facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shift assignment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Rank (or equivalent) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, languages spoken) <input type="checkbox"/> None </div>
60. Were you able to conduct the minimum number of RANDOM STAFF interviews?	<div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </div>

61. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing random staff (e.g., any populations you oversampled, barriers to completing interviews, barriers to ensuring representation):	<p>On the first day of the onsite portion of the audit, the auditor was provided with a comprehensive list of all staff by title and shift. Interviews with random staff were conducted across various shifts, housing units, and job classifications to ensure broad representation. Staff were selected from rosters using a random sampling method, with an emphasis on including a mix of security staff, medical personnel, education and program staff, and support services.</p>
Specialized Staff, Volunteers, and Contractor Interviews	
<p>Staff in some facilities may be responsible for more than one of the specialized staff duties. Therefore, more than one interview protocol may apply to an interview with a single staff member and that information would satisfy multiple specialized staff interview requirements.</p>	
62. Enter the total number of staff in a SPECIALIZED STAFF role who were interviewed (excluding volunteers and contractors):	<p>33</p>
63. Were you able to interview the Agency Head?	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
64. Were you able to interview the Warden/Facility Director/Superintendent or their designee?	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
65. Were you able to interview the PREA Coordinator?	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
66. Were you able to interview the PREA Compliance Manager?	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NA (NA if the agency is a single facility agency or is otherwise not required to have a PREA Compliance Manager per the Standards)</p>

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

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

	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
68. Did you interview VOLUNTEERS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
69. Did you interview CONTRACTORS who may have contact with inmates/residents/detainees in this facility?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
70. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting or interviewing specialized staff.	Attempts were made to interview the contracted staff; however, they were unsuccessful.
SITE REVIEW AND DOCUMENTATION SAMPLING	
Site Review	
<p>PREA Standard 115.401 (h) states, "The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities." In order to meet the requirements in this Standard, the site review portion of the onsite audit must include a thorough examination of the entire facility. The site review is not a casual tour of the facility. It is an active, inquiring process that includes talking with staff and inmates to determine whether, and the extent to which, the audited facility's practices demonstrate compliance with the Standards. Note: As you are conducting the site review, you must document your tests of critical functions, important information gathered through observations, and any issues identified with facility practices. The information you collect through the site review is a crucial part of the evidence you will analyze as part of your compliance determinations and will be needed to complete your audit report, including the Post-Audit Reporting Information.</p>	
71. Did you have access to all areas of the facility?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Was the site review an active, inquiring process that included the following:	
72. Observations of all facility practices in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., signage, supervision practices, cross-gender viewing and searches)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

73. Tests of all critical functions in the facility in accordance with the site review component of the audit instrument (e.g., risk screening process, access to outside emotional support services, interpretation services)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
74. Informal conversations with inmates/residents/detainees during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
75. Informal conversations with staff during the site review (encouraged, not required)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

<p>76. Provide any additional comments regarding the site review (e.g., access to areas in the facility, observations, tests of critical functions, or informal conversations).</p>	<p>During the site review, comprehensive access was granted to all areas of the facility, allowing for a thorough examination of the environment and operations. Key observations included the following:</p> <p>Facility Access: Unrestricted access to various sections of the facility was provided, facilitating a detailed assessment of living conditions, security measures, and common areas.</p> <p>Operational Observations: Several critical functions were tested and observed, including emergency response protocols, security checks, and daily operational routines. These tests demonstrated the facility's preparedness and adherence to established standards.</p> <p>Interactions and Informal Conversations: Informal conversations with staff, residents, and detainees provided additional insights into the daily operations and the overall atmosphere of the facility. These interactions were valuable in corroborating data obtained from documentation and formal interviews.</p> <p>General Observations: The site review highlighted both strengths and areas for improvement within the facility. Observations on cleanliness, maintenance, and the behavior of staff and residents contributed to a comprehensive understanding of the facility's current state.</p>
<p>Documentation Sampling</p>	
<p>Where there is a collection of records to review-such as staff, contractor, and volunteer training records; background check records; supervisory rounds logs; risk screening and intake processing records; inmate education records; medical files; and investigative files-auditors must self-select for review a representative sample of each type of record.</p>	
<p>77. In addition to the proof documentation selected by the agency or facility and provided to you, did you also conduct an auditor-selected sampling of documentation?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

78. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting additional documentation (e.g., any documentation you oversampled, barriers to selecting additional documentation, etc.).

During the audit process, I took several steps to ensure that the documentation reviewed was thorough and representative of the facility's operations:

Oversampling Documentation: In certain instances, I oversampled documentation to gain a deeper understanding of specific areas. For example, I reviewed an increased number of training records and unannounced rounds to identify any recurring patterns or issues that might not be evident from a smaller sample size.

Barriers to Selecting Additional Documentation: While the facility provided comprehensive access to most documents, there were some challenges encountered:
Time Constraints: The limited time available for the audit sometimes posed a challenge in reviewing all the desired documentation in detail.

Document Availability: In a few cases, some documents were not immediately available, however provided by the final audit report.

Mitigation Strategies: To address these barriers, I implemented several strategies:
Prioritization: I prioritized reviewing documents that were most critical to the audit's objectives and sought summaries or overviews where full documents were not accessible.

Supplementary Interviews: When documentation was not fully available, I supplemented the review with additional interviews and discussions with staff and residents to fill in the gaps.

Request for Additional Information: I requested additional information or clarifications as needed to ensure that the audit findings were accurate and comprehensive.

These steps were taken to ensure a thorough and balanced review of the facility's documentation, ultimately contributing to a more accurate assessment.

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS FACILITY

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Allegations and Investigations Overview

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

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

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

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

	# of sexual harassment allegations	# of criminal investigations	# of administrative investigations	# of allegations that had both criminal and administrative investigations
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	2	0	2	0
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	0

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Sexual Abuse Investigation Outcomes

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual Harassment Investigation Outcomes

Note: these counts should reflect where the investigation is currently. Do not double count. Additionally, for question brevity, we use the term “inmate” in the following questions. Auditors should provide information on inmate, resident, and detainee sexual harassment investigation files, as applicable to the facility type being audited.

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

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

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

	Ongoing	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	1	1
Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	1

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review

Sexual Abuse Investigation Files Selected for Review

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

0

a. Explain why you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files:

There were no reported allegations of sexual abuse.

86. Did your selection of SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual abuse investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files	
87. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
88. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
89. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files	
90. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files reviewed/sampled:	0
91. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include criminal investigations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)

92. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE investigation files include administrative investigations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual abuse investigation files)
Sexual Harassment Investigation Files Selected for Review	
93. Enter the total number of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
94. Did your selection of SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include a cross-section of criminal and/or administrative investigations by findings/outcomes?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any sexual harassment investigation files)
Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files	
95. Enter the total number of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:	2
96. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT files include criminal investigations?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)
97. Did your sample of INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> NA (NA if you were unable to review any inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

Staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files

98. Enter the total number of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files reviewed/sampled:

0

99. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include criminal investigations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

100. Did your sample of STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT investigation files include administrative investigations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ NA (NA if you were unable to review any staff-on-inmate sexual harassment investigation files)

101. Provide any additional comments regarding selecting and reviewing sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigation files.

There were no reported allegations of staff on inmate sexual harassment.

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION**DOJ-certified PREA Auditors Support Staff**

102. Did you receive assistance from any DOJ-CERTIFIED PREA AUDITORS at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Non-certified Support Staff

103. Did you receive assistance from any NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF at any point during this audit? REMEMBER: the audit includes all activities from the pre-onsite through the post-onsite phases to the submission of the final report. Make sure you respond accordingly.

☒ Yes

☐ No

a. Enter the TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT who provided assistance at any point during this audit:

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AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION

108. Who paid you to conduct this audit?

☒ The audited facility or its parent agency

☐ My state/territory or county government employer (if you audit as part of a consortium or circular auditing arrangement, select this option)

☐ A third-party auditing entity (e.g., accreditation body, consulting firm)

☐ Other

Standards	
Auditor Overall Determination Definitions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds Standard (Substantially exceeds requirement of standard) Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the stand for the relevant review period) Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective actions) 	
Auditor Discussion Instructions	
<p>Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.</p>	

115.311	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
	Auditor Overall Determination: Exceeds Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Organizational Chart 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA Coordinator b. PREA Compliance Manager <p>Findings (By Provision):</p>

115.311 (a). An agency shall have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlining the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

- As reported in the PAQ, the agency has a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in facilities it operates directly or under contract.
- Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual, "This manual provides guidelines and procedures to reduce the risk of sexual abuse and sexual harassment at all Pathway, Inc owned and operated facilities. It is also a written plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff, residents, volunteers, contractors, and facility leadership. Pathway is committed to a zero-tolerance standard for sexual abuse and sexual harassment either by staff or by other residents" (p. 1). The policy provides a process for which the facility will implement the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual, further defines sexual abuse:
- Sexual Abuse:
- Sexual abuse of a client/resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer when the victim does not consent and is coerced into such acts by overt or implied threats of violence or is unable to consent or refuse. These include any of the following actions:
- Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- Contact between the mouth and any body part when the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, or object, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- Any intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to

engage in the activities described above in letters a through e;

- Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of a resident, and
- Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer that involves an invasion of a resident's privacy by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties such as:
 - Peering at a resident who is using a toilet in the residence to perform bodily functions;
 - Requiring a client/resident to expose his buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of a client's/resident's naked body or of a client/resident performing bodily functions, regardless of what the staff member does with the images afterwards.
- Sexual abuse of a client/resident by another client/resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:
 - Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
 - Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
 - Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
 - Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.
- Sexual Abuse Advocate - An individual specifically trained to offer advocacy, support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals to a victim of sexual abuse.
- Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) - A team of staff which may include Pathway's Program Director, Therapists, Senior Shift Leader Supervisors, and auxiliary staff. The team is managed by the Program Director. The purpose of the team is to ensure a holistic approach to investigations and support for victims.
- Sexual Abuse Forensic Examination - A process performed by a sexual abuse nurse examiner (SANE) during which the medical forensic history and evidence is obtained from the client. The SANE must offer the resident information on sexually transmitted infections, and other non-acute medical concerns.
- Sexual Coercion - Compelling or inducing another person to engage in sexual abuse by deceit, threats, force, or intimidation for personal favors.
- Sexual Harassment -

- Client/Resident to Client/Resident sexual harassment includes repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one client/resident or clients/residents directed towards another.
- Staff to Client/Resident sexual harassment includes repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a client/resident or clients/residents by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.
- Staff Sexual Misconduct - The following acts when performed by agency staff, contractors, or volunteers when directed at a client/resident for the purpose of gratifying the sexual desire(s) of any person, encouraging a client/resident to engage in staff sexual misconduct, or that have sexual undertones:

Making any of the following:

Comments about a client's/resident's body, looks, or conduct intended to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, or to abuse, humiliate, harass, or degrade any person.
- Sexually oriented statements or gestures in the presence of a client/resident; or
- Demeaning statements based on gender or sexual orientation in the presence of a client/resident.
- Giving or accepting personal letters, pictures, phone calls, or contact information with a client/resident, or his/her family, without express authorization of the parent or legal guardian.
- Engaging in discussions about personal information with a client/resident, or his/her family, or to encourage a client/resident to engage in communication or conduct with a staff person that would constitute staff sexual misconduct.
- Dealing, offering, receiving, or giving favors or attention to a client/resident for purposes of grooming, bribing, or otherwise seeking to engage a client/resident in activities prohibited by policy.
- Discussing or preventing clients/residents, staff, contract workers, and/or volunteers from:
- Making good faith reports of staff sexual misconduct; or
- Providing, in good faith, information regarding sexual misconduct where a client/resident is the alleged victim, including such examples as, making threats, bribes, or acts of coercion toward a resident, staff, contract worker, or volunteer. This does not include short-term temporary delays in reporting necessary to ensure safety/security in the facility or instances where the staff, contract worker, or

volunteer would not reasonably have known under the circumstances that he/she was in violation of this policy.

- Attempting to perform acts prohibited by this policy.
- Aiding or abetting another person to perform acts prohibited by this policy, including intentionally failing to report knowledge of another staff, contract worker, or volunteer engaging in staff sexual misconduct or other acts prohibited by this policy (pp 2-5).
- Furthermore, the policy includes sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors:
 - **DISCIPLINE:** It is the policy of Pathway that all staff will be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating the sexual harassment and sexual abuse policies.
 - Staff that have engaged in sexual abuse, sexual coercion, or sexual harassment will be terminated from Pathway.
 - Disciplinary sanctions for violating the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policy but not for actually engaging in sexual abuse will be based on the following:
 - The nature and circumstances of the acts committed.
 - The staff member's disciplinary history.
 - The sanctions imposed for similar offenses by other staff with similar histories.
 - All staff, contractor, and volunteer terminations or resignations resulting from criminal sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement.
 - All contractors and volunteers who violate Pathway's sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policies will be prohibited from further contact with clients/residents. Where applicable, law enforcement and licensing agencies will be notified. Pathway will take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with clients/residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.
 - Clients/residents will be subject to disciplinary sanctions through a formal disciplinary process following;
 - An administrative finding that the client/resident engaged in client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment.
 - Following a criminal finding of guilt for client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment.
 - Sexual abuse/assault/harassment/coercion are serious misconduct violations for clients/residents in Pathway's program. Any form of such sexual behavior will result in termination from the program.

- In the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, Pathway will follow the protocol for isolation (see Section IV, number 13).
- Pathway offers therapy, counseling and other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse, in the event the alleged abuser remains in the program. Pathway will consider whether to require the offending client/resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives. Access to general programming or education is not conditional on participation in such interventions.
- A client/resident's report of sexual abuse made in good faith and based on reasonable belief will not be disciplined for falsely reporting an incident, even if the investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.
- Pathway will discipline a client/resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.
- Pathway prohibits all sexual activity between clients/residents. As such, Pathway will discipline residents for such activity. Pathway deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.311 (b). An agency shall employ or designate an upper-level, agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility employs an upper level, agency wide PREA coordinator, Kimberly Fail. According to the agency organizational chart, the agency PREA coordinator reports to the Chief Executive Officer. It was further reported that the PREA Coordinator has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities.

The agency/facility has PREA policies which ensure the sexual safety of facility residents and staff. The policy includes zero-tolerance philosophy from the agency central office through the front-line staff in its facilities. The agency/facility PREA coordinator has direct access to the head of the agency and regular communication with the senior leadership team.

Agency Organization Chart: the agency organization chart demonstrates that the PREA coordinator is an upper-level staff member.

Interviews:

PREA Coordinator: The interviewed staff reported that they have time to manage their PREA-related responsibilities. I am able to prioritize all PREA incident reviews to ensure that the PREA Compliance Managers followed our PREA policies and procedures, clients' needs were adequately met, and appropriate consequences were enforced for any offenders.

There are four Compliance Managers within Pathway, Inc, one of which works onsite in Baldwin and I interact with her often (and directly supervise her). The other three I interact with a minimum of monthly during integrity review committee meetings. They all have my cell number and are able to reach me with any concerns relating to PREA policies, procedures, practices, or incidents.

If issues are identified, I would address the issue with the Compliance Managers directly and ensure an immediate correction is enforced. If disciplinary action is warranted, I would carry this out as well. I do ensure all Compliance Managers have adequate knowledge of the PREA standards and Pathway Policies to carry out their duties. If this non-compliance occurred at another campus, I would work in person at that site to ensure corrective action is implemented.

115.311 (c): Where an agency operates more than one facility, each facility shall designate a PREA compliance manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

Compliance Determination:

According to the PAQ, the facility designated PREA compliance manager. The Director of Programs at each campus serves as the PREA Compliance Manager. It was further reported that the PREA Compliance Manager has sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards. The position of the PREA Compliance Manager in the agency's organizational structure: Executive Director. The person to whom the PREA Compliance Manager reports: Chief Administrative Officer.

Organizational Chart: the agency organization chart demonstrates that the PREA compliance manager is a facility staff.

Interviews:

PREA Compliance Manager: The interviewed staff reported that they have enough time to manage all of the PREA-related responsibilities. The PREA standards are coordinated by coordinating and facilitating training, assist the identified investigators, review supervisory monitoring logs to ensure that unannounced rounds are conducted and staff are providing appropriate supervision. Additionally addressing deficiencies in any area related to compliance, complete administrative reviews for all PREA incidents, and collect data on all incidents and send the data to

the PREA Coordinator.

If there are any identified issues, we would assess the deficiencies and barriers to compliance. Then we would work with the PREA Coordinator and appropriate supervisory staff member to determine necessary corrective actions and implement the corrective action.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

The audited facility significantly surpasses the requirements of PREA Standard 115.311. It demonstrates a robust and unwavering commitment to maintaining a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility has implemented comprehensive policies and procedures that go above and beyond the minimum standards. These include:

Extensive Training Programs: Staff receive in-depth, ongoing training that covers all aspects of PREA compliance, including advanced techniques for recognizing and responding to signs of sexual abuse and harassment.

Proactive Prevention Measures: The facility has instituted proactive measures that prevent incidents before they occur, including detailed risk assessments, frequent inspections, and rigorous screening processes.

Strong Support Systems: There are well-established support systems for residents, which include immediate access to confidential reporting mechanisms, comprehensive counseling services, and dedicated victim support staff.

Thorough Policies: The facility has a thorough and comprehensive policy that addresses all requirements of the standards and provisions.

Culture of Accountability: A culture of accountability is fostered at all levels, with clear consequences for any violations. This culture is reinforced by regular audits, transparent reporting, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

These efforts collectively create an environment where the safety and dignity of residents are prioritized, and any form of sexual abuse or harassment is unequivocally condemned and addressed.

115.312	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents
	<p data-bbox="279 185 981 219">Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p data-bbox="279 264 564 297">Auditor Discussion</p> <p data-bbox="279 342 1342 376">The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 409 1189 443">1. Documents: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 477 774 510">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) <p data-bbox="279 555 608 589">Findings (By Provision):</p> <p data-bbox="279 633 1469 790">115.312 (a). A public agency that contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities, including other government agencies, shall include in any new contract or contract renewal the entity's obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards.</p> <p data-bbox="279 824 668 857">Compliance Determination:</p> <p data-bbox="279 902 1366 969">The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1014 1469 1216">The Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) indicated that the agency has not entered into or renewed contracts for the confinement of residents on or after August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit. However, after further review it is determined that the site is the contracted site for the Alabama Department of Youth Services. The site does not have a subcontract for the confinement of residents.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1249 533 1283">Corrective Action:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1328 1038 1361">N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1395 1469 1473">Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1507 1469 1585">115.312 (b). Any new contract or contract renewal shall provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1619 683 1653">Compliance Determinations:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1697 1394 1765">The facility has demonstrated substantial compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1809 1453 2011">The Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) indicated that the agency has entered into or renewed contracts for the confinement of residents on or after August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit. However, after further review it is determined that the site is the contracted site for the Alabama Department of Youth Services. The site does not have a subcontract for the confinement of residents.</p> <p data-bbox="279 2045 547 2078">Corrective Actions:</p>

	<p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.313	Supervision and monitoring
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: (Policies, directives, forms, files, records, etc.): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual Staffing c. Supervisor monitoring log (12 months) d. Staffing Plan (2025) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Superintendent (Facility Director) b. PREA Coordinator c. PREA Compliance Manager d. Intermediate or higher-level staff (2) 3. Site Review <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.313 (a). The agency shall comply with the staffing plan except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances and shall fully document deviations from the</p>

plan during such circumstances.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire that the agency ensures that each facility it operates develops, implements, and documents a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse. Since August 20, 2012, or last PREA audit, whichever is later, the average daily number of residents: 7. Since August 20, 2012, or last PREA audit, whichever is later, the average daily number of residents on which the staffing plan was predicated: 14.

Documented annual staffing plan provides a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing (2025/2024 Annual Staffing Plan).

The facility has cameras to supplement supervision of residents. They are in and out of the facility to help eliminate blind spots and to assist in monitoring residents.

Site Review

Staffing Patterns and Shifts:

The auditor observed staffing patterns during all shifts. The facility operates on two shifts across three buildings: one school and two housing units. The site houses, programs, and provides educational services for each dormitory separately. One dorm housed seven residents, while the other housed eight residents. The maximum number of rooms on each dorm is eight.

Day Shift:

During the day, the auditor observed appropriate staffing levels in the housing units, with a minimum of one staff member present at all times, supplemented by a rover. A mental health professional was also available during the day, with an office located within the housing unit. All staff members are trained uniformly and serve as direct care staff.

Programming occurs within the housing units.

In the recreation yard, there was at least one staff member for every three residents in one dorm and one staff member for every three residents in the other dorm, along with two rovers present at all times during day shifts.

In the education setting, there was one direct care staff and one teacher for every seven to eight residents.

The site has been operational for one year, with no identified areas where sexual abuse is more likely to occur, based on prior incidents or the staffing plan.

Evening Shift:

During the evening shift, residents were supervised by one staff member and one rover per dorm. Direct supervision and line-of-sight monitoring were maintained in each housing area.

Security Measures:

The auditor observed multiple cameras in the housing units and education areas.

Cameras were strategically placed to cover all potential blind spots, including entrances, exits, and hallways near bathrooms.

Residents occupy single sleeping spaces without doors, ensuring continuous visibility. The dorms are designed in a small T-shape, facilitating constant monitoring by staff. The facility layout and camera system also allow leadership to remotely monitor the site.

Audit Observations and Resident Feedback:

No staffing concerns were identified during the onsite audit. The auditor engaged in informal conversations with on-site staff, who confirmed maintaining a 1:8 staff-to-resident ratio. Residents reported feeling safe, consistently supervised, and never left unsupervised.

Interviews:

PREA Compliance Manager/Director The facility maintains a 1:8 ratio at all times. Cameras are present in most areas and where they are not present there is a procedure in place for ensuring safety. Leadership can remote access cameras 24/7. When assessing adequate staffing levels and the need for video monitoring to see what is needed and best practice expectations. There are no judicial findings or federal investigative agencies. Any are not under video monitoring; no two residents are allowed to be present without a staff member to supervise them. Staff are trained to never be alone with a resident where a camera is not present. There are no findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies. If so, DHR would make recommendation, and we would respond. We would look at all of the above areas.

In the event there is a substantiated abuse incident, staffing levels may be increased to ensure resident safety. Perpetrators may be placed one-on-one with staff to ensure the safety of other residents. We consider the prevalence of unsubstantiated incidents to determine where additional monitoring and staff are necessary to improve supervision.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.313 (b). The agency shall comply with the staffing plan except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances and shall fully document deviations from the plan during such circumstances.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

According to the PAQ the facility has not deviated from the staffing plan. The facility operates a staffing plan that meets the PREA ratio standards. The current staffing ratios for the facility is 2:8 through the waking hours and 1:8 during sleeping hours.

Interviews:

Director- There have been no situations that have hindered the facility from meeting the staffing pattern. Staffing plans are developed monthly to ensure proper planning for coverage and supervision of clients. There are cameras across the facility with the exception of the bathrooms. Clients are not allowed to enter the bathroom with other clients unless a staff member is present to monitor. The facility maintains a 1:8 ratio. Night shift floaters are onsite to periodical check on resident and staff. When assessing staffing levels, we review all of the above mentioned in the provision. Monitoring of staffing and cameras is conducted on an ongoing basis.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.313 (c). Each secure juvenile facility shall maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:8 during resident waking hours and 1:16 during resident sleeping hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances, which shall be fully documented. Only security staff shall be included in these ratios. Any facility that, as of the date of publication of this final rule, is not already obligated by law, regulation, or judicial consent decree to maintain the staffing ratios set forth in this paragraph shall have until October 1, 2017, to achieve compliance.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

According to the PAQ, the facility exceeds staffing ratios by maintaining the staffing ratios of minimum 2:8 during resident waking hours and 1:8 during resident sleeping hours. As reported, the facility has not deviated from the staff ratios of 2:8 during waking hours and 1:8 during resident sleeping hours. The current 2:8 and 1:16 ratios exceed the staffing requirements. In the past 12 months, the number of times the facility deviated from the staffing ratios of 1:8 security staff during resident waking hours: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of times the facility deviated from the staffing ratios of 1:16 during resident sleeping hours: 0.

Interviews:

Director: The facility is required to meet DYS standards of 1:8 day and 1:10 night. Pathway has hired more than the required number of staff to meet the ratio. Staffing is regularly monitored.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.313 (d). Whenever necessary, but no less frequently than once each year, for each facility the agency operates, in consultation with the PREA coordinator required by § 115.311, the agency shall assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to: (1) The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; (2) Prevailing staffing patterns; (3) The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies; and (3) The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, at least once a year the facility, in collaboration with the agency's PREA coordinator; reviews the staffing plan to see whether adjustments are needed to:

- o The staffing plan;
- o Prevailing staffing patterns
- o The deployment of monitoring technology; or
- o The allocation of agency or facility resources to commit to the staffing plan to ensure compliance with the staffing plan.

Annual Review of staffing plan (2025/2024). The staffing plan addresses all of the above-mentioned areas.

Interviews:

PREA Coordinator – The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that we meet weekly at the Baldwin campus and Monthly with Pathway, Inc staff to ensure that the staffing plan is adequate.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.313 (e). Each secure facility shall implement 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. Such policy

and practice shall be implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts. Each secure facility shall have a policy to prohibit 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility has a policy and practice in place where intermediate or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. It was further reported that the unannounced rounds covered all shifts.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway supervisors conduct unannounced rounds during both day and night shift to ensure compliance with these policies and procedures. Staff shall not notify other staff members of the unannounced rounds. If these notifications are made, the staff member making the notification will receive disciplinary action, up to and including termination" (p. 6).

Supervision Monitoring Logs: The supervision monitoring logs provided a 12-month process of staff monitoring visits. The logs documented monitoring during the day and evening hours.

Interviews:

Intermediate or Higher-Level Staff- The interviewed staff reported that unannounced rounds are conducted to ensure that residents are on schedule and doing what they are supposed to do. When the rounds are conducted staff do not know when we are coming around. We will come around at random times throughout the day and the night. The rounds are done by walking the facility making sure the youth are secure, and things are done as they are supposed to be done. The rounds are documented on a supervisory monitoring sheet. To prevent staff from alerting others, we will monitor radios, and staff are not allowed personal phones onsite.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on

	analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.
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115.315	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Guidelines for Resident Strip Searches Training d. Strip Searches Training Log (3/27/2025) e. Searches Training Signed Sheet (20) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random sample of staff (12) b. Random sample of residents (6) <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.315 (a). The facility shall not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the facility does not conduct cross-gender strip or cross gender visual body cavity searches of residents. The facility reported that staff receive the following training: Guidance in Cross Gender and Transgender Pat Searches. In the past 12 months, the number of cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of residents: 0. In the past 12 months, number of cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of residents that did not involve exigent circumstances or were performed by non-medical staff: 0.</p>

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual, states that “Pathway will not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except when performed by medical practitioners. All cross-gender strip searches, cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and cross-gender pat-down searches shall be well documented and justified” (p. 7).

The facility leadership reported that the site does not conduct any type of pat-down search.

Site Review:

PREA Site Review Summary: Search Practices Compliance Search Observations:

During the site review, the auditor did not observe any searches being conducted. While this limited the opportunity for direct observation of search procedures, the auditor relied on staff interviews and resident feedback to assess compliance with PREA standards. Additionally, staff demonstrated the search process.

Staff Practices:

Through informal conversations and staff interviews, it was consistently reported that cross-gender strip and pat-down searches are strictly prohibited. Staff clearly articulated their understanding of the policy and affirmed that they do not place hands on residents. Searches conducted during the intake process are carried out by staff of the same gender as the resident, in alignment with agency policy and PREA requirements. Staff clearly articulated and demonstrated the search procedure, showing how they start with the shoes and then go up to the ponytail.

Resident Feedback:

Residents interviewed during the site review consistently reported that they have never been subjected to a strip or pat-down search by female staff. They also stated that no staff member has ever conducted a strip search or pat-down search on them. This feedback aligns with staff statements and supports the conclusion that the facility is adhering to PREA search standards.

Interviews

Non-medical staff involved in cross gender strip or visual searches – The interviewed staff reported that they do not conduct cross gender strip searches or visual body searches. Searches are typically done at intake or upon return from visits. Emergency searches could occur.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.315 (b). The agency shall not conduct cross-gender pat-down searches except in exigent circumstances.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ that it does not permit cross-gender pat-down searches of residents, absent exigent circumstances. In the past 12 months, the number of cross-gender pat-down searches of residents: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of cross-gender pat-down searches of residents that did not involve exigent circumstance(s): 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except when performed by medical practitioners. All cross-gender strip searches, cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and cross-gender pat-down searches shall be well documented and justified. Pathway does not authorize or permit pat searches on any client/resident. At no time will Pathway allow body visual cavity search to be conducted on a client/resident, except when performed by medical practitioners" (p. 7).

The facility does not permit cross-gender part-down searches and has a policy against this practice. This facility is males only.

Interviews:

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed staff reported all staff are restricted from conducting cross gender pat down searches.

Random Sample of Residents- All of the interviewed random sample of residents reported that opposite gender staff have never performed a pat down search of their bodies.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.315 (c). The facility shall document and justify all cross-gender strip searches, cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and cross-gender pat-down searches.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ that the facility policy requires that all cross-gender strip searches, cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and cross-gender pat-down searches be documented and justified.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “all cross-gender strip searches, cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and cross-gender pat-down searches shall be well documented and justified” (p. 7).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.315 (d). The facility shall 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. Such policies and procedures shall require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit. In facilities (such as group homes) that do not contain discrete housing units, staff of the opposite gender shall be required to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As indicated in the PAQ, the facility has implemented policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical 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, along with policies and procedures that advise staff.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Pathway shall implement policies and procedures that enable clients/residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine room checks. All staff, regardless of gender, must announce their intention to enter a resident's room/bathroom area during times that the resident is likely to be dressing or undressing. It is not necessary for staff to announce their presence when security checks are being made while residents are sleeping” (pp. 6-7).

PREA Site Review Summary: Cross-Gender Viewing and Resident Privacy

Observation of Areas Where Residents May Be Undressed:

The auditor conducted a thorough inspection of all areas where residents may be in a state of undress, including while showering, using the toilet, or changing clothes. These activities are limited to the housing unit’s bathroom, which includes four

individual shower stalls, four enclosed toilet stalls, sink areas, and a laundry section.

Each shower stall is equipped with a door and a designated changing area inside the stall, separated from the actual showering space by a curtain to provide additional privacy. Residents are not permitted to change clothes in their rooms, as the rooms lack doors and are equipped with surveillance cameras to ensure overall security. The toilet stalls are fully enclosed, providing visual privacy and preventing residents from being exposed while using the restroom.

Cross-Gender Observation and Privacy:

The auditor assessed potential cross-gender viewing risks from multiple angles, including staff positioning, mirror placement, and camera surveillance. The facility's physical layout prevents non-medical staff of the opposite gender from viewing residents in a state of undress. There are no mirrors positioned in a way that would compromise resident privacy—mirrors are located only above the sink areas and do not provide a line of sight into showers or toilets.

Additionally, a review of the electronic surveillance system confirmed that restroom and shower areas are not monitored, and management staff do not have camera access to locations where residents might be unclothed. The camera system is monitored from the Director's Office, and there are no technological enhancements or physical modifications (such as pixelation or coverings) used to obscure or adjust viewing angles, as the layout itself effectively preserves resident privacy.

Staff and Resident Feedback:

Direct care staff confirmed that residents are only permitted to shower or change in the designated bathroom. A maximum of two residents are allowed in the bathroom at one time, and they are not permitted to use adjacent shower stalls simultaneously. Staff emphasized that residents must be fully clothed at all times outside of the bathroom and that removing shirts or walking around partially dressed is not permitted.

Residents reported that staff never view them while undressed and echoed the facility's policy requiring full clothing at all times. They expressed confidence in the privacy measures and noted that staff consistently respect these boundaries.

Opposite-Gender Announcements:

During the site review, the auditor noted that opposite-gender staff did not make an announcement when entering the housing area or restroom. However, opposite-gender staff were already present in the housing area before the auditor's entry, and no opposite-gender staff entered the restroom area while residents were inside. Residents must request permission to enter the restroom, further supporting the privacy protocol.

In informal interviews, staff stated that opposite-gender announcements are a routine practice. Residents confirmed this, noting that such announcements are typically made either by the entering staff member or another male staff member. Residents also stated that opposite-gender staff rarely, if ever, enter the restroom area when it is in use by residents.

Interviews:

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed staff were consistent in their response that staff announce their presence when entering a housing unit that houses resident of the opposite gender. After probing interviewed staff, each consistently gave similar examples of what is stated when entering the housing unit of the opposite gender. All of the staff reported that residents are able to dress, shower, and use the toilet without being viewed by staff of the opposite gender.

Random Sample of Residents- The interviewed random sample of residents stated that staff of the opposite gender do announce their presence when entering the housing area or where they shower, change clothes, or preform bodily functions. All residents interviewed reported that staff do not come in the area when they shower or change clothes. All of the interviewed residents stated that they are not naked in full view of any staff.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.315 (e.) The facility shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status. If the resident's genital status is unknown, it may be determined 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Per the PAQ, the facility has a policy prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status. There were no reported searches that were conducted in the last 12 months.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway's staff shall not search or physically examine any client/resident for the sole purpose of determining the client's/resident's genital status. If the client's/resident's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records, or if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination by a medical practitioner." (p. 7).

Interviews:

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed staff reported the facility prohibits staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex resident for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.315 (f). The agency shall train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex residents, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility trained one hundred percent of security-staff on conducting cross-gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, consistent with security needs as such searches are prohibited. The percent of all security staff who received training on conducting cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, consistent with security needs:20.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "there should be both male and female staff on duty at all times. No cross-gender pat down searches, or visual body cavity searches should ever occur unless in the rarest of exigent circumstances and only after contacting the Detention" (p. 12).

Guidelines for Resident Strip Searches Training: the training overview provides an overview of the expectation on how strips searches are conducted.

Strips Searches Training Log: Twenty staff completed in-service training on 3/27/2025. While the staff are trained the agency prohibits strip searches or cross gender pat down searches.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed staff reported that they did not receive training on how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, consistent with security needs because they are restricted from conducting cross gendered pat searches.

Corrective Actions:

	<p>N/A. There are no corrective actions.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.316	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual b. Contract for Interpreter Services (Visual Language Professionals LLC) c. Interpreter Line 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random sample of staff (12) b. Residents with Disabilities or Limited English Speaking (6) <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.316 (a). The agency shall take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities (including, for example, residents who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech 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. Such steps shall include, when necessary to ensure effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. In addition, the agency shall ensure that written materials are provided in formats or</p>

through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities, including residents who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills, or who are blind or have low vision. An agency is not required to take actions that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity, or in undue financial and administrative burdens, as those terms are used in regulations promulgated under title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 28 CFR 35.164.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility, does not have established procedures to provide disabled residents 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. It was further reported that a resident with a disability would not be appropriate for the program; therefore, denied admission.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that: Pathway is an intense, cognitively demanding treatment program. Pathway cannot accommodate clients/residents who are deaf, have profound intellectual disabilities, who are blind, or who are not English speaking in its non-contract treatment program. Pathway does not allow the use of 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 client's/resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties, or the investigation of the client's/resident's allegations. In circumstances in which client/resident assistants are used, the reason for such use is well documented (pp. 7-8)

The agency also provides written materials in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents/residents, who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills or who are blind or have low vision. The site reported that they are not equipped to access residents with physical disabilities or who are blind or have low vision. However, if there was an intellectual disability to site would coordinate with the public school for additional resources. The site director is also a special education instructor and reported that the school would assist as needed with additional resources.

Contract for Interpreter Services (Visual Language Professionals): The site utilizes the DYS contract for interpreter services. The services allow for 24/7 access to an interpreter for multiple languages along with the ability for the site to request documentation interpreter services. The site stated that they have not had to utilize any type of interpreter services since opening.

PREA Site Review Summary: Interpretation and Language Access Services Access to Interpretation Services:

Although the facility did not have any limited English proficient (LEP) residents at

the time of the audit, the auditor was able to successfully test the availability and functionality of the facility's contracted on-demand interpretation services. To do so, the auditor-initiated contact with the contracted language line service and engaged facility staff in a walkthrough of the access process. Staff demonstrated a clear understanding of how to utilize the service, including how to input the required PIN and navigate the prompts to access various languages. The facility has immediate access to nine languages on demand, while additional languages may be requested as needed through the same service.

System Access and Limitations:

Residents are not required to self-identify in order to access interpretation services. However, use of the contracted interpretation line requires entry of a facility-specific PIN, which limits direct resident access. Since residents do not have unsupervised or on-demand access to telephones, interpreter services must be initiated and facilitated by staff. Interpreter services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ensuring continuous access when needed.

Implementation and Location of Services:

According to the facility's Director, any use of interpretation services would be conducted privately and confidentially within the Clinician's Office, with the door closed to preserve confidentiality and dignity. Staff emphasized that interpreter services would be coordinated between mental health staff and the Director when needed. It was also reported that staff would have to speak to leadership to assist youth with accessing services.

Staff Interviews and Practices:

Both formal and informal conversations with staff confirmed that, while the facility has not yet had to utilize interpreter services since opening, staff are aware of the procedures and confident in their ability to access language support as needed. Intake staff indicated that they would immediately coordinate with the Director to arrange interpretation services should a resident require them.

Interviews:

Agency Head-The interviewed agency head reported that for the Baldwin campus, no. These clients are excluded by our admission criteria due to posing a safety risk for themselves. For the IDI campus and Medium Risk Campuses, yes. We have contracted services to provide interpreters to assist with their understanding and educate them regarding all PREA-related procedures.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.316 (b). The agency shall 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, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility has established procedures to provide residents with limited English proficiency 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.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway is an intense, cognitively demanding treatment program. Pathway cannot accommodate clients/residents who are deaf, have profound intellectual disabilities, who are blind, or who are not English speaking in its non-contract treatment program (p. 7).

In the event interpreter services are needed, the program will utilize services attained by Alabama DYS (Visual Language Professionals LLC).

Interviews:

Resident with Disabilities or Limited English Speaking: All residents located on the IDI Facility were identified as either disabled or limited English proficient residents. All residents were provided information about sexual abuse and sexual harassment that they were able to understand. Each resident stated the information was either told to them by a staff member and watched a video. Each resident was asked if the facility provided someone to help them read, write, speak, or explain things if they needed help. All residents interviewed stated staff is available to help them read, write, speak, or explain things and helps them to understand information about their rights concerning sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report it.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.316 (c). The agency shall not rely on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under § 115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility prohibits the use of resident interpreters, readers, or other types of resident assistance and there were zero instances where resident interpreters, readers, or other types of resident assistants have been used. The agency or facility documents the limited circumstances in individual cases where resident interpreters, readers, or other types of resident assistants are used. In the past 12 months, the number of instances where resident interpreters, readers, or other types of resident assistants have been used and it was not the case that an extended delay in obtaining another interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway does not allow the use of 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 client's/resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties, or the investigation of the client's/resident's allegations" (p. 8)".

Interviews:

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed random sample of staff reported that they do not allow the use of resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants to assist disabled residents or residents with limited English proficiency when making an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Several staff reported that they would get an interpreter if one was needed. Staff reported they do not have any residents that would need use of a resident interpreter, resident reader, or any type of resident assistant nor have they had a resident there that would need an interpreter.

Resident with Disabilities or Limited English Speaking: All residents located on the IDI Facility were identified as either disabled or limited English proficient residents. All residents were provided information about sexual abuse and sexual harassment that they were able to understand. Each resident stated the information was either told to them by a staff member and watched a video. Each resident was asked if the facility provided someone to help them read, write, speak, or explain things if they needed help. All residents interviewed stated staff is available to help them read, write, speak, or explain things and helps them to understand information about their rights concerning sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report it.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

	<p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.317	Hiring and promotion decisions
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. PREA Employment Questionnaire (23) d. Background Checks (36) e. Five Year Checks (12) f. Reference Check (23) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administrative (Human Resources) Staff <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.317 (a). The agency shall not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents, and shall not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents, who (1) Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997); (2) 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; or (3) Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p>

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with residents, and prohibits enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents, who:

1. Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution.
2. Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, of if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or
3. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (a) (2) of this section.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will not employ any applicant, contractor, or volunteer who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution; 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; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above. Pathway will consider all incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer, who may have contact with clients/ residents." (p. 6).

New Hire Criminal Background Checks (36)

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.316 (b). The agency shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility, has a policy that requires the consideration of 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 the residents.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will consider all incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor or volunteer, who may have contact with clients/residents (p. 6).

Pre-Employment Questionnaire (23): prior to hiring, the agency performs a criminal background records check and makes efforts to contact prior institutional employers to obtain information on any substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or resignations during pending investigations. The hiring process includes screening for prior sexual abuse convictions, pending charges, or behaviors that indicate a risk of sexual misconduct. Any applicant found to have engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution is disqualified from employment.

All background checks are documented and retained according to agency policy. The facility ensures that no employee, contractor, or volunteer with disqualifying behavior is hired or retained. This practice reflects the facility's commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and PREA-compliant environment for all residents.

Interviews:

Administrative (Human Resources) – The interviewed human resources staff reported that all employees and contractors who may have contact with residents must pass a Child Abuse and Neglect Clearance upon hire/before services are rendered. In addition, we also send out "Good Faith" letters to all former employers of new hires for the past five years (prison, jail, lockup, community treatment facility, juvenile facility, or other institutions where employee had contact with children).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.317 (c). Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, the agency shall: (1) Perform a criminal background records check; (2) Consults any child abuse registry maintained by the State or locality in which the employee would work; and (3) 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

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) that

the facility policies requires that before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents the agency shall: (1) Perform a criminal background records check; and (2) 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. In the past 12 months, the number of persons hired who may have contact with residents who have had criminal background record checks: 86.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway will perform a criminal background record check and consult any child abuse registry maintained by Alabama prior to making any job offers to applicants working in Pathway's residential treatment facilities that will have contact with children. This policy also applies to contracted and volunteer workers.

Prior to making a job offer to any applicant to work in Pathway's residential treatment programs, the applicant, in writing, shall authorize Pathway to contact all former employers for the past five years (prison, jail, lockup, community treatment facility, juvenile facility or other institution). Pathway personnel will make their best effort to contact these previous employers for information to inquire if the applicant engaged in sexual abuse or harassment of clients/residents or former clients/residents during time of employment.

Pathway personnel will make their best effort to contact all former institutional employers of the applicant employed within the required five-year period requesting information above (pp. 5-6).

Personnel Files New Hire Background Checks (36): Prior to hiring, the agency performs a criminal background records check and makes efforts to contact prior institutional employers to obtain information on any substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or resignations during pending investigations. The hiring process includes screening for prior sexual abuse convictions, pending charges, or behaviors that indicate a risk of sexual misconduct. Any applicant found to have engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution is disqualified from employment.

All background checks are documented and retained according to agency policy. The facility ensures that no employee, contractor, or volunteer with disqualifying behavior is hired or retained. This practice reflects the facility's commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and PREA-compliant environment for all residents.

Interviews:

Administrative (Human Resources)- The interviewed human resources staff reported that the facility performs criminal record background checks or consider pertinent civil or administrative adjudications for all newly hired employees who may have contact with residents and all employees, who may have contact with residents, who are being considered for promotions. The background check process includes

local and national checks, child abuse registry checks, and reference checks.

Corrective Actions:

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.317 (d): The agency shall also perform a criminal background records check, and consult applicable child abuse registries, before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their response to the PAQ that agency policies require that a criminal background records check be completed before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents. Consistent with employee background checks; criminal history background checks, including driver's license checks and fingerprinting, shall be conducted on all volunteers, interns, and persons working in the department on contract who have direct contact with offenders. In the past 12 months, the number of contracts for services where criminal background record checks were conducted on all staff covered in the contract who might have contact with residents: 1.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will perform a criminal background record check and consult any child abuse registry maintained by Alabama prior to making any job offers to applicants working in Pathway's residential treatment facilities that will have contact with children. This policy also applies to contracted and volunteer workers" (p. 5).

Background check for the one contracted staff was reviewed.

Interviews

Administrative (Human Resources)— The interviewed human resources staff reported that the facility performs criminal record background checks or consider pertinent civil or administrative adjudications for all newly hired employees who may have contact with residents and all employees, who may have contact with residents, who are being considered for promotions.

Corrective actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.317 (e). The agency shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) that the facility either conducts criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or has in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will conduct criminal background records checks at least every 5 years on current employees, contractors, and volunteers who have contact with clients/residents" (p. 6).

Five Year Background Check (12): The facility is in compliance with the PREA standard requiring criminal background checks to be conducted at least every five years for current employees, contractors, and volunteers who may have contact with residents.

In accordance with agency policy and PREA Standard 115.17(c), the facility ensures that a criminal background records check is conducted at least every five years or has in place a system for otherwise capturing ongoing criminal history updates for all applicable individuals. This process helps to ensure that staff, contractors, and volunteers remain eligible for continued service based on their criminal history status.

The facility maintains documentation of completed five-year background checks and/or the continuous criminal history monitoring process, ensuring that individuals with disqualifying conduct—such as substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or criminal sexual behavior—are identified and addressed in a timely manner. This ongoing screening demonstrates the facility's commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and PREA-compliant environment.

Interviews:

Administrative (Human Resources)-The interviewed human resources staff reported that the system the facility presently has in place to conduct criminal record background checks of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents is a local, national, and child abuse registry check. Additionally, checks are done every five years.

Corrective actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115. 317 (f). The agency shall also 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 and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. The agency shall also impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct.

Compliance Determinations:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The agency shall also 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 and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. The agency shall also impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct.

Pre-employment Reference Checks (23): Pre-employment reference checks are conducted assessing prior work institutional misconduct.

Interviews

Administrative (Human Resources) – The interviewed human resources staff reported that the facility asks all applicants and contractors who may have contact with residents about previous misconduct described in section (a)* in written applications for hiring or promotions, and in any interviews or written self--evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. All applicants/contractors complete a PREA Employment Questionnaire regarding any previous sexual misconduct during the application process for employment or promotion. All employees are trained during orientation, and annually thereafter, on PREA policies and procedures, the Staff-Client Relationship Policy, and Code of Conduct.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.317 (g). Material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

According to the PAQ, the agency's policy states that material omission regarding misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination" (p. 6).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.317 (h). Unless prohibited by law, the agency shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Unless prohibited by law, the agency shall 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.

Interviews:

Administrative (Human Resources) – The interviewed human resources staff reported that when a former employee applies for work at another institution, upon request from that institution, the facility provides information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving the former employee, unless prohibited by law.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on

	analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.
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115.318	Upgrades to facilities and technologies
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agency head b. Director <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.317 (a). When designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, the agency shall consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) that the facility has not acquired a new facility or made substantial expansions or modifications to the existing facility since the last PREA audit. This is the first time the site was audited.</p> <p>The agency already had the existing facility; however, it was remission for juvenile justice youth.</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Agency Head – The interviewed agency head reported that We deploy video monitoring and attempt to identify any areas of concern that could prevent detection of abuse.</p> <p>Director– All of the above are considered in the design of the facility. This was considered when designing the IDI site, as well as hiring for the facility. Pathway</p>

ensured that there was video monitoring deployed and designed in the building to minimize areas in which abuse could be hidden from staff.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.316 (b). When installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ that they have not installed or updated its video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit.

Interviews:

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head reported that we deploy technology (whether video monitoring or advancements that improve supervision) in areas in need of such technology to prevent abuse and protect clients. These needs are regularly assessed by PREA Compliance Managers.

Director: Video monitoring was already deployed prior to the audit. All areas where monitoring is allowed have cameras to provide monitoring for clients. Audio monitoring has been deployed on all new installs to increase monitoring effectiveness. There have not been new cameras since the last audit.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.321	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations
	<p data-bbox="279 185 981 219">Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p data-bbox="279 264 564 297">Auditor Discussion</p> <p data-bbox="279 342 1342 376">The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <p data-bbox="279 409 451 443">Documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 488 523 521">1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 555 774 589">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) <li data-bbox="279 622 1361 701">b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual <li data-bbox="279 734 687 768">c. MOU Rape Crisis Center <li data-bbox="279 801 608 835">d. Counselor License <li data-bbox="279 869 940 902">e. Email Correspondence Rape Crisis Center <li data-bbox="279 936 1131 969">f. Email Correspondence: Baldwin County Sheriff's Office <li data-bbox="279 1003 997 1037">g. Victim Advocacy and Emotional Support Flyer <li data-bbox="279 1081 507 1115">2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 1149 751 1182">a. Random sample of staff - 12 <li data-bbox="279 1216 603 1249">b. PREA Coordinator <li data-bbox="279 1283 671 1317">c. Child Advocacy Center <li data-bbox="279 1350 735 1384">d. PREA Compliance Manager <p data-bbox="279 1440 608 1473">Findings (By Provision):</p> <p data-bbox="279 1507 1460 1664">115.321 (a). To the extent the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1709 668 1742">Compliance Determination:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1776 1364 1854">The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1888 1428 2045">As reported in the PAQ, the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative sexual abuse investigations (including resident-on-resident sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct). The agency/facility is not responsible for conducting criminal sexual abuse investigations (including resident-on-resident</p>

sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct). The DHR/Local Law Enforcement is responsible for conducting criminal sexual abuse investigations. It was further reported that when conducting a sexual abuse investigation, the agency investigators follow a uniform evidence protocol.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway's residential treatment facilities will follow a uniform evidence protocol, which is developmentally appropriate for youth, which maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions.

Upon receiving a report of alleged sexual abuse, staff will notify their Supervisor and/or any other Supervisor up to and including: the PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager (Residential Program Director), Director, or the onsite program Supervisors.

To the extent possible, staff shall attempt to secure the area to preserve any evidence that may assist the investigation process. Staff should document what was seen and heard, or otherwise observed at the scene, and safeguard any evidence (i.e., bed sheets, fluids on floor, victim's, and perpetrator's clothing).

Allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment which involves potentially criminal behavior will be referred to the local law enforcement agency.

Pathway will inform the victim of what will happen next (i.e. the incident will be reported to an available clinical supervisor, the PREA Compliance Manager and the PREA Coordinator, the victim will be offered a forensic medical examination off campus for evidence collection, an investigation will be conducted by the Department of Human Resources and/or the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, the victim will be asked to provide information to the investigator, and the victim and any witnesses will be provided protections from retaliation).

Staff will complete an incident report detailing initial information given to staff from the victim or third party. Staff should ask victim for only basic information about the incident (i.e., Who was there? What happened? Where did the incident occur? When?). The report shall be given to the PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator.

The PREA Coordinator will ensure that the Chief Executive Officer is informed of any sexual abuse allegations and results of any investigations.

Forensic medical examinations in the community will be provided free of charge to the victim. The victim will be provided with unimpeded access to emergency and crisis intervention services, which will also be provided free of charge to the victim. SANE Nurses are located at USA Women's and Children's Hospital. In the event that a SANE is unavailable, a forensic medical examination will be provided by a qualified medical practitioner.

Victim advocates from the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center can be available at the forensic medical examination. This service is available to all Pathway of Baldwin County clients. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Pathway and the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center.

If requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member can accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals (pp. 8- 9).

Multiple attempts were made to meet with the victim advocacy center. The auditor did not receive a response. The auditor verified through the website that the agency provides victim advocacy, emotional support, and forensic services.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed random sample of staff reported that they were aware of the agency's protocol for obtaining usable physical evidence. Each staff had various explanations of the protocols which included they would not allow them to shower, brush teeth, or change clothes; they would treat the room like a crime scene and not allow anyone in the area. Call the local police department and the nursing staff. Keep everyone separated and keep visual site on those involved. When asked who conducts the interviews staff reported several administrative staff such as the Facility Director and Ms. Grace, DHR, and facility therapist.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.321(b). The protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth and, as appropriate, shall be 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported by the PAQ, the protocol is developmentally appropriate for youth. The protocol was adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the DOJ'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.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway's residential treatment facilities will follow a uniform evidence protocol, that is developmentally appropriate for youth, that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions.

Upon receiving a report of alleged sexual abuse, staff will notify their Supervisor and/or any other Supervisor up to and including: the PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager (Residential Program Director), Director, or the onsite program Supervisors.

To the extent possible, staff shall attempt to secure the area to preserve any evidence that may assist the investigation process. Staff should document what was seen and heard, or otherwise observed at the scene, and safeguard any evidence (i.e., bed sheets, fluids on floor, victim's, and perpetrator's clothing).

Allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment which involves potentially criminal behavior will be referred to the local law enforcement agency.

Pathway will inform the victim of what will happen next (i.e. the incident will be reported to an available clinical supervisor, the PREA Compliance Manager and the PREA Coordinator, the victim will be offered a forensic medical examination off campus for evidence collection, an investigation will be conducted by the Department of Human Resources and/or the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, the victim will be asked to provide information to the investigator, and the victim and any witnesses will be provided protections from retaliation).

Staff will complete an incident report detailing initial information given to staff from the victim or third party. Staff should ask victim for only basic information about the incident (i.e., Who was there? What happened? Where did the incident occur? When?). The report shall be given to the PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator.

The PREA Coordinator will ensure that the Chief Executive Officer is informed of any sexual abuse allegations and results of any investigations.

Forensic medical examinations in the community will be provided free of charge to the victim. The victim will be provided with unimpeded access to emergency and crisis intervention services, which will also be provided free of charge to the victim. SANE Nurses are located at USA Women's and Children's Hospital. In the event that a SANE is unavailable, a forensic medical examination will be provided by a qualified medical practitioner.

Victim advocates from the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center can be available at the forensic medical examination. This service is available to all Pathway of Baldwin County clients. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Pathway and the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center.

If requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member can accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals (pp. 8- 9).

The Advocacy Center utilized by the agency is under the umbrella of the Alabama Network of Advocacy Centers.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.321 (c). The agency shall offer all residents who experienced sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The agency shall document its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire that the facility offers all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations at an outside facility and that there is no charge for these examinations. The facility responded that forensic medical examinations are offered without financial cost to the victim. It was further reported that when SANEs or SAFEs are not available, they offer a qualified medical practitioner to perform forensic medical examinations. The number of forensic medical exams conducted during the past 12 months: 0. The number of exams performed by SANEs/SAFEs during the past 12 months: 0. The number of exams performed by a qualified medical practitioner during the past 12 months: 0.

Policy. 13.8.1 (Protection from Sexual Abuse and Assault) states that "The facility shall offer all juveniles who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations without financial cost. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The facility shall document its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs" (p. 9).

Children's Advocacy Centers Inc.; which is recognized by the National Network of Children's Advocacy Center, which is now the National Children's Alliance. The

advocacy center operates under the national practices and standards.

Forensic medical exams are conducted by a SANE Nurse at USA Children's and Women's Hospital.

MOU Email: The email confirms that the MOU signed in 2019 is still valid.

Corrective Actions:

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.321 (d). The agency shall attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the agency shall make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member. Agencies shall document efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers. For the purpose of this standard, a rape crisis center refers to an entity that provides intervention and related assistance, such as the services specified in 42 U.S.C. 14043g(b)(2)(C), to victims of sexual assault of all ages. The agency may utilize a rape crisis center that is part of a governmental unit as long as the center is not part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and offers a comparable level of confidentiality as a nongovernmental entity that provides similar victim services.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire that it has made attempts to make available to the victim, a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the facility makes available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified facility staff member.

MOU: Rape Crisis Center states that the Child Advocacy Center will accompany a youth during the forensic examination process. Additionally, the MOU provides an overview of the victim advocacy and emotional support services that the child advocacy center will provide to any referred victim.

Counselor License: provide a license for staff that qualify within the agency to provide victim advocacy services if a community-based organization is not available.

Email correspondence with the victim advocacy center confirmed the victim advocacy center identified by the agency contract can provide victim advocacy, emotional support, and forensic services for residents at the program. The program further indicated that they have not had to render services for residents at the program in the last 12 months.

Interviews:

PREA Compliance Manager – The agency or facility will attempt to make available a victim advocate from a rape crisis center, by coordinating services. The agency has an agreement with the CAC. The agency utilizes state approved child advocacy center.

Residents who Reported a Sexual Abuse – One resident did state they reported sexual abuse. The resident was able to see a medical or mental health doctor in a timely manner. Resident stated they did not need a doctor but was advised about services available. Resident was offered treatment and test for infections but did not need testing. Resident did not know if they or their family has to pay for any treatment. When the resident reported the incident, they stated they were able to contact a family member with their therapist. The resident was offered additional outside assistance but refused.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.321 (e). As requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their responses to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire that they would provide, if requested by the victim, a victim advocate, a qualified agency staff member, or a qualified community-based organization staff member to accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and to provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “if requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member can accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals” (p. 9).

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overview of the victim advocacy and emotional support services that the child advocacy center will provide to any referred victim.

Email correspondence with the victim advocacy center confirmed the victim advocacy center identified by the agency contract can provide victim advocacy, emotional support, and forensic services for residents at the program. The program further indicated that they have not had to render services for residents at the program in the last 12 months.

PREA Advocacy Flyer: The PREA Advocacy Flyer provides residents with information on victim advocacy and emotional support. The flyer also contains the contact information of the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center.

Interviews:

PREA Compliance Manager – The agency or facility will attempt to make available a victim advocate from a rape crisis center, by coordinating services. The agency has an agreement with the CAC. The agency utilizes state approved child advocacy center.

Residents who Reported a Sexual Abuse - One resident did state they reported sexual abuse. The resident was able to see a medical or mental health doctor in a timely manner. Resident stated they did not need a doctor but was advised about services available. Resident was offered treatment and test for infections but did not need testing. Resident did not know if they or their family has to pay for any treatment. When the resident reported the incident, they stated they were able to contact a family member with their therapist. The resident was offered additional outside assistance but refused.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.321 (f). To the extent the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall request that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The agency is not responsible for conducting criminal investigations. There scope of service for investigations is limited to administrative investigations.

The agency provided a letter with Baldwin County Sheriff's Office stating that the Sheriff's Office will conduct investigations on allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

	<p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.321 (g). The auditor is not required to audit this section.</p> <p>115.321 (h). For the purposes of this standard, a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>The agency provided documentation of four staff how are licensed Professional Counselors. The staff are licensed in the state of Alabama. The agency staff would serve as liaisons to coordinate services with the child advocacy center.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.322	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Documents:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
- c. Website: PATHWAY - Services (pathway-inc.com)
- d. Investigations (2)
- 2. Interviews:
 - a. Agency head
 - b. Investigative staff - 2

Findings (By Provision):

115.322 (a): The agency shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Compliance Determinations:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that were received: 2. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations resulting in an administrative investigation: 2. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations referred for criminal investigation: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Sexual Harassment: When allegations of sexual harassment are made, investigations shall take place under the following guidelines:

Client/Resident to Client/Resident: The PREA Compliance Manager, his/her designee or the PREA Coordinator shall investigate questioning all parties involved to determine what happened and direct action to prevent further incidents. The Department of Youth Services and Department of Human Resources and all other licensing authorities will be notified of the findings and the PREA Compliance Manager/designee or PREA Coordinator shall file appropriate reports.

Staff to Client/Resident: The PREA Compliance Manager, designee and the PREA Coordinator shall investigate, questioning all relevant parties to determine what happened. The Department of Youth Services and Department of Human Resources and all other licensing authorities will be notified of the findings and consulted in determination of actions to be taken.

If the PREA Compliance Manager is involved in the allegations: His/her immediate supervisor shall conduct the investigation as noted above.

Sexual Abuse: When allegations of sexual abuse/assault are made, the following shall happen:

Contact local authorities immediately, if a client/resident reports a sexual assault. If the PREA Compliance Manager or PREA Coordinator is available, he/she shall take responsibility for contacting authorities. If the PREA Compliance Manager is not available, on duty staff must contact authorities without delay.

If the allegations or quality of evidence suggest a crime has been committed, no further interview of the victim or perpetrator will be conducted until cleared to do so by prosecuting authority.

Pathway will not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

If there is a possibility of new physical evidence to be used:

Secure the area where the alleged abuse took place and do not allow residents to enter the area until police personnel have cleared the area;

Do not touch anything in the area where the alleged abuse took place other than to preserve the life or safety of an individual;

Move the alleged victim to a secure area until authorities arrive;

If conditions allow, direct the alleged perpetrator to remain in an area where they can be observed until authorities arrive;

Pathway staff shall cooperate with all aspects of the investigation by local authorities. The PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation and notify all program licensing authorities;

PREA Compliance Manager/designee or PREA Coordinator shall conduct administrative investigation;

Any substantiated allegations of conduct that appears criminal will be referred for prosecution (pp. 19-20).

Investigation Reports: The auditor reviewed two reported allegations of sexual harassment. All allegations were administratively investigated. The investigations were completed to include findings.

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head stated that the agency ensures that administrative or criminal investigations are completed for all allegations of sexual

abuse or sexual harassment. This is determined by the nature of the allegation; however, if the initial investigation does not indicate a need for a criminal investigation the following procedure is followed: PREA Compliance Managers will gather information from the alleged victim, review camera footage, and speak with necessary staff members to ensure they have all needed information to conclude the investigation. Decisions are then made about disciplinary action from there. Clients are notified of the results of the investigation promptly. Clients may also be separated to keep the alleged victim safe until the investigation is complete.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.322 (b). The agency shall have in place a policy to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse and/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. The agency shall publish such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, make the policy available through other means. The agency shall document all such referrals.

Compliance Determinations:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility has a policy that requires allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment be referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations. In addition, the facility reported in the PAQ that the agency's policy regarding the referral of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment for a criminal investigation is not published on the agency website or made publicly available via other means.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway shall conduct its own investigations into allegations of sexual harassment and abuse that do not involve behavior that could potentially be criminal in nature. It shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports. At any point if it is determined that the allegation could potentially involve criminal behavior, a report will be made immediately to local law enforcement agency as well as the Department of Human Resources" (p. 21).

Two allegations of sexual harassment were reviewed to determine if the referrals for allegations were documented. All three referrals were immediately documented and investigated.

The investigation process of the policy is posted on the website offering public availability. (PATHWAY - Services (pathway-inc.com))

Interviews

Investigative Staff: The interviewed staff reported that the policy requires that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment be referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations. Criminal cases are referred to local law enforcement. It should be noted that only of the interviewed staff could clearly articulate the process. Upon further discussion with leadership, it was reported that one member of staff has never conducted an investigation; therefore, the will remove him as an agency investigator until he is more familiar with the responsibilities.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.322 (c). If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, such publication shall describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The agency website states that "Any allegation of sexual abuse that potentially involves criminal behavior shall be turned over the jurisdictional Police Department for investigation, especially in all cases that may have happened within a time frame that allows for collection of physical evidence or if the allegation involves another staff member." PATHWAY - Services (pathway-inc.com).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.322 (d). The auditor is not required to audit this provision of the standard.

115. 322 (e). The auditor is not required to audit this provision of the standard.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

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115.331	Employee training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Acknowledgement and Receipt of PREA Training (20) d. Acknowledgement and Receipt of PREA Refresher Training Log (26) e. Training Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Unit 3 Response and Reporting ii. Unit 3 Prevention and Detection iii. Unit 2 Client Rights iv. Unit 1 PREA Overview v. Unit 4 Professional Boundaries vi. Unit 5 Effective Communication vii. Mandated Reporters Training 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random sample of staff - 12 <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.331 (a). The agency shall train all employees who may have contact with residents on:(1) Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;(2) How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;(3) Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;(4) The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;(5) The dynamics of sexual abuse</p>

and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities;(6) The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;(7) 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;(8) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents;(9) How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents; and(10) How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities;(11) Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency trains all employees who may have contact with residents in the following matters:

- The agency's zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- How staff fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;
- Residents right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in resident facilities;
- The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;
- How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;
- How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents;
- How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents;
- How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.; and
- Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent.
- Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Staff Training

Pathway employees will receive training, based on PREA employee training standards. All current employees who have not received such training shall be trained within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards. Pathway shall

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. During the years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, Pathway shall provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

Upon hire and annually thereafter, Pathway will provide targeted PREA training on the following:

Pathway's zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

Pathway's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;

Clients'/Residents' rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

The right of clients/residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a residential treatment facility;

The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;

How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;

How to avoid inappropriate relationships with clients/residents;

How to communicate effectively and professionally with clients/residents, including gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents; and

How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent.

Gender specific training will be provided to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility.

Pathway will document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received.

Training participation may be offered in-house, online, webinars, conferences, etc. Training topics will be added and offered based upon the annual training needs as assessed by the PREA Compliance Manager and the PREA Coordinator.

Pathway will provide training as needed for staff to conduct administrative investigations (pp. 9-10).

· Training Curriculum: The agency utilizes the PREA Employee Training Curriculum, available through the PREA Resource Center.

· Sample of Training Record: New Hire (20); Refresher (26); The agency has a process where training is documented for PREA New Hire, Refresher and Mandatory Reporter Training.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff – The interviewed staff reported that they have been trained on the agency's zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The staff reported that the training included:

- a. The agency's zero-tolerance policy on sexual abuse and sexual harassment?
- b. How to fulfill your responsibilities regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response, in accordance with agency policies and procedures?
- c. Resident's right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?
- d. Residents' and employees' right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassments?
- e. The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?
- f. The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?
- g. How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?
- h. How to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents?
- i. How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?
- j. How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?
- k. Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent?

The staff consistently reported that they were trained on initial hire and that they received additional training in February 2025. When probed the staff were able to describe things like the common reactions of victims, what to look for, and how to respectfully talk to residents who may be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or gender non-conforming.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.331 (b). Such training shall be tailored to the unique needs and attributes of residents of juvenile facilities and to the gender of the residents at the employee's

facility. The employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa.

Compliance Determination:

The facility reported in the PAQ that training is tailored to meet the unique needs and attributes and gender of the residents at the facility. Employees who are reassigned from facilities housing the opposite gender are not given additional training.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Gender specific training will be provided to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility" (p. 10).

Sample of Training Record: New Hire (20); Refresher (26); The agency has a process where training is documented for PREA New Hire, Refresher and Mandatory Reporter Training.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.331 (C). All current employees who have not received such training shall be trained within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards, and the agency shall 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. In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, the agency shall provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, between trainings the agency provides employees who may have contact with residents with refresher information about current policies regarding sexual abuse and harassment. The frequency with which employees who may have contact with residents receive refresher training on PREA requirements: Annually.

Sample of Training Record: New Hire (20); Refresher (26); The agency has a process where training is documented for PREA New Hire, Refresher and Mandatory Reporter Training.

Corrective Actions:

	<p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.331 (d). The agency shall document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received.</p> <p>Compliance Determinations:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>The PAQ indicated that the facility requires employees who may have contact with residents to document, via signature, that they understand the training they received. The facility will have the service providers, volunteers, and non-detention juvenile office staff sign an agreement acknowledging the facilities zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment along with the duty to report.</p> <p>Training Acknowledgement: The agency ensures that employees who may have contact with residents confirm their understanding of the training received through either a signature or electronic verification. This acknowledgment is documented via the Acknowledgement and Receipt of PREA Training form. (20)</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.332	Volunteer and contractor training
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>Evidence Relied Upon in Making the Compliance Determination:</p> <p>Documentation:</p>

1. Documents:

a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)

b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual

c. Training Curriculum

d. Volunteer Contractor Training Record (1)

2. Interviews:

a. Volunteers or contractors who have contact with residents – multiple attempts no contact

115.332 (a). The agency shall ensure 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

According to the PAQ, all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response. The number of volunteers and contractors, who have contact with residents, who have been trained in agency's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response: 1.

Contractor Training Record: The auditor confirmed receipt of training for the one identified contracted staff.

Interviews:

Volunteer(s) or Contractor(s) who have Contact with Residents: Multiple attempts were made and unable to make contact.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.332 (b). The level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provided and level of contact they have with residents, but all volunteer and contractors who have contact with residents shall be notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual

harassment and informed how to report such incidents.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ, that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents.

Volunteer Training Curriculum: (Volunteer Contractor PREA Training Policy): While the site does not have any volunteers or contractors, in the event there was one the person would complete the training and sign acknowledgement of understanding and receipt.

Contractor Training Record: The auditor confirmed receipt of training for the one identified contracted staff.

Interviews:

Volunteer(s) or Contractor(s) who have Contact with Residents: Multiple attempts were made and unable to make contact.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.332 (c). The agency shall maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency maintains documentation confirming that the volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received. However, this time their site does not have any volunteers or contractors.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

	<p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.333	Resident education
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Intake Records PREA Education: Juvenile Confirmation of Receipt of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) (27) d. PREA Posters (English/Spanish) e. Resident Handbook f. Resident Orientation Acknowledgement (27) g. PREA Video (MP4) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Intake staff - 1 b. Random sample of residents - 6 3. Site Review <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.333 (a). During the intake process, residents shall receive information explaining, in an age-appropriate fashion, the agency's zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.</p>

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, residents receive information at time of intake about the zero-tolerance policy and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

The number of residents admitted in past 12 months who were given this information at intake: 18. It was further reported that the information is provided in an age-appropriate fashion.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "During the intake process, clients/residents shall receive information explaining Pathway's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. This information is provided in an age-appropriate format to ensure understanding and to meet the needs of clients who have limited reading skills or other needs requiring an interpreter" (p. 11).

Resident Handbook states:

If you need to report sexual harassment, sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, retaliation by other clients or staff members for reporting sexual abuse/harassment/misconduct, or staff neglect that may have contributed to any of the above incidents, you can use the following reporting methods:

- Make a written report by completing a Grievance Form, which can be turned into to the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a verbal report by asking to speak with your therapist, the shift leader on duty, or the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a written or verbal report to any staff member that you trust (Group leader, Teacher, Nurse, Food Service Staff, etc.)
- Ask to call the Rape Crisis Hotline
- Report anonymously to Pathway by completing a Grievance Form without signing the form and placing the form in the locked Grievance Box
- Report anonymously to a third party by writing a letter/filling out an unsigned grievance form and placing it in a pre-addressed/stamped envelope that will be provided to you at intake. You can place this envelop in the locked Grievance Box

If you have experienced sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Pathway, we will provide you with access to a victim advocate from the Child Advocacy Center upon request who will provide emotional support services throughout the investigative

process. To request access to a victim advocate, speak with your therapist or make a written request to your therapist, the PREA Compliance Manager (Mrs. Grace), or the PREA Coordinator (Mrs. Kimmy).

Intake records of residents entering the facility in the last 12 months (30).

Log or other record corroborating that those residents received comprehensive PREA education within 10 days of intake (e.g., resident signatures).

In addition to the Resident Handbook, the facility utilizes a Resident Education PREA Video, and PREA Poster to educate the residents on Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. The PREA Video was created by the PREA Resource Center containing general information on residents' rights to not be sexually abused or harassed, retaliated against for making a report, and that there are services available that deal with sexual abuse. The PREA Posters have a definition of sexual abuse and various ways to make a report.

During the intake process the residents sign the PREA Acknowledgement and the acknowledgement provides the following information: "I have been provided a formal training on the Prison Rape Elimination Act and the expectations. I understand my rights and responsibilities with regard to physical and emotional safety. I have been taught ways to protect myself. The definitions of abuse and harassment have been explained to me. I have been informed how to report abuse and/or harassment. I will not abuse or harass any person (staff or other youth), and I will report if I feel or see that harassment or abuse is happening. This includes all types of harassment. I understand the meaning of retaliation. I understand that retaliation will not occur if I report abuse and/or harassment."

PREA Site Review Summary: Intake Process and Interpretation Services

Intake Process Observation

During the site review, the auditor observed the intake area and procedures used to provide residents with PREA education upon admission. Intake is conducted by designated intake supervisors in an administrative building office that includes an adjoining bathroom and storage space for youth clothing and hygiene supplies.

Although no new residents were admitted during the audit period, the auditor observed a mock intake conducted by intake staff. The demonstration revealed the following key practices and protocols:

PREA Education Materials: Residents are provided with both the PREA Client Handbook and the Facility Rules Handbook during intake. These materials are written at an appropriate reading level and are accessible to residents with limited English proficiency (LEP), with versions available in both English and Spanish.

Reporting Options: Intake staff clearly explain the multiple avenues available to residents for reporting sexual abuse or harassment. These include:

Writing and submitting a grievance.

Verbally telling any staff member.

Submitting a DYS grievance in the designated grievance box.
Reporting through a parent, attorney, or trusted third party.
Making anonymous reports.

Interpreter Services: Interpreter services are available for residents who are Deaf or have limited English proficiency. Intake staff confirmed they would coordinate with the Facility Director to ensure timely access to these services if needed.

Education and Comprehension Checks: Staff review the PREA and Facility Rules Handbooks with residents, asking follow-up questions and requesting examples to ensure understanding.

PREA Video Orientation: As part of orientation, residents are shown a PREA educational video. The staff demonstrated this process for the auditor, showing how residents view the video and then electronically sign an acknowledgment of receipt using a digital signature pad.

Mandatory Reporting and Confidentiality: During intake, residents are informed about the facility's mandatory reporting requirements, including limitations on confidentiality related to disclosures of abuse.

Staff Roles: Intake staff are responsible for providing residents with comprehensive education on the facility's policies regarding sexual abuse and harassment, reporting procedures, and protective measures during their initial orientation.

Resident Feedback

Informal conversations with residents confirmed that intake staff provided PREA-related education during their admission. Residents recalled being shown a video and receiving explanations about how to report abuse or harassment.

Interpretation Services

While there were no LEP residents at the time of the audit, the auditor conducted a live test of the on-demand language line services. Key findings include:

Access and Process: The auditor, in coordination with staff, initiated a call to the language line and was walked through the steps for accessing services without incurring a charge. The process includes entering a secure PIN and selecting from prompts for various languages. The facility has immediate access to nine languages, with additional languages available upon request.

Resident Access: While residents are not required to self-identify for language services, they cannot independently access the interpretation line due to lack of direct phone access. Interpreter services must be initiated by staff on behalf of residents.

Availability: The language line is available 24/7 and can be accessed at any time with staff assistance.

Service Location and Confidentiality: According to the facility's Clinician, in

collaboration with the Director, interpreter calls would be conducted in a private, closed-door setting in the Clinician's Office to maintain confidentiality and comfort for the resident.

Staff Knowledge and Readiness: Intake staff interviewed during formal and informal discussions reported that they are familiar with the protocol and would work with the Director to access interpreter services as needed. Since the facility's opening, there has been no need to use interpreter services, but staff demonstrated preparedness to do so.

Interviews

Intake Staff: The interviewed staff that performs intake duties stated that during admission to the facility all youth are provided information regarding agency's zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse or sexual harassment. During the intake process, the residents are provided an assessment, PREA Acknowledgement form as well as given a handout regarding prevention and reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Residents will watch the PREA video, and I will go over the handbook with them, have them electronically sign acknowledgment and give them a copy of the handbook. The information is verbally given to them and then I will ask to follow up questions to ensure their understanding.

Resident Interview Questionnaire- All of the interviewed residents reported that when they first came to the facility, they received information about the facility's rules against sexual abuse and harassment. The information was typically received the same day they entered the facility.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.333 (b). Within 10 days of intake, the agency shall provide comprehensive age-appropriate education to residents either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, 18 residents that were admitted in the facility during the past 12 months, who's length of stay was for 10 days or more received comprehensive education regarding their right to be free from both sexual abuse/harassment and retaliation for reporting such incidents and on agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.

Resident Education Documentation: The facility tracks resident participation in education sessions through the completion of the Resident Orientation Acknowledgement Form. During the mock intake process, the auditor observed residents signing electronically upon completion of the education. The auditor also reviewed 27 signed Resident Orientation Acknowledgement forms.

PREA Intake Video: the site utilizes the PREA video created by the PREA Resource Center as a part of their PREA educational session. Residents review the video during intake. Intake typically occurs on the first day of placement.

Revised Handbook states the following:

If you need to report sexual harassment, sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, retaliation by other clients or staff members for reporting sexual abuse/harassment/misconduct, or staff neglect that may have contributed to any of the above incidents, you can use the following reporting methods:

- Make a written report by completing a Grievance Form, which can be turned into to the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a verbal report by asking to speak with your therapist, the shift leader on duty, or the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a written or verbal report to any staff member that you trust (Group leader, Teacher, Nurse, Food Service Staff, etc.)
- Ask to call the Rape Crisis Hotline
- Report anonymously to Pathway by completing a Grievance Form without signing the form and placing the form in the locked Grievance Box
- Report anonymously to a third party by writing a letter/filling out an unsigned grievance form and placing it in a pre-addressed/stamped envelope that will be provided to you at intake. You can place this envelop in the locked Grievance Box

If you have experienced sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Pathway, we will provide you with access to a victim advocate from the Child Advocacy Center upon request who will provide emotional support services throughout the investigative process. To request access to a victim advocate, speak with your therapist or make a written request to your therapist, the PREA Compliance Manager (Mrs. Grace), or the PREA Coordinator (Mrs. Kimmy).

Posting (Advocacy and Emotional Support). The postings contained the following information:

pathway provides victim advocacy through southeast child advocacy center, which includes the following for sexual abuse or sexual assault victims:

- Medical care to any sexual abuse or assault victim
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations

- Forensic interviews
- Contact with a victim advocate via phone or in person visits
- Follow-up services and crisis intervention contacts as necessary

*** A supervisor or therapist will listen to calls made to victim advocacy, so what you say might not be completely private.

***Pathway staff and Victim advocates have to report any crimes or possible Harm to the right people.

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PREA Site Review Summary: Intake Process and Interpretation Services

Intake Process Observation

During the site review, the auditor observed the intake area and procedures used to provide residents with PREA education upon admission. Intake is conducted by designated intake supervisors in an administrative building office that includes an adjoining bathroom and storage space for youth clothing and hygiene supplies.

Although no new residents were admitted during the audit period, the auditor observed a mock intake conducted by intake staff. The demonstration revealed the following key practices and protocols:

PREA Education Materials: Residents are provided with both the PREA Client Handbook and the Facility Rules Handbook during intake. These materials are written at an appropriate reading level and are accessible to residents with limited English proficiency (LEP), with versions available in both English and Spanish.

Reporting Options: Intake staff clearly explain the multiple avenues available to residents for reporting sexual abuse or harassment. These include:

Writing and submitting a grievance.

Verbally telling any staff member.

Submitting a DYS grievance in the designated grievance box.

Reporting through a parent, attorney, or trusted third party.

Making anonymous reports.

Interpreter Services: Interpreter services are available for residents who are Deaf or have limited English proficiency. Intake staff confirmed they would coordinate with the Facility Director to ensure timely access to these services if needed.

Education and Comprehension Checks: Staff review the PREA and Facility Rules Handbooks with residents, asking follow-up questions and requesting examples to ensure understanding.

PREA Video Orientation: As part of orientation, residents are shown a PREA educational video. The staff demonstrated this process for the auditor, showing how residents view the video and then electronically sign an acknowledgment of receipt using a digital signature pad.

Mandatory Reporting and Confidentiality: During intake, residents are informed about the facility's mandatory reporting requirements, including limitations on confidentiality related to disclosures of abuse.

Staff Roles: Intake staff are responsible for providing residents with comprehensive education on the facility's policies regarding sexual abuse and harassment, reporting procedures, and protective measures during their initial orientation.

Resident Feedback

Informal conversations with residents confirmed that intake staff provided PREA-related education during their admission. Residents recalled being shown a video and receiving explanations about how to report abuse or harassment.

Interpretation Services

While there were no LEP residents at the time of the audit, the auditor conducted a live test of the on-demand language line services. Key findings include:

Access and Process: The auditor, in coordination with staff, initiated a call to the language line and was walked through the steps for accessing services without incurring a charge. The process includes entering a secure PIN and selecting from prompts for various languages. The facility has immediate access to nine languages, with additional languages available upon request.

Resident Access: While residents are not required to self-identify for language services, they cannot independently access the interpretation line due to lack of direct phone access. Interpreter services must be initiated by staff on behalf of residents.

Availability: The language line is available 24/7 and can be accessed at any time with staff assistance.

Service Location and Confidentiality: According to the facility's Clinician, in collaboration with the Director, interpreter calls would be conducted in a private, closed-door setting in the Clinician's Office to maintain confidentiality and comfort for the resident.

Staff Knowledge and Readiness: Intake staff interviewed during formal and informal discussions reported that they are familiar with the protocol and would work with the Director to access interpreter services as needed. Since the facility's opening, there has been no need to use interpreter services, but staff demonstrated preparedness to do so.

Interviews

Intake Staff: One staff member was interviewed that performs intake duties. Staff stated that during admission to the facility all youth are provided information regarding agency's zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse or sexual harassment. During the intake process, the residents are given information via a video, verbal, and a handbook. Residents sign a PREA Acknowledgement form as well as be given a copy of the handbook. Finally, all residents electronically sign acknowledgement. Intake is done on the same day of arrival into the facility. While they have not had a disabled or limited English-speaking resident, if needed we would obtain an interpreter.

Resident Interview Questionnaire- All of the interviewed residents reported that when they first came to the facility, they received information about the facility's rules against sexual abuse and harassment. One youth interviewed stated they did receive information within a week but was not completely positive on the timeframe. From the other youth interviewed, the information was typically received on the first day through a video.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.333 (c). Current residents who have not received such education shall be educated within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards and shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, all residents received PREA related education within 10 days of being placed at the facility. Additionally, residents transferred from another facility will receive PREA education upon intake and during orientation. It was further reported that the residents receive PREA education within the date of admission.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Clients/Residents who are transferred from one facility to another shall be educated regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents. All Pathway facilities follow the same policies and procedures regarding responding to such incidents" (p. 11).

Resident Education Documentation: The facility tracks resident participation in education sessions through the completion of the Resident Orientation

Acknowledgement Form. During the mock intake process, the auditor observed residents signing electronically upon completion of the education. The auditor also reviewed 48 signed Resident Orientation Acknowledgement forms. It was further reported by the staff and residents the review of resident education and occurs on the first day of placement at the facility.

Interviews

Intake Staff: One staff member was interviewed that performs intake duties. Staff stated that during admission to the facility all youth are provided information regarding agency's zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse or sexual harassment. During the intake process, the residents are provided information via a video, verbally, and a handbook. The staff reported that they will talk to the resident to ensure their understanding of the information provided. Follow-up will occur by asking them to explain the information that was provided to them.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.333 (d). The agency shall provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to residents who have limited reading skills.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As indicated in the PAQ, resident PREA education is not available in formats accessible to all residents, including those that are: limited English proficient (LEP), deaf, visually impaired, otherwise disabled, limited in their reading skills. It was further reported that the clients admitted to this program would not be eligible for admission if there was an identified disability or LEP.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "explaining Pathway's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents. This information is provided in an age-appropriate format to ensure understanding and to meet the needs of clients who have limited reading skills or other needs requiring an interpreter.

Pathway is an intense, cognitively demanding treatment program. As such, Pathway will provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents; however,

Pathway's Diversion treatment program cannot accommodate those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled" (p. 11).

PREA Posters (English/Spanish): The posters were updated during the post-on-site audit phase to a format consistent with a fifth-grade reading level. Additionally, the PREA Coordinator noted that residents with disabilities are not eligible for placement in the program. The posters are available in English and Spanish

Written Materials: The PREA Client Handbook and Facility Rules Handbook are provided at an appropriate reading level and are accessible to all residents, including those with limited English proficiency (LEP). These handbooks are available in both English and Spanish.

Interpreter Services: The facility offers interpreter services when needed, including for Deaf and non-English speaking residents. Intake staff coordinate with the facility director to arrange these services as required. The language line offers on demand services 24/7 for nine languages, and additional language services as requested.

PREA Video Presentation: The intake staff also showed the auditor how they present the PREA video to residents as part of their orientation. The PREA Video covers information about residents right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents. The staff demonstrated that once they go over the documents the residents watch the PREA video and sign acknowledging receipt of information. The auditor was able to observe how the residents electronically sign on a signature pad. For the immediate, the PREA video is available to residents who have a reading disability as they can audio learn the information. In addition, the staff and residents reported that the mental health staff verbally goes over all documentation and asks to follow up questions for knowledge and understanding.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.333 (e). The agency shall maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency maintains documentation of resident participation in the PREA education sessions.

Resident Education Documentation: The facility tracks resident participation in education sessions through the completion of the Resident Orientation

Acknowledgement Form. During the mock intake process, the auditor observed residents signing electronically upon completion of the education. The auditor also reviewed 27 signed Resident Orientation Acknowledgement forms.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.333 (f). In addition to providing such education, the agency shall ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats.

Compliance Determination:

The facility reported in the PAQ that the agency will ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats.

Resident Handbook states:

If you need to report sexual harassment, sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, retaliation by other clients or staff members for reporting sexual abuse/harassment/misconduct, or staff neglect that may have contributed to any of the above incidents, you can use the following reporting methods:

- Make a written report by completing a Grievance Form, which can be turned into to the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a verbal report by asking to speak with your therapist, the shift leader on duty, or the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a written or verbal report to any staff member that you trust (Group leader, Teacher, Nurse, Food Service Staff, etc.)
- Ask to call the Rape Crisis Hotline
- Report anonymously to Pathway by completing a Grievance Form without signing the form and placing the form in the locked Grievance Box
- Report anonymously to a third party by writing a letter/filling out an unsigned grievance form and placing it in a pre-addressed/stamped envelope that will be provided to you at intake. You can place this envelop in the locked Grievance Box

If you have experienced sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Pathway, we will provide you with access to a victim advocate from the Child Advocacy Center upon request who will provide emotional support services throughout the investigative process. To request access to a victim advocate, speak with your therapist or make a written request to your therapist, the PREA Compliance Manager (Mrs. Grace), or

the PREA Coordinator (Mrs. Kimmy).

Site Review Write-Up: Observation of PREA Signage Throughout the Facility

During the site review, the auditor conducted a thorough walkthrough of the facility to actively observe all posted and printed signage related to PREA compliance, civil immigration, victim support services, and sexual abuse/harassment reporting mechanisms. The goal of the signage review was to assess readability, accessibility, consistency, accuracy, and overall visibility for both staff and persons confined in the facility.

Signage Readability and Accessibility

Language Clarity:

The signage reviewed throughout the facility used plain, easy-to-understand language appropriate for a general audience, including individuals with limited literacy. Information on how to report sexual abuse and harassment, how to access outside victim services, and the facility's zero-tolerance policy was clearly stated.

Language Availability:

Most signage was provided in English, which staff confirmed are the most commonly spoken languages among the population. Staff also reported that translations for other languages are available upon request, though signage in additional languages was not prominently posted during the walkthrough.

Formatting and Placement:

Signs featured large, legible font sizes with clear headers, bold formatting, and color contrast, making them accessible for individuals with low vision. Signage was generally placed at an average eye level and in locations accessible to persons using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. No signage was found to be obstructed by furniture, poorly lit areas, or hidden from view.

Condition of Signage:

The auditor did not observe any signs that were damaged, defaced, or unreadable. All posted materials were intact, free from graffiti, and clearly legible. Hotline numbers and external service contacts were clearly displayed without obstruction.

Signage Accuracy and Consistency

Current and Accurate Information:

The PREA Audit Notice was prominently posted at facility entry points and housing unit bulletin boards, and it was specific to the current audit cycle. The contact information for reporting and external support services (state rape crisis center, emotional support hotline) was consistent across all locations.

Consistency Across Facility Areas:

All observed PREA posters, victim services flyers, and reporting instructions displayed uniform contact information, terminology, and policy references. No discrepancies in provider names, phone numbers, or addresses were identified. Signs for civil immigration information, where posted, were also accurate and

clearly delineated their purpose.

Placement of PREA and Related Signage

The auditor observed PREA-related signage placed in all relevant and required areas, including:

Housing Units: Posters outlining reporting methods and the zero-tolerance policy were posted on dayroom bulletin boards and in close proximity to phones used for confidential reporting.

Medical and Mental Health Areas: Signs detailing access to confidential victim support services were posted outside exam and interview rooms.

Booking and Intake Area: PREA education and reporting information was available at intake, in both written and poster form.

Staff Areas: Staff breakrooms and locker rooms had visible signage related to staff responsibilities under PREA and contact information for the facility's PREA Coordinator.

The visibility and accessibility of this information ensured that it could be retained by both staff and individuals confined in the facility. All signage appeared to be permanent, with the exception of the audit notice, which staff confirmed is posted specifically for the audit period in accordance with PREA requirements.

Informal Conversations with Staff and Persons Confined

The auditor conducted informal conversations with both staff and persons confined in the facility to assess their familiarity with the posted signage:

Staff Feedback:

Staff were able to describe the locations of PREA signage and confirmed that the signs are a routine, permanent part of the facility environment, not just posted for audit purposes. Staff stated they refer individuals to the signage when questions arise about reporting or support.

Persons Confined Feedback:

Several persons confined in the facility confirmed that PREA and support service information is visible in housing units and intake areas. One individual noted they had read the information on how to report abuse and where to get help shortly after arrival. Others confirmed they knew where to find the hotline number and had seen the signage multiple times.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

	<p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.334	Specialized training: Investigations
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Certificate of Completion PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting (4) d. Training Curriculum 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Investigative staff - 2 <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.334 (a). In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to § 115.331, the agency shall ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As indicated in the PAQ, the agency/facility does not have trained investigators as all PREA-related investigations are conducted by an outside entity. The agency does not conduct any sexual abuse investigations. While the facility does not conduct investigations, the auditor recommended that a facility staff person complete the specialized training for investigations in the event the administrative component is</p>

not addressed by the outside investigator.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will provide training as needed for staff to conduct administrative investigations" (p. 10).

Certificate of Completion PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting (4)

Training Curriculum: The agency employs the NIC's "Investigating Sexual Abuse in Confinement Settings" training curriculum.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the required training. The interviewed staff reported that they received training specific to conducting sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations in confinement settings. The training included: techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative or prosecution referral.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.334 (b). Specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Certificate of Completion PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting (4)

Training Curriculum: The agency employs the NIC's "Investigating Sexual Abuse in Confinement Settings" training curriculum.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the required training. The interviewed staff reported that they received training

	<p>specific to conducting sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations in confinement settings. The training included: techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative or prosecution referral.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.334 (c). The agency shall maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the agency maintains documentation showing that investigators have completed the required training. The number of investigators currently employed who have completed the required training: 5.</p> <p>Certificate of Completion PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting (4).</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.334 (d). Auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.335	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

Documents:

- Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
- Certification for Specialized Training PREA 201 for Medical and Mental Health practitioners (11)
- Annual PREA Training (11)
- Training Curriculum (NIC-PREA 201 Medical and Mental Health Training)

Interviews:

Medical and Mental Health Staff (2)

Findings (By Provision):

115.335 (a). The agency shall ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in:(1) How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;(2) How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse;(3) How to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and(4) How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The agency has a policy related to the training of medical and mental health practitioners who work regularly in its facilities. The number of all medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly at this facility who received the training required by agency policy: 13. The percentage of all medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly at this facility received the training required by agency policy. 100.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "All full and part time medical and mental health care practitioners employed by Pathway receive training regarding:

- a. How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- b. How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse

c. How to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment

d. How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment

All full time medical and mental health care practitioners employed by Pathway shall receive training as indicated in the above "Staff Training" section of this Policy Manual" (p. 10).

Certification for: Specialized Training PREA 201 for Medical and Mental Health practitioners (11)

Training Curriculum: The agency employs the NIC's "PREA 201 Medical and Mental Health Training" training curriculum.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that they completed the online training on sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The training included: how to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; how to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse; how to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and how and whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Corrective Action:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.335 (b). If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, such medical staff shall receive the appropriate training to conduct such examinations.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, agency medical staff at this facility do not conduct forensic medical exams.

The facility does not conduct forensic examinations. Forensic examinations if needed will be conducted at the local child advocacy center.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that they do not

complete forensic medical exams.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.335 (c). The agency shall maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility maintains training records of the medical and mental health staff. A sample of three medical and mental health staff records were reviewed and confirmed that the staff receives training as required by the standard.

Certification for: Specialized Training PREA 201 for Medical and Mental Health practitioners (11)

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.335 (d). Medical and mental health care practitioners shall also receive the training mandated for employees under § 115.331 or for contractors and volunteers under § 115.332, depending upon the practitioner's status at the agency.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

General PREA Training records: The facility provided in service rosters for three separate training dates where 11 clinical staff received PREA Policy and Procedure training.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

	<p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.341	Obtaining information from residents
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Risk Screening (25) d. Reassessment (20) e. Updated Assessment Tool Instruction f. List of Residents Admitted into Facility Last 12 months 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff responsible for risk screening b. Random sample of residents (6) c. PREA coordinator d. PREA compliance manager 3. Corrective Action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Additional Risk Assessments/Reassessments <p>Findings (By Provision):</p>

115.341 (a). Within 72 hours of the resident's arrival at the facility and periodically throughout a resident's confinement, the agency shall obtain and use information about each resident's personal history and behavior to reduce the risk of sexual abuse by or upon a resident.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency has a process in place to screen and support the residents in care. The policy requires that residents be screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other residents within 72 hours of their intake. The number of residents entering the facility (either through intake of transfer) within the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more and who were screened for risk of sexual victimization or risk of sexually abusing other residents within 72 hours of their entry into the facility: 18.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway clients/residents will be assessed for their risk of being sexually abused by others or sexually abusive toward others. Within 24 hours of intake, clients/residents will be assessed to determine whether they meet specific criteria indicating vulnerability to sexual abuse. Residents may not be disciplined for refusing to answer or failing to disclose information in regard to the assessment questions.

Potential Victim: During initial assessment meeting, residents will be assessed, utilizing an objective screening tool, to specifically determine their vulnerability as indicated by the following risk factors:

Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness;

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;

- Current charges and offense history;
- Age;
- Level of emotional and cognitive development;
- Physical size and stature;
- Mental illness or mental disabilities;
- Intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- Physical disabilities;

- The client's own perception of vulnerability;
- Whether the client/resident has previously been in a residential facility or incarcerated;
- Client/resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child
- Any other specific information about individual clients that may indicate heightened needs for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other clients.

A client/resident should be designated with and identified for vulnerability if:

- Three or more of the above criteria apply; or
- One or more of these factors apply with sufficient documentation by the reviewer to warrant concern.

The client's therapist will reassess each client's/resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness within 30 days after the initial meeting based upon any additional, relevant information received by Pathway since the initial screening.

- A client's/resident's risk level will be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the client's/resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.
- To ensure confidentiality and sensitivity of information of the client's/resident's responses on the assessment, assessment information will be kept in the client's/resident's confidential file. However, communication will be disseminated to staff regarding a client's overall risk of victimization or risk of perpetrating a violent or sexual act. This will include only the clinician's assessment of risk, information specific to the client's history (pp. 11-12).

The auditor reviewed a list of residents admitted into the facility in the last 12 months. Forty-eight files were randomly selected for review.

Records of Residents: The auditor reviewed the Pathway Vulnerability Assessment for 26 residents, and it was determined that the facility consistently completes the assessments upon intake.

Records of Residents: The auditor reviewed the Pathway Vulnerability Reassessment for (20) residents who were housed at the facility for at least 30 days. It was determined that the reassessments are not completed on a consistent basis.

Site Review Summary PREA Risk Screening

As no new admissions occurred during the site review, the auditor requested a mock intake demonstration to observe the PREA risk screening process in practice.

Staff Responsibilities and Screening Process

The auditor verified that mental health staff are solely responsible for conducting PREA risk screenings.

Screenings are conducted in private offices assigned to mental health staff within each housing unit, ensuring confidentiality. Only the assigned mental health staff member is present during the screening.

During the mock demonstration, the staff member conducted the screening by asking each question individually, regularly confirming the resident's understanding and repeating responses to ensure accuracy.

Staff affirmatively inquire about each resident's sexual orientation and gender identity in accordance with the structured screening instrument. In addition to direct responses, screening staff also consider perceived status when assessing risk.

The screening process utilizes an adjustment instrument specifically designed to collect relevant risk-related data.

Screenings are recorded electronically in a secure system accessible only to clinical staff and the facility director. Staff follow the instrument verbatim to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Prior to the screening, mental health staff review the resident's client file provided by the Department of Youth Services (DYS), which may include information such as criminal history, prior placements, psychological evaluations, family background, and trauma history.

Informal Conversations

With Mental Health Staff:

The auditor inquired about how staff address discrepancies between a resident's responses and background information provided by DHS. Staff indicated they would rephrase questions to clarify inconsistencies and stress the importance of honesty to ensure appropriate care and placement. They emphasized their approach is trauma-informed and relationship-centered, recognizing that trust may increase over time and lead to more accurate disclosures during future reassessments.

With Residents:

Residents interviewed confirmed that they completed the PREA risk screening on their first day at the facility. They stated the screening was conducted privately by mental health staff and included direct, specific questions regarding their safety and personal history.

Interviews

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening – The interviewed staff responsible for performing screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness reported that all residents are screened for risk of sexual abuse victimization or risk of sexually abusiveness toward other residents. The screening occurs immediately upon youth placement at the facility. The information is ascertained through conversations with

residents, review of placement packet, and prior history. The information is ascertained by asking questions and reviewing the placement documentation. Prior to a youth's placement at the facility, we have information to review. A reassessment is completed within 30 days.

Resident Interview Questionnaire: Six of the interviewed residents reported that when they first arrived at, they were asked questions like whether you have ever been sexually abused, whether you identify with being gay, bisexual, or transgender and whether or not they have a disability or think they may be in danger of sexual abuse. All six resident reported that they have not been asked the questions again.

Corrective Actions:

The facility policy indicates that the initial reassessment shall be completed within 30 days of the initial assessment. Upon reviewing resident files, it was determined that the practice is not done consistently. The facility identified a problem during the pre-audit phase and implemented a corrective action. The auditor will monitor for a two-month period to ensure that the practice is consistently being conducted.

Ø Corrective Action Implemented: During the correction phase the facility provided documentation of new intake orientation. The documentation provided was consistent with the requirements of the provision, no further action required.

115.341 (b). Such assessments shall be conducted using an objective screening instrument.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The PAQ indicated that the facility utilizes a risk assessment that is an objective screening instrument.

The auditor reviewed the Pathway Vulnerability Assessment and it was determined that the site is using an objective screening instrument. Objectivity was determined based on the following:

- o Standardized Criteria: It uses pre-determined, clear, and measurable criteria for evaluating risk.
- o Consistent Application: The instrument is applied uniformly to all individuals being assessed, ensuring that each person is evaluated using the same criteria and process.
- o Quantifiable Metrics: There is a numerical scoring system with clearly defined categories to measure risk, reducing reliance on personal judgment.
- o During the post onsite process, updates were made to the tool to clarify areas such as emotional and cognitive development; and intellectual or developmental disabilities. There is an instruction on the tool as to where to appropriately capture

said areas.

o It should be noted that based on the program description; admission criteria would exclude a resident with an IQ of 62 or below (PATHWAY - Moderate Program (pathway-inc.com)).

Corrective Actions:

The facility policy indicates that the initial reassessment shall be completed within 30 days of the initial assessment. Upon reviewing resident files, it was determined that the practice is not done consistently. The facility identified a problem during the pre-audit phase and implemented a corrective action. The auditor will monitor for a two-month period to ensure that the practice is consistently being conducted.

Ø Corrective Action Implemented: During the correction phase the facility provided documentation of new intake orientation. The documentation provided was consistent with the requirements of the provision, no further action required.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.341 (c). At a minimum, the agency shall attempt to ascertain information about: (1) Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness; (2) 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; (3) Current charges and offense history; (4) Age; (5) Level of emotional and cognitive development; (6) Physical size and stature; (7) Mental illness or mental disabilities; (8) Intellectual or developmental disabilities; (9) Physical disabilities; (10) The resident's own perception of vulnerability; and (11) Any other specific information about individual residents that may indicate heightened needs for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other residents.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

A review of the screening instrument confirmed that the above-mentioned areas ascertained on the Vulnerability Assessment Tool

The assessment is conducted using an objective screening instrument. The Pathway Vulnerability Assessment ascertains the above information during the intake process.

Resident Records Reviewed (Vulnerability Assessment): 26. The vulnerability assessment ascertained the above-mentioned information.

Site Review Summary

PREA Risk Screening

As no new admissions occurred during the site review, the auditor requested a mock

intake demonstration to observe the PREA risk screening process in practice.

Staff Responsibilities and Screening Process

The auditor verified that mental health staff are solely responsible for conducting PREA risk screenings.

Screenings are conducted in private offices assigned to mental health staff within each housing unit, ensuring confidentiality. Only the assigned mental health staff member is present during the screening.

During the mock demonstration, the staff member conducted the screening by asking each question individually, regularly confirming the resident's understanding and repeating responses to ensure accuracy.

Staff affirmatively inquire about each resident's sexual orientation and gender identity in accordance with the structured screening instrument. In addition to direct responses, screening staff also consider perceived status when assessing risk.

The screening process utilizes an adjustment instrument specifically designed to collect relevant risk-related data.

Screenings are recorded electronically in a secure system accessible only to clinical staff and the facility director. Staff follow the instrument verbatim to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Prior to the screening, mental health staff review the resident's client file provided by the Department of Youth Services (DYS), which may include information such as criminal history, prior placements, psychological evaluations, family background, and trauma history.

Informal Conversations

With Mental Health Staff:

The auditor inquired about how staff address discrepancies between a resident's responses and background information provided by DHS. Staff indicated they would rephrase questions to clarify inconsistencies and stress the importance of honesty to ensure appropriate care and placement. They emphasized their approach is trauma-informed and relationship-centered, recognizing that trust may increase over time and lead to more accurate disclosures during future reassessments.

With Residents:

Residents interviewed confirmed that they completed the PREA risk screening on their first day at the facility. They stated the screening was conducted privately by mental health staff and included direct, specific questions regarding their safety and personal history.

Interviews

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening – The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that the initial risk screening considers prior history,

vulnerabilities, stature, and prior charges. The information is ascertained through interviews and observation.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.341 (d). This information shall be ascertained through conversations with the resident during the intake process and medical and mental health screenings; during classification assessments; and by reviewing court records, case files, facility behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident's files.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Site Review Summary

PREA Risk Screening

As no new admissions occurred during the site review, the auditor requested a mock intake demonstration to observe the PREA risk screening process in practice.

Staff Responsibilities and Screening Process

The auditor verified that mental health staff are solely responsible for conducting PREA risk screenings.

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During the mock demonstration, the staff member conducted the screening by asking each question individually, regularly confirming the resident's understanding and repeating responses to ensure accuracy.

Staff affirmatively inquire about each resident's sexual orientation and gender identity in accordance with the structured screening instrument. In addition to direct responses, screening staff also consider perceived status when assessing risk.

The screening process utilizes an adjustment instrument specifically designed to collect relevant risk-related data.

Screenings are recorded electronically in a secure system accessible only to clinical staff and the facility director. Staff follow the instrument verbatim to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Prior to the screening, mental health staff review the resident's client file provided

by the Department of Youth Services (DYS), which may include information such as criminal history, prior placements, psychological evaluations, family background, and trauma history.

Informal Conversations

With Mental Health Staff:

The auditor inquired about how staff address discrepancies between a resident's responses and background information provided by DHS. Staff indicated they would rephrase questions to clarify inconsistencies and stress the importance of honesty to ensure appropriate care and placement. They emphasized their approach is trauma-informed and relationship-centered, recognizing that trust may increase over time and lead to more accurate disclosures during future reassessments.

With Residents:

Residents interviewed confirmed that they completed the PREA risk screening on their first day at the facility. They stated the screening was conducted privately by mental health staff and included direct, specific questions regarding their safety and personal history.

Interviews

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening - The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that the information is ascertained by talking to residents and reviewing their charges and referral packet.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.341 (e). The agency shall implement 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Site Review

Risk Screening Process:

The risk screening is conducted and securely stored in an electronic case management system, accessible only to clinical staff and facility directors. This system also includes other assessment tools, such as the DHS assessment, biopsychosocial evaluations, and treatment plans.

	<p>Access Control:</p> <p>Informal conversations with mental health and direct care staff confirmed that access to the case management system, particularly to the assessments, is strictly limited to clinical staff and facility leadership.</p> <p>Additional conversation occurred with the facility director who further reported that there are limitations to who has access to the client case management system.</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>PREA Coordinator – The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that therapists and administrative staff have access to this information in their chart.</p> <p>PREA Compliance Manager- The interviewed staff reported that the information is limited to clinical staff, facility leadership, and the Director.</p> <p>Staff Responsible for Risk Screening - The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that the information is only accessible to the clinical staff and higher-level staff.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. The facility is under corrective action to address the completion of the reassessments in a timely manner.</p> <p>The corrective actions were completed, and follow-up was reviewed. With these measures in place, the initial audit findings are resolved, and the facility is compliant with the provisions of the standard.</p>
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115.342	Placement of residents
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
- c. Memo: Determining Group Placement for Residents
- d. Risk Assessment (26)
- e. Sample Treatment Plans- standard 115.381

2. Interviews:

- a. PREA compliance manager
- b. PREA coordinator
- c. Staff responsible for Risk Screening
- d. LGB Resident (2)
- e. Director

Findings (By Provision):

115.342 (a). The agency shall use all information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently to make housing, bed, program, education, and work assignments for residents with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As stated in the PAQ, the facility uses information from the risk screening to inform housing, bed, work, education, and facility assignment with the goal of keeping the resident safe and free from sexual abuse.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Screening information shall be used to determine rooming assignments with the goal of keeping separate those clients/residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

Clients/Residents considered high risk for sexual victimization will be placed in room assignments on an individualized basis. Pathway will determine how to best keep residents safe from sexual victimization. Housing decisions in general and specifically housing for more vulnerable clients are determined by the consensus of the Treatment Team.

Pathway shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement of any client would ensure the client's/resident's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems” (p. 12-13).

Memo: The facility director provided a memo that stated the below process is used in determining group placement for residents:

Upon admission, residents will typically be placed in the team with an available bed. However, the following factors will be taking into consideration when determining group placement:

- History of victimization
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Orientation
- History of Aggressive Behavior
- Any previous relationships with other residents outside of Pathway

Group placement for transgender and intersex residents will be based on safety, and they will be placed in the group in which they are most likely to be safe.

Safety will also be a consideration for other residents identified as vulnerable, including residents whose sexual orientation is not heterosexual.

The LGBTI residents will never be placed in separate groups solely due to their sexual orientation or gender identify/expression.

When possible, we will not place residents who are familiar with one another in the community in the same group.

Risk Assessment (26) completed. A sample of treatment plans in standard 115.381 provides documentation on the agencies’ efforts to document how programming, placement, education, and housing decisions are made.

The facility is a high-risk site that is designed like community resident program. There is one housing unit that can hold a maximum hold ten residents. All residents are placed in a single room that has no doors. The two dorms are programmed and educated separately allowing for no cross populating. Resident records are pre-reviewed along with onsite assessments to determine housing. Programming is limited to each dorm and the residents per dorm are educated separately.

Programming onsite can include the following:

- o Individual Counseling
- o Medical Services
- o Group Counseling
- o Recreational Services

- o Family Therapy
- o Basic Living Skills Training
- o Substance Abuse Treatment
- o Independent Living Skills Training
- o Vocational Training
- o Educational Services
- o Psychiatric Services

The clinician is located on the dorm and provides all services except education and psychiatric services. Vocational services are limited to vocational awareness. Psychiatric services are as needed based on the resident needs and provided by the appropriate medical staff.

Upon intake the clinician conducts the assessment and reviews all documentation to determine a resident's vulnerability to victimization and sexually aggressive behaviors. Although the rooms are single occupancy if there are any identified concerns the residents will be placed in the most appropriate room or dorm. The auditor observed in review of the investigations that when an allegation was made the facility immediately made adjustments to housing if needed.

- The clinician's office and the direct care staff staging area sits in between the resident rooms. There are four rooms on each side, with the middle of the building serving as a common area.

- There is a treatment team that meets to review all new intakes along with ongoing meetings.

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager – The interviewed staff reported that the information from the risk screening during intake is used to determine group placement for the resident. The therapist who completing the screening also sends an email to all staff indicating the general risk that the resident will be victimized by others or will victimize others to ensure that staff monitor their behavior and peer interaction closely.

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening – The interviewed staff reported that the agency/facility uses information from the risk screening during intake to keep residents safe and free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The information is used for housing and ensuring that the youth are safe. The information is given to the leadership to make housing decisions. It was further reported that residents are informed of the “why” behind the assessment prior to administration.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (b). Residents may be isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of keeping all residents safe can be arranged. During any period of isolation, agencies shall not deny residents daily large-muscle exercise and any legally required educational programming or special education services. Residents in isolation shall receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician. Residents shall also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As stated in the PAQ, the facility has a policy that indicates that the residents at risk of sexual victimization will only be placed in isolation if less restrictive measures are inadequate to keeping them and other residents safe. The facility policy requires that residents at risk of sexual victimization who are placed in isolation have access to legally required educational programming, special education services, and daily large-muscle exercise. The number of residents at risk of sexual victimization who were placed in isolation in the past 12 months: 0

The number of residents at risk of sexual victimization who were placed in isolation who have been denied daily access to large muscle exercise, and/or legally required education or special education services in the past 12 months: 0

The average period of time residents at risk of sexual victimization were held in isolation to protect them from sexual victimization in the past 12 months: 0

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that the "Isolation will be used only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other clients safe, and then only until an alternative means of keeping all clients safe can be arranged. During any period of isolation, clients shall not be denied daily large-muscle exercise, educational programming, or special education services. Clients in isolation shall have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible, not to exceed the same access afforded to clients not in isolation. Clients in isolation shall receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician. If a client is isolated, Pathway staff shall clearly document:

- o The basis for concern for the client's safety
- o The reason no alternative means of separation can be arranged.
- o If isolation lasts longer than 30 days, Pathway shall afford each client a review to

determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.” (p. 13).

There no residents placed in isolation therefore there are no documents to review. Upon review of the area where isolation could be used, it is more a separation room, as the resident would be behind a closed door with a large window forward facing the hallway. Staff indicated that they have never used the room, but if so, it would be used as a temporary cool off. The set up of the facility is moderate security level and the overall layout does not allow for a resident to be completely isolated if the more secure room is utilized.

Interviews

Director: The interviewed director reported that they have not had any instances of isolation due to sexual abuse allegation. Isolation would be used as a last resort. True isolation is not utilized at the facility. Clients will be placed on 1:1 ratio away from others to protect them.

Medical and Mental Health Staff – We do not use isolation; however, we have a cool off room on a unit. It has not been used to often. If they are in there, they may be in there for only 10 minutes. Mental health staff is housed on the unit and will still meet with them if in the cool off room. Part of the process is to meet with them and regulate them. Medical reported that they are called and will go to the youth to meet with them.

Staff Responsible for Supervising Residents in Isolation: According to the interviewed staff, while the Baldwin site lacks an isolation area, the IDI site maintains such a facility. This area, however, functions primarily as a "cool down" room, allowing residents to deescalate. Typically, residents spend less than 30 minutes there. If their stay exceeds one hour, the agency must contact DYS for further instructions. Both medical and mental health professionals are notified immediately and will engage with the resident accordingly.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (c). Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents shall not be placed in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status, nor shall agencies consider lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility prohibits placing lesbian, gay, bisexual, or intersex residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely based on such identification status. The PAQ further reiterates that the facility prohibits considering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway does not place gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex clients/residents in dedicated facilities, rooms or floors solely on the basis of such identification" (p. 13).

There were no residents identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex; therefore, there were no housing assignments to review related to the provision. However, it should be noted that the facility consists of two housing units, with eight residents per unit.

Interviews

PREA Coordinator - The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that the facility does not have a special housing unit for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents.

PREA Compliance Manager - The interviewed staff reported that the facility does not have specialized housing units for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents.

Gay, Lesbian, and bisexual resident(s) in custody: During interviews of residents, two residents were identified as being either lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, or intersex. Both residents stated they have not been put in a housing area only for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, or intersex residents.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (d). In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility makes housing and facility assignments for transgender or intersex residents in a facility on a case-by-case basis.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement of any client would ensure the client's/resident's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.

A transgender or intersex resident's own view with respect to his own safety shall be given serious consideration. Transgender clients/residents will be housed in the safest location as determined by the PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Coordinator and client/resident's therapist. Placement and programming for each transgender or intersex client shall be reassessed at least twice yearly to review any threats to safety experienced by the client (pp. 8-9).

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager – The interviewed staff reported that room assignments are determined based on the resident's safety. We will assess vulnerability, review the make-up of the campus and location to determine safety.

Transgender/Intersex Residents: There were no identified transgender or intersex residents during the onsite review.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (e). Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex resident shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the resident.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

There were no identified transgender or intersex residents; therefore, there was no documentation of reassessment to review.

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager – The interviewed staff reported that room assignments are determined based on the resident's safety.

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening - The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that all residents are given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents. Safety is given serious consideration in placement and programming assignment of transgender or intersex residents.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (f). Transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager - The interviewed staff reported that room assignments are determined based on the resident's safety.

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening - The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that transgender and intersex are residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents. It was further reported that all residents shower separately. All residents shower separately.

Transgender/Intersex Residents: There were no identified transgender or intersex residents during the onsite review.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (g). Transgender and intersex residents shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents.

Compliance Determination:

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager - Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex resident is reviewed at least one to two times per week. We have not had a transgender resident housed here since 2016.

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening - The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that if a screening indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether in an institutional setting or in the community, they will coordinate with the director to determine necessary treatment services. This would occur immediately.

Transgender/Intersex Residents: There were no identified transgender or intersex residents during the onsite review.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (h). If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, the facility shall clearly document: (1) The basis for the facility's concern for the resident's safety; and (2) The reason no alternative means of separation can be arranged.

Compliance Determination:

The PAQ indicated that there were zero residents at risk of sexual victimization who were held in isolation in the past 12 months.

Upon review of the process and a room that can be used for isolation it does not appear that the site has a formal isolation process, more of a cool off area, as the resident would not be separated from other residents unless there were no other residents on the housing area. The overall set up of the facility and its security level is moderate. If a resident is placed in the room, its designed more in alignment with a less restrictive environment without the use of isolation.

There were no residents identified as ever being placed in the "isolation" room and through informal conversation with residents the room has never been occupied during the placement at the facility.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.342 (i). Every 30 days, the facility shall afford each resident described in paragraph (h) of this section a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

Compliance Determination:

As reported in a PAQ if a resident at risk of sexual victimization is held in isolation, the facility affords each such resident a review every 30 days to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that Isolation will be used only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other clients safe, and then only until

	<p>an alternative means of keeping all clients safe can be arranged. During any period of isolation, clients shall not be denied daily large-muscle exercise, educational programming, or special education services. Clients in isolation shall have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible, not to exceed the same access afforded to clients not in isolation. Clients in isolation shall receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician. If a client is isolated, Pathway staff shall clearly document:</p> <p>The basis for concern for the client's safety</p> <p>The reason no alternative means of separation can be arranged.</p> <p>If isolation lasts longer than 30 days, Pathway shall afford each client a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population (p. 13).</p> <p>Interviews:</p> <p>Staff Responsible for Supervising Residents in Isolation: According to the interviewed staff, while the Baldwin site lacks an isolation area, the IDI site maintains such a facility. This area, however, functions primarily as a "cool down" room, allowing residents to deescalate. Typically, residents spend less than 30 minutes there. If their stay exceeds one hour, the agency must contact DYS for further instructions. Both medical and mental health professionals are notified immediately and will engage with the resident accordingly.</p> <p>Residents in Isolation (for risk of sexual victimization/who allege to have suffered sexual abuse) – During the onsite audit and upon file review there were no residents held in isolation.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.351	Resident reporting
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:
 - a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
 - b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
 - c. Pathway Staff Handbook
 - d. Resident Handbook
 - e. Grievance Form (English/Spanish)
 - f. 12 Month Grievance Logbook
 - g. DYS Grievance Policy
 - h. Investigations (2)
2. Interviews:
 - a. Random sample of staff - 12
 - b. Random sample of residents - 6
 - c. PREA compliance manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.351 (a). The agency shall provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency has established procedures allowing for multiple internal ways for residents to report privately to agency officials about: • sexual abuse and sexual harassment; • retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; AND • staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway maintains multiple ways for clients/residents and staff to report allegations of sexual abuse/harassment/staff sexual misconduct

perpetrated by other clients/residents, staff contractors or volunteers, retaliation by other clients/residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Pathway staff are mandated to accept all reports of abuse. Upon program entry, clients/residents are informed of ways they can report sexual abuse. These include verbal and/or written reports to any facility staff or the agency PREA Compliance Manager. Reports can also be made anonymously and from third parties. Additionally, clients/residents are informed they may also contact local sexual abuse resources” (p. 14).

Grievance Form: The grievance forms utilized by the agency are the grievance process used by DYS. The DYS has an advocacy program where an advocate comes out weekly to review the grievances in the grievance box and discuss the grievances with the residents. Furthermore, the DYS Grievance policy states that if the grievance alleges sexual abuse will immediately notify the DYS chief advocate, through the chain of command, who will notify investigations.

The facility does not have a formal grievance process. The residents are allowed to complete a form and give it to a supervisor or the mental health worker.

Resident Handbook states:

If you need to report sexual harassment, sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, retaliation by other clients or staff members for reporting sexual abuse/harassment/misconduct, or staff neglect that may have contributed to any of the above incidents, you can use the following reporting methods:

- Make a written report by completing a Grievance Form, which can be turned into to the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a verbal report by asking to speak with your therapist, the shift leader on duty, or the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a written or verbal report to any staff member that you trust (Group leader, Teacher, Nurse, Food Service Staff, etc.)
- Ask to call the Rape Crisis Hotline
- Report anonymously to Pathway by completing a Grievance Form without signing the form and placing the form in the locked Grievance Box
- Report anonymously to a third party by writing a letter/filling out an unsigned grievance form and placing it in a pre-addressed/stamped envelope that will be provided to you at intake. You can place this envelop in the locked Grievance Box

If you have experienced sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Pathway, we will provide you with access to a victim advocate from the Child Advocacy Center upon request who will provide emotional support services throughout the investigative process. To request access to a victim advocate, speak with your therapist or make a written request to your therapist, the PREA Compliance Manager (Mrs. Grace), or

the PREA Coordinator (Mrs. Kimmy) (p. 9).

Site Review Summary

Signage, Internal Reporting Methods, Mail Process, and Record Storage

Signage

During the site review, the auditor observed a variety of posted and printed signage throughout the facility, including housing units, program areas, visitation spaces, medical and mental health areas, and administrative offices. Signage included information on PREA reporting procedures, outside victim support services, the PREA audit notice, civil immigration resources, and agency zero-tolerance policies.

Language & Accessibility: The signage was clear, concise, and written at an age-appropriate and accessible reading level for the population. Signs were available in English and other languages most commonly spoken at the facility. Font size, layout, and placement were appropriate for visibility, including by persons who may be visually impaired or use mobility devices. The auditor did not observe any Spanish signage.

Placement: Information was consistently placed in high-traffic areas, including near phones, kiosks, program rooms, and entry points to ensure regular visibility and access. Locations afforded reasonable privacy for review, particularly those related to reporting procedures.

Condition & Accuracy: Signage was in good condition—legible, undamaged, and free of graffiti or tampering. Contact information for reporting and support services was consistent across postings, and audit notices reflected the current audit cycle.

Informal Conversations: Both staff and residents confirmed the signage is permanent (except for audit-specific notices) and readily accessible. Residents were able to identify PREA-related postings and understood their general content and purpose.

Informal Conversations:

With Staff and Residents:

Conversations confirmed that staff and residents are aware of the PREA posters and understand how to report incidents. It should be noted that staff reported that they could anonymously report using the grievance box as well.

Testing Internal Reporting Methods for Confined Persons

Internal Reporting:

The auditor evaluated the internal reporting methods by contacting the phone numbers listed on the facility's posters. It was confirmed that residents can call the hotline to make a report, and if an allegation is made, the Department of Youth Services (DYS) will notify the facility to initiate an investigation. Calls made to the

national hotline are redirected to the state DYS.

Written Reporting:

Residents can submit written reports by writing a letter to any staff member or by filing a grievance. Each housing unit has a DYS grievance box with forms available in both English and Spanish, ensuring residents have easy daily access to submit grievances.

Informal conversations with residents confirmed that they have access to writing materials and can either place their grievance in the box or submit a written statement under the door of the mental health staff.

Electronic Reporting:

The facility does not currently offer electronic means for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse or harassment.

Verbal Reporting:

During informal and formal conversations, residents reported that they can verbally report incidents to any staff member or the DYS advocate, and they feel comfortable approaching trusted staff privately.

Staff consistently reported that residents can verbally report allegations at any time, and if they receive a report, they notify their supervisor immediately and document the allegation without delay.

Processes for Sending and Receiving Mail (Mail Drop Boxes/Mailroom)

Outgoing Mail:

The auditor observed that residents have ready access to paper and pencils for writing letters. The outgoing mail process is as follows:

Residents write a letter, place it in an envelope obtained from the mental health staff, who then deliver it to administrative staff.

Administrative staff verify that the letter is addressed to an approved authority.

The mail clerk confirmed that resident mail is not read before being sent. They simply place a stamp on the envelope and ensure the mail is sent.

As a result of the last audit, facility created a process where the residents are given an envelope at intake with the mailing address of the outside victim and advocacy and emotional support team, where they can have confidential correspondence. Such mail would be placed in the grievance box, mailed and not read by staff.

Incoming Mail:

Incoming mail follows a similar process. The mail clerk verifies that it is from an approved party, and residents open their mail in front of staff, shaking the envelope

to ensure nothing is concealed.

While the facility does not have a locked or secured mail drop box, all incoming and outgoing mail is logged, which the auditor observed. Mail access is managed by the mental health staff and the mail clerk.

Record Storage

Risk Screening Process:

The risk screening and other assessment tools (e.g., DYS assessment, biopsychosocial evaluations, treatment plans) are securely stored in an electronic case management system, with access limited to clinical staff and facility directors. The electronic system is password protected.

Access Control:

Informal conversations with staff confirmed that access to the case management system, particularly the assessments, is restricted to clinical staff and facility leadership only.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff – The interviewed staff reported that residents can privately report sexual abuse or sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, or staff neglect or violations of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The various methods for which they can report include telling any staff member, write a grievance, write a note to a staff member they trust, or speak to their therapist. Additionally, it was reported that they can contact the hotline number posted around the facility.

Resident Interview Questionnaire: The interviewed staff reported that they could report any sexual abuse or sexual harassment by notifying staff or their therapist.

DYS Advocate: The auditor conducted an informal interview with a DYS advocate. The advocate provided the auditor with the process used to review the grievances, meet with the youth and if there is a PREA related grievance they would immediately report the incident to the site leadership.

Corrective Actions:

Spanish Signage: Additional signage was placed during the onsite and post onsite phase of the audit.

115.351 (b). The agency shall also provide at least one way for residents to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency and that is able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the resident to remain anonymous upon request. Residents detained solely for civil immigration purposes shall be provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials

and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility provides more than one way for residents to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity that is not part of the agency. The PAQ further states that the agency does not detain for civil immigration purposes.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway maintains multiple ways for clients/residents and staff to report allegations of sexual abuse/harassment/staff sexual misconduct perpetrated by other clients/residents, staff contractors or volunteers, retaliation by other clients/residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Pathway staff are mandated to accept all reports of abuse. Upon program entry, clients/residents are informed of ways they can report sexual abuse. These include verbal and/or written reports to any facility staff or the agency PREA Compliance Manager. Reports can also be made anonymously and from third parties. Additionally, clients/residents are informed they may also contact local sexual abuse resources" (p. 14).

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Incoming Mail:

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Record Storage

Risk Screening Process:

The risk screening and other assessment tools (e.g., DYS assessment, biopsychosocial evaluations, treatment plans) are securely stored in an electronic case management system, with access limited to clinical staff and facility directors. The electronic system is password protected.

Access Control:

Informal conversations with staff confirmed that access to the case management system, particularly the assessments, is restricted to clinical staff and facility leadership only.

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager – The interviewed staff reported that residents are provided with grievance forms, writing utensils, lined and unlined paper, and an envelope upon request. Locked boxes are present in each dorm if residents do not wish to give their grievance or letter to a staff member in person. Residents access the phones through their therapist. Residents are given a confidential envelope at intake and can use it to contact the outside victim advocacy and emotional support directly.

Resident Interview Questionnaire: The interviewed residents reported that they could report an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that happened to

them or someone else by telling staff, telling parents, or write a grievance. When asked if there was someone outside of the facility, they could make a report to, four residents stated parent, family member, or other kids in the facility. Two of the residents interviewed stated either no or didn't know someone that does not work at this facility could report to about sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All youth stated they are allowed to make a report without having to give their name.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.351 (c). Staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and shall promptly document any verbal reports.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ, that there is a policy mandating staff to accept reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties. It further reported that staff are required to document verbal reports within 48 hours.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Clients/Residents are provided reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys, other legal representation, and their parents/legal guardians" (p. 16).

PREA Investigations: The auditor reviewed the investigations, and it was determined that allegations were documented.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed staff reported that when a resident alleges sexual harassment, can he/she do so verbally, in writing, anonymously and through third parties. Such reports can be made immediately.

Resident Interview Questionnaire: The interviewed residents reported that they could make a report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment either in person or in

writing. All youth stated they are allowed to make a report without having to give their name.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.351 (d). The facility shall provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility provides residents with access to tools to make written reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

Grievance Form: The grievance forms utilized by the agency are the grievance process used by DYS. The DYS has an advocacy program where an advocate comes out weekly to review the grievances in the grievance box and discuss the grievances with the residents.

The facility does not have a formal grievance process. The residents are allowed to complete a form and give it to a supervisor or the mental health worker.

PREA Audit Site Review: The auditor observed a locked grievance box in the resident housing area. There were readily available grievance forms for the youth to access.

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager: The interviewed staff reported that grievance forms and DYS advocates will come and speak to them as well. The residents can use the phone, but they would have to go through the therapist.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.351 (e). The agency shall provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility indicated in their response to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire that the agency has established procedures for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that, "When a client/resident reports an incident of sexual abuse, sexual solicitation, sexual harassment or sexual coercion to Pathway staff members, or staff members observe such incidents, staff will, except as noted elsewhere in agency policy, contact the PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator. Staff may privately report allegations to the PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Coordinator, or Chief Executive Officer" (pp. 4-5).

Furthermore, the employee handbook states that "Any staff shall immediately report to a senior staff or director, any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse, sexual harassment or retaliation that is alleged to have occurred. All staff shall report immediately, within their duty shift, any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to a sexual assault incident or retaliation. Staff may privately report allegations to the PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Coordinator, or Chief Executive Officer. Juveniles can report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to staff, a private entity or third party" (p. 17).

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff - The interviewed staff report that when a resident alleges sexual abuse, they can do so verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties. They further reported that such allegations would be documented immediately. The staff were able to further describe that residents could verbally tell staff, family, or anyone they trust; they could use the same process to write a letter. The staff reported that anyone could make a report for them and anonymously they could write a grievance.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.352	Exhaustion of administrative remedies
	<p data-bbox="279 185 981 219">Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p data-bbox="279 264 564 297">Auditor Discussion</p> <p data-bbox="279 342 1342 376">The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 409 523 443">1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 488 774 521">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) <li data-bbox="279 566 1458 633">b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual <li data-bbox="279 678 834 712">c. Grievances Reviewed (12 months) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 745 828 779">a. Grievance Form (English/Spanish) <li data-bbox="279 813 651 846">b. DYS Grievance Policy <li data-bbox="279 891 507 925">2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 958 549 992">a. DYS Advocate <p data-bbox="279 1037 608 1070">Findings (By Provision):</p> <p data-bbox="279 1104 1442 1182">115.352 (a). An agency shall be exempt from this standard if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1216 668 1249">Compliance Determination:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1283 1366 1361">The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1395 1481 1518">As reported in the PAQ, the agency does not have an administrative process for dealing with resident grievances regarding sexual abuse and is not exempt from this standard.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1552 1458 1630">Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual provides guidance on the process for residents to file a grievance.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1664 1461 1787">OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A CLIENT/RESIDENT REPORT/COORDINATED RESPONSE-Should a client/resident report a sexual abuse/assault by another client/resident or staff, the following protocol should be followed:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1821 1176 1854">Staff shall immediately separate the alleged victim and abuser.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1888 1473 2056">The alleged victim may be placed in isolation to keep them safe from the alleged abuser only as a last resort if less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other clients/residents safe and only until an alternative means of keeping all clients/residents safe can be arranged. Pathway will follow all requirements related</p>

to isolation (see Section IV, number 13).

Staff shall preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence.

If the report is made immediately following the abuse/assault and the victim has not showered, the victim shall remain in the accompaniment of staff and be instructed not to shower or change clothes, brush their teeth, etc. Ensure the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence as appropriate (washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, and eating).

The staff shall immediately contact 911 for police and ambulance to respond if the victim needs medical attention. Staff is to request a police officer from the sexual abuse/assault unit. PREA Compliance Manager shall promptly report the allegation to the Department of Human Resources as well as the client's legal guardian, unless Pathway has official documentation showing the legal guardian should not be notified.

After hours, the staff on duty shall contact the PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator for additional instructions and support (may need additional staff to report to facility).

During business hours, the PREA Compliance Manager or designee shall be contacted as soon as possible. The PREA Compliance Manager will be responsible for notifying the PREA Coordinator, who will notify the Chief Executive Officer as appropriate.

The PREA Compliance Manager or designee will contact the referring agency and inform them of the situation. In cooperation with the local authorities, Pathway will determine the status of the accused. If the accused is not immediately taken into custody, Pathway management will evaluate and determine if the accused will be removed/terminated from the treatment program.

Staff are to secure the area where the abuse took place, restricting it from client and staff access until the area is released by the police responding to the incident.

Staff should attempt to obtain a written statement from the victim. Staff will also prepare a written report detailing what the client/resident reported to the staff member, additional information regarding observed evidence, actions taken, etc.

At any time, the client/resident victim may refuse to participate in the process and not proceed with the investigation/reporting. The client/resident shall not be punished for refusing to cooperate with the investigation.

Pathway will work with community resources and the client/resident to ensure that communications with community resources/advocates are confidential to the extent allowable by law. Prior to referral to a community resource, Pathway will inform client/resident of the extent to which client/resident may expect such communications to remain confidential.

The client/resident may also report a sexual abuse/assault through a grievance form at any time, regardless of the time frame in which the alleged incident occurred.

The client/resident shall be separated from the accused and the victim shall be encouraged to report the incident to the police and receive medical attention/evaluation. The same attention and services will be offered to a client/resident who reports sexual abuse days or weeks after the alleged abuse.

All allegations of sexual abuse/assault shall be taken seriously by staff, recognized as traumatic to the client/resident victim and staff shall be sensitive at all times to the needs and emotions of the victim.

Confidentiality and client/resident privacy shall be maintained at all times, with only those who have a direct "need to know" having access to the personal information and details of the victim and alleged perpetrator.

If a client/resident does not believe their accusations of sexual abuse/assault were responded to appropriately, they do not feel safe as a result of the abuse, or any other concerns regarding the alleged abuse, they may submit a written grievance following the grievance chain of command up to the agency Chief Executive Officer. The decision and response of the agency Chief Executive Officer is final.

As the needs of the client/resident victim are being met, the agency shall assemble the Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART), which may include: the client/resident's Therapist, Senior Shift Leader Supervisor, PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Coordinator, Director, and Chief Executive Officer.

- The SART will ensure that the clients are safe, and the victim is being cared for physically and emotionally.
- The SART will ensure that policies and procedures are followed.
- The SART will review the incident and evaluate what possible warning signs were missing. If anything could have been done to prevent the abuse, a corrective action plan will be implemented to prevent an abuse from happening again in the same manner/location, etc.
- SART will ensure that the referring agencies are kept informed, and information is relayed between appropriate parties.
- The SART will assist in monitoring for potential retaliation.
- The SART will maintain investigative records of alleged sexual abuse or harassment as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by Pathway plus five years.

If an allegation that is reported to and investigated by the appropriate legal authority does not result in criminal charges or disciplinary actions from that body, Pathway reserves the right to conduct an internal investigation. This investigation seeks to determine risk that the abuse/misconduct occurred and will provide Pathway with the opportunity to take the appropriate actions according to agency

policy.

Incident reports, investigations and results on client/resident sexual abuse/misconduct will be retained for seven years; statistical data on sexual abuse/assault will be retained for ten years (pp. 17-19).

Grievance Form: The grievance forms utilized by the agency are the grievance process used by DYS. The DYS has an advocacy program where an advocate comes out weekly to review the grievances in the grievance box and discuss the grievances with the residents. Furthermore, the DYS Grievance policy states that if the grievance alleges sexual abuse will immediately notify the DYS chief advocate, through the chain of command, who will notify investigations.

Interviews:

DYS Advocate: The auditor conducted an informal interview with a DYS advocate. The advocate provided the auditor with the process used to review the grievances, meet with the youth and if there is a PREA related grievance they would immediately report the incident to the site leadership.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.352 (b). (1) The agency shall not impose a time limit on when a resident may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse. (2) The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits on any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse. (3) The agency shall not require a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse. (4) Nothing in this section shall restrict the agency's ability to defend against a lawsuit filed by a resident on the ground that the applicable statute of limitations has expired

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency policy or procedure allows a resident to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse at any time regardless of when the incident is alleged to have occurred. The PAQ further states that agency policy does not require a resident to use an informal grievance process, or otherwise to attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

"The client/resident may also report a sexual abuse/assault through a grievance

form at any time, regardless of the time frame in which the alleged incident occurred. The client/resident shall be separated from the accused and the victim shall be encouraged to report the incident to the police and receive medical attention/evaluation. The same attention and services will be offered to a client/resident who reports sexual abuse days or weeks after the alleged abuse” (p. 18).

12-month grievances (reviewed onsite)

Blank Grievance Form (English/Spanish)

Grievance Form: The grievance forms utilized by the agency are the grievance process used by DYS. The DYS has an advocacy program where an advocate comes out weekly to review the grievances in the grievance box and discuss the grievances with the residents.

The DYS Policy further states that “no time limit exists when a youth may submit Grievance regarding an allegation of Sexual Abuse” (p. 8).

The facility does not have a formal grievance process. The residents are allowed to complete a form and give it to a supervisor or the mental health worker.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.352 (c). The agency shall ensure that (1) A resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and (2) Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The agency reported in the PAQ that the agency's policy and procedure allow a resident to submit a grievance alleging sexual abuse without submitting it to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Clients/residents are provided access to tools to make written reports of any form of abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation by another client or staff member, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities. These reports/ grievances can be given to any staff member at any time and shall not under any circumstances be submitted to the staff member who is the subject of the complaint” (p. 15).

12-month grievances (reviewed onsite there were non PREA related)

Grievance Form: The grievance forms utilized by the agency are the grievance process used by DYS. The DYS has an advocacy program where an advocate comes out weekly to review the grievances in the grievance box and discuss the grievances with the residents. The DYS Policy further states that “no youth is required to use any informal Grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse” (p. 8).

The facility does not have a formal grievance process. The residents are allowed to complete a form and give it to a supervisor or the mental health worker.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.352 (d). (1) The agency shall 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. (2) Computation of the 90-day time period shall not include time consumed by residents in preparing any administrative appeal. (3) The agency may claim an extension of time to respond, of up to 70 days, if the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision. The agency shall notify the resident in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made. (4) 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, the resident may consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency's policy and procedures require that a decision on the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. In the past 12 months, the number of grievances that were filed that alleged sexual abuse: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of grievances alleging sexual abuse reached final decision within 90 days after being filed: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of grievances alleging sexual abuse involved extensions because final decision was not reached within 90 days: 0. The agency always notifies the resident in writing when the agency files for an extension, including notice of the date by which a decision will be made.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “A decision regarding the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual harassment must be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. Regarding allegations of sexual abuse, Pathway will make an effort to

encourage the investigating agency to ensure a decision is made regarding the merits of the grievance or portion of the grievance within 90 days” (p. 22).

The DYS Policy further confirms the above requirements in that it states that “a final decision on the merits of any portion of a Grievance alleging Sexual Abuse comes within 90 days of the initial filing of the Grievance”. “Computation of the time period excludes time utilized by Youth in preparing any administrative appeal” (p. 8).

Sexual Abuse Grievance: There were no identified sexual abuse grievances.

Interviews:

Residents who Reported a Sexual Abuse: There were no identified residents during the last 12 months nor onsite during the onsite audit process who reported sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.352 (e). (1) Third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, shall be permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and shall also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents. (2) 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. (3) If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, the agency shall document the resident's decision. (4) A parent or legal guardian of a juvenile shall be allowed to file a grievance regarding allegations of sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such juvenile. Such a grievance shall not be conditioned upon the juvenile agreeing to have the request filed on his or her behalf.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ that the agency policy and procedure permit third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and to file such requests on behalf of residents. The number of the grievances alleging sexual abuse filed by residents in the past 12 months in which the resident declined third-party assistance, containing

documentation of the resident's decision to decline: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway permits third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist clients/residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and file such requests on behalf of clients/residents.

Clients are encouraged to report any act of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that they have witnessed or suspect.

Third Party Reports from staff are required if they witness or suspect potential sexual abuse or sexual harassment in congruence with Pathway's no tolerance policy.

If a client declines to have third-party assistance in filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse, Pathway documents the client's/resident's decision to decline.

Pathway allows parents or legal guardians of clients/residents to file a grievance alleging sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such client/resident, regardless of whether or not the client/resident agrees to having the grievance filed on their behalf.

Clients/Residents are provided reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys, other legal representation, and their parents/legal guardians (p. 16).

The DYS policy further confirms the above in that third parties, including fellow youth, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates are permitted to assist residents in filing grievances that allege sexual abuse (p. 8).

12-month grievances (reviewed onsite)

Site Review Summary

Signage, Internal Reporting Methods, Mail Process, and Record Storage

Signage

During the site review, the auditor observed a variety of posted and printed signage throughout the facility, including housing units, program areas, visitation spaces, medical and mental health areas, and administrative offices. Signage included information on PREA reporting procedures, outside victim support services, the PREA audit notice, civil immigration resources, and agency zero-tolerance policies.

Language & Accessibility: The signage was clear, concise, and written at an age-appropriate and accessible reading level for the population. Signs were available in English and other languages most commonly spoken at the facility. Font size, layout, and placement were appropriate for visibility, including by persons who may be visually impaired or use mobility devices. The auditor did not observe any Spanish

signage.

Placement: Information was consistently placed in high-traffic areas, including near phones, kiosks, program rooms, and entry points to ensure regular visibility and access. Locations afforded reasonable privacy for review, particularly those related to reporting procedures.

Condition & Accuracy: Signage was in good condition—legible, undamaged, and free of graffiti or tampering. Contact information for reporting and support services was consistent across postings, and audit notices reflected the current audit cycle.

Informal Conversations: Both staff and residents confirmed the signage is permanent (except for audit-specific notices) and readily accessible. Residents were able to identify PREA-related postings and understood their general content and purpose.

Informal Conversations:

With Staff and Residents:

Conversations confirmed that staff and residents are aware of the PREA posters and understand how to report incidents. It should be noted that staff reported that they could anonymously report using the grievance box as well.

Testing Internal Reporting Methods for Confined Persons

Internal Reporting:

The auditor evaluated the internal reporting methods by contacting the phone numbers listed on the facility's posters. It was confirmed that residents can call the hotline to make a report, and if an allegation is made, the Department of Youth Services (DYS) will notify the facility to initiate an investigation. Calls made to the national hotline are redirected to the state DYS.

Written Reporting:

Residents can submit written reports by writing a letter to any staff member or by filing a grievance. Each housing unit has a DYS grievance box with forms available in both English and Spanish, ensuring residents have easy daily access to submit grievances.

Informal conversations with residents confirmed that they have access to writing materials and can either place their grievance in the box or submit a written statement under the door of the mental health staff.

Electronic Reporting:

The facility does not currently offer electronic means for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse or harassment.

Verbal Reporting:

During informal and formal conversations, residents reported that they can verbally report incidents to any staff member or the DYS advocate, and they feel comfortable approaching trusted staff privately.

Staff consistently reported that residents can verbally report allegations at any time, and if they receive a report, they notify their supervisor immediately and document the allegation without delay.

Processes for Sending and Receiving Mail (Mail Drop Boxes/Mailroom)

Outgoing Mail:

The auditor observed that residents have ready access to paper and pencils for writing letters. The outgoing mail process is as follows:

Residents write a letter, place it in an envelope obtained from the mental health staff, who then deliver it to administrative staff.

Administrative staff verify that the letter is addressed to an approved authority.

The mail clerk confirmed that resident mail is not read before being sent. They simply place a stamp on the envelope and ensure the mail is sent.

As a result of the last audit, facility created a process where the residents are given an envelope at intake with the mailing address of the outside victim and advocacy and emotional support team, where they can have confidential correspondence. Such mail would be placed in the grievance box, mailed and not read by staff.

Incoming Mail:

Incoming mail follows a similar process. The mail clerk verifies that it is from an approved party, and residents open their mail in front of staff, shaking the envelope to ensure nothing is concealed.

While the facility does not have a locked or secured mail drop box, all incoming and outgoing mail is logged, which the auditor observed. Mail access is managed by the mental health staff and the mail clerk.

Testing Third-Party Reporting

Testing the Third-Party Reporting Method: The auditor evaluated the third-party reporting process using the method publicly available, such as through the agency or facility website.

The method for third-party reporting posted on the website was confirmed to be easily accessible and understandable, and it is prominently featured on the agency's PREA site.

A test report was submitted by the auditor, and an immediate response was received from the facility indicating that follow-up contact would be made regarding the report.

The auditor received follow-up correspondence from the PREA coordinator confirming that the report had been acknowledged.

Evidence was provided via email showing that the report was received by the facility.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.352 (f). 1) The agency shall establish procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. (2) After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, the agency shall 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, shall provide an initial response within 48 hours, and shall issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days. The initial response and final agency decision shall document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The agency reported in the PAQ that the agency has a policy and established procedures for filing an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. The agency's policy and procedure for emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse require that a final agency decision be issued within 5 days. The number of emergency grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse that were filed in the past 12 months:0. The number of those grievances in 115.352(f)-3, that had an initial response within 48 hours: 0. The number of the grievances alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse filed in the past 12 months that reached final decisions within 5 days: 0

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.352 (g). The agency may discipline a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed

	<p>the grievance in bad faith.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ the agency has a written policy that limits its ability to discipline a resident for filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse to occasions where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith. In the past 12 months, the number of resident grievances alleging sexual abuse resulted in disciplinary action by the agency against the resident for having filed the grievance in bad faith: 0.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Clients/residents who allege sexual abuse and sexual harassment by staff or other clients/residents, and whose allegations are proven by investigators to be false will be held accountable through all means available to the agency” (p. 15).</p> <p>The DYS policy further confirms that facilities may discipline a youth for filling a grievance related to sexual abuse/assault/harassment only where the facility demonstrates that the youth filed the grievance in bad faith” (p. 9).</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.353	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:
 - a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
 - b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
 - c. PREA Flyer
 - d. Resident Handbook
 - e. Email Correspondence (Victim Advocacy Center)
2. Interviews:
 - a. Random sample of residents - 6
 - b. Director
 - c. PREA Compliance Manager
3. Corrective Action:
 - a. Posting on Victim Advocacy and Emotional Support
 - b. Spanish Signage

Findings (By Provision):

115.353 (a). The facility shall provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse, by providing, posting, or otherwise making accessible mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations, and, for persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes, immigrant services agencies. The facility shall enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility provides residents with access to an outside victim advocate for emotional supportive services related to sexual abuse. It further reports that the facility provides residents with access to such services by giving residents (by providing, posting, or otherwise making accessible) mailing addresses and telephone numbers (including toll-free hotline numbers where available) for local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations. The resident handbook has specific information for the residents to contact an outside advocate. The facility provides residents with access to such services by enabling reasonable communication between residents and these organizations in as confidential a

manner as possible. The facility does not provide residents with access to such services by giving residents mailing addresses and telephone numbers (including toll-free hotline numbers where available) for immigrant services agencies for persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes; as they do not detain for civil immigration.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Victim advocates from the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center can be available at the forensic medical examination. This service is available to all Pathway of Baldwin County clients. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Pathway and the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center. If requested by the victim, a victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member can accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals (p. 9).

Resident Handbook states:

If you need to report sexual harassment, sexual abuse, staff sexual misconduct, retaliation by other clients or staff members for reporting sexual abuse/harassment/misconduct, or staff neglect that may have contributed to any of the above incidents, you can use the following reporting methods:

- Make a written report by completing a Grievance Form, which can be turned into to the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a verbal report by asking to speak with your therapist, the shift leader on duty, or the PREA Compliance Manager/Program Director
- Make a written or verbal report to any staff member that you trust (Group leader, Teacher, Nurse, Food Service Staff, etc.)
- Ask to call the Rape Crisis Hotline
- Report anonymously to Pathway by completing a Grievance Form without signing the form and placing the form in the locked Grievance Box
- Report anonymously to a third party by writing a letter/filling out an unsigned grievance form and placing it in a pre-addressed/stamped envelope that will be provided to you at intake. You can place this envelop in the locked Grievance Box

If you have experienced sexual abuse or sexual harassment at Pathway, we will provide you with access to a victim advocate from the Child Advocacy Center upon request who will provide emotional support services throughout the investigative process. To request access to a victim advocate, speak with your therapist or make a written request to your therapist, the PREA Compliance Manager (Mrs. Grace), or the PREA Coordinator (Mrs. Kimmy).

PREA Flyer: The PREA flyer states that “you can contact the National Rape Crisis Center by Requesting to speak with a supervisor or therapist. They will assist you by calling 1800-656-Hope. The flyer further indicates that there is a limitation to confidentiality.

Email correspondence with the victim advocacy center, confirmed that the victim advocacy center identified by the agency contract can provide victim advocacy and emotional supportive services for residents at the program.

Site Review:

Site Review Summary

Signage, Internal Reporting Methods, Mail Process, and Record Storage

Signage

During the site review, the auditor observed a variety of posted and printed signage throughout the facility, including housing units, program areas, visitation spaces, medical and mental health areas, and administrative offices. Signage included information on PREA reporting procedures, outside victim support services, the PREA audit notice, civil immigration resources, and agency zero-tolerance policies.

Language & Accessibility: The signage was clear, concise, and written at an age-appropriate and accessible reading level for the population. Signs were available in English and other languages most commonly spoken at the facility. Font size, layout, and placement were appropriate for visibility, including by persons who may be visually impaired or use mobility devices. The auditor did not observe any Spanish signage.

Placement: Information was consistently placed in high-traffic areas, including near phones, kiosks, program rooms, and entry points to ensure regular visibility and access. Locations afforded reasonable privacy for review, particularly those related to reporting procedures.

Condition & Accuracy: Signage was in good condition—legible, undamaged, and free of graffiti or tampering. Contact information for reporting and support services was consistent across postings, and audit notices reflected the current audit cycle.

Informal Conversations: Both staff and residents confirmed the signage is permanent (except for audit-specific notices) and readily accessible. Residents were able to identify PREA-related postings and understood their general content and purpose.

Informal Conversations:

With Staff and Residents:

Conversations confirmed that staff and residents are aware of the PREA posters and understand how to report incidents. It should be noted that staff reported that they could anonymously report using the grievance box as well.

It was also noted that staff and residents had limited knowledge about external victim advocacy and emotional support services. The facility has since implemented corrective actions to improve awareness and access to these services.

Testing Internal Reporting Methods for Confined Persons

Internal Reporting:

The auditor evaluated the internal reporting methods by contacting the phone numbers listed on the facility's posters. It was confirmed that residents can call the hotline to make a report, and if an allegation is made, the Department of Youth Services (DYS) will notify the facility to initiate an investigation. Calls made to the national hotline are redirected to the state DYS.

Written Reporting:

Residents can submit written reports by writing a letter to any staff member or by filing a grievance. Each housing unit has a DYS grievance box with forms available in both English and Spanish, ensuring residents have easy daily access to submit grievances.

Informal conversations with residents confirmed that they have access to writing materials and can either place their grievance in the box or submit a written statement under the door of the mental health staff.

Electronic Reporting:

The facility does not currently offer electronic means for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse or harassment.

Verbal Reporting:

During informal and formal conversations, residents reported that they can verbally report incidents to any staff member or the DYS advocate, and they feel comfortable approaching trusted staff privately.

Staff consistently reported that residents can verbally report allegations at any time, and if they receive a report, they notify their supervisor immediately and document the allegation without delay.

Processes for Sending and Receiving Mail (Mail Drop Boxes/Mailroom)

Outgoing Mail:

The auditor observed that residents have ready access to paper and pencils for writing letters. The outgoing mail process is as follows:

Residents write a letter, place it in an envelope obtained from the mental health staff, who then deliver it to administrative staff.

Administrative staff verify that the letter is addressed to an approved authority.

The mail clerk confirmed that resident mail is not read before being sent. They simply place a stamp on the envelope and ensure the mail is sent.

As a result of the last audit, facility created a process where the residents are given an envelope at intake with the mailing address of the outside victim and advocacy and emotional support team, where they can have confidential correspondence. Such mail would be placed in the grievance box, mailed and not read by staff.

Incoming Mail:

Incoming mail follows a similar process. The mail clerk verifies that it is from an approved party, and residents open their mail in front of staff, shaking the envelope to ensure nothing is concealed.

While the facility does not have a locked or secured mail drop box, all incoming and outgoing mail is logged, which the auditor observed. Mail access is managed by the mental health staff and the mail clerk.

Testing Access to Outside Emotional Support Services

During the onsite audit, the auditor assessed the facility's ability to provide timely, confidential, and equitable access to outside emotional support services for persons confined in the facility. The review focused on both physical access to telephones and the operational connectivity and responsiveness of the designated outside service provider.

Phone Access and Functionality

The auditor tested the phone designated for emotional support service calls using the same process available to residents. The phone was operational, had a clear dial tone, and successfully connected to the external support service provider listed on facility signage. However, it should be noted that such access is not direct and would be coordinated with the clinician.

The number posted was confirmed to be toll-free and accurately routed to the correct organization contracted or designated to provide outside emotional support.

A live person answered the call, and the auditor verified the organization's awareness of their role in supporting residents from the facility. The representative affirmed that they provide confidential emotional support services to incarcerated individuals and are prepared to receive calls from the population served at this location.

Availability and Accessibility

Phones were observed in housing units and other designated areas. Informal interviews with residents confirmed regular and reasonable access to phones during non-restricted hours. Resident access to phones is limited to coordination with the clinical staff.

There is no restricted housing at this site.

Facility staff reported that interpreter services are available upon request to assist residents in connecting with the provider when necessary.

Confidentiality

Phones used for emotional support calls are located in areas that afford reasonable privacy. These include private corners of the housing unit, medical and mental health offices, or other spaces with reduced visibility and audibility by staff or other residents. However, confidentiality is limited as clinical staff would coordinate the calls.

Staff reported that calls to emotional support services are monitored but not recorded.

Informal Conversations

- Conversations with residents indicated general awareness of the availability of outside emotional support services. Residents were able to identify the signage and confirmed that the contact number was posted near the phones.
- Staff demonstrated a clear understanding of the process for facilitating resident contact with outside support services, particularly for individuals in segregated housing or with additional needs.

Interviews

Random sample of residents: Three of the six interviewed residents reported being aware of outside services that deal with sexual abuse. When probed, two of the three the residents' stated they learned about resources outside of the facility but could not state what they resources were but were aware of the posters on the wall around the facility.

Corrective Actions:

Education: The facility provided additional education to residents on victim advocacy and emotional support services.

Spanish Signage: Additional signage was placed during the onsite and post onsite phase of the audit.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.353 (b). The facility shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard

because:

As reported in the PAQ the facility informs residents, prior to giving them access to outside support services, the extent to which such communications will be monitored. It was also reported that the facility informs residents, prior to giving them access to outside support services, of the mandatory reporting rules governing privacy, confidentiality, and/or privilege that apply to disclosures of sexual abuse made to outside victim advocates, including any limits to confidentiality under relevant Federal, State, or local law.

The PREA Flyer provides general information on the zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Along with the numbers for the rape crisis center, and limitations to confidentiality.

PREA Flyer: The PREA flyer states that “you can contact the National Rape Crisis Center by Requesting to speak with a supervisor or therapist. They will assist you by calling 1800-656-Hope. The flyer further indicates that there is a limitation to confidentiality along with the mandated reporting requirements.

It should also be noted that the MOU with the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center Dothan, states that the facility shall provide clients with confidential access to the Center via phone or mail.

Interviews

Resident Interview Questionnaire: None of the interviewed residents who reported being aware of outside emotional support or advocacy services reported that they are unaware if they could contact an outside service and if they did not contact them if the conversation could remain private.

Resident who Reported a Sexual Abuse: There were no residents who reported a sexual abuse in the last 12 months.

Corrective Actions:

Education: The facility provided additional education to residents on victim advocacy and emotional support services.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.353 (c). The agency shall 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. The agency shall maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency or facility does not maintain memoranda of understandings or other agency agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with emotional support services related to sexual abuse.

MOU Baldwin County (CAC) provides guidance on access to outside emotional support services that are provided through the CAC. More specifically the agreement states that the advocacy center will provide follow up services and crisis intervention contacts to victims of sexual assault at Pathway, as necessary as resources allow.

Email correspondence with the victim advocacy center, confirmed that the victim advocacy center identified by the agency contract can provide victim advocacy and emotional supportive services for residents at the program.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.353 (d). The facility shall also provide residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or other legal representation and reasonable access to parents or legal guardians.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility provides residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or other legal representation, and parents or legal guardians.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Clients/Residents are provided reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys, other legal representation, and their parents/legal guardians" (p. 16).

Interviews

Director: The residents are provided meaningful and confidential access to their attorneys and other legal representation/parents/guardians. The therapist would coordinate meetings as requested. Clients are allowed to contact their families via phone with the therapist. Parents are allowed to attend visitation once monthly. Home passes are allowed once the client earns the opportunity to attend. Family counseling can be scheduled by appointment with the therapist, lastly clients are allowed to write their families.

PREA Compliance Manager: The interviewed staff reported that the residents can

	<p>have access to a phone. It's typically through phone calls where they would talk to their attorney or legal representation. The therapist will coordinate usually the attorneys will initiate the call. If needed or requested we will create a confidential space. The residents have weekly phone calls and access to parents and legal guardians.</p> <p>Resident Interview Questionnaire: When the interviewed residents were asked whether the facility allowed them to see or talk to their lawyer privately. Most of the residents stated yes, except for one resident who stated they did not know if the facility allowed them to see or talk to their lawyer privately since they never have spoken to their lawyer. The residents stated that they are also allowed to talk to their parents.</p> <p>Resident who Reported a Sexual Abuse: There were no residents who reported a sexual abuse in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.354	Third-party reporting
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual Pathway website: https://www.pathway-inc.com/_files/ugd/139228_ea9b8d3d1-c9744cfafad05632b8786e6.pdf Third Party Reporting fillable form

Findings (By Provision):

115.354 (a). The agency shall establish a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and shall distribute publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility provides a method to receive third-party reports of resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and the agency/facility publicly distributes information on how to report resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of residents.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

Pathway permits third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, to assist clients/residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and file such requests on behalf of clients/residents.

Clients are encouraged to report any act of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that they have witnessed or suspect.

Third Party Reports from staff are required if they witness or suspect potential sexual abuse or sexual harassment in congruence with Pathway's no tolerance policy.

If a client declines to have third-party assistance in filing a grievance alleging sexual abuse, Pathway documents the client's/resident's decision to decline.

Pathway allows parents or legal guardians of clients/residents to file a grievance alleging sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such client/resident, regardless of whether or not the client/resident agrees to having the grievance filed on their behalf.

Clients/Residents are provided reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys, other legal representation, and their parents/legal guardians (p.16).

The website link contains the third party reporting form: : https://www.pathway--inc.com/_files/ugd/139228_ea9b8d3d1c9744cfafad05632b8786e6.pdf

Site Review Summary

Signage, Internal Reporting Methods, Mail Process, and Record Storage

Signage

During the site review, the auditor observed a variety of posted and printed signage throughout the facility, including housing units, program areas, visitation spaces, medical and mental health areas, and administrative offices. Signage included information on PREA reporting procedures, outside victim support services, the PREA audit notice, civil immigration resources, and agency zero-tolerance policies.

Language & Accessibility: The signage was clear, concise, and written at an age-appropriate and accessible reading level for the population. Signs were available in English and other languages most commonly spoken at the facility. Font size, layout, and placement were appropriate for visibility, including by persons who may be visually impaired or use mobility devices. The auditor did not observe any Spanish signage.

Placement: Information was consistently placed in high-traffic areas, including near phones, kiosks, program rooms, and entry points to ensure regular visibility and access. Locations afforded reasonable privacy for review, particularly those related to reporting procedures.

Condition & Accuracy: Signage was in good condition—legible, undamaged, and free of graffiti or tampering. Contact information for reporting and support services was consistent across postings, and audit notices reflected the current audit cycle.

Informal Conversations: Both staff and residents confirmed the signage is permanent (except for audit-specific notices) and readily accessible. Residents were able to identify PREA-related postings and understood their general content and purpose.

Informal Conversations:

With Staff and Residents:

Conversations confirmed that staff and residents are aware of the PREA posters and understand how to report incidents. It should be noted that staff reported that they could anonymously report using the grievance box as well.

Testing Internal Reporting Methods for Confined Persons

Internal Reporting:

The auditor evaluated the internal reporting methods by contacting the phone numbers listed on the facility's posters. It was confirmed that residents can call the hotline to make a report, and if an allegation is made, the Department of Youth Services (DYS) will notify the facility to initiate an investigation. Calls made to the national hotline are redirected to the state DYS.

Written Reporting:

Residents can submit written reports by writing a letter to any staff member or by filing a grievance. Each housing unit has a DYS grievance box with forms available in both English and Spanish, ensuring residents have easy daily access to submit

grievances.

Informal conversations with residents confirmed that they have access to writing materials and can either place their grievance in the box or submit a written statement under the door of the mental health staff.

Electronic Reporting:

The facility does not currently offer electronic means for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse or harassment.

Verbal Reporting:

During informal and formal conversations, residents reported that they can verbally report incidents to any staff member or the DYS advocate, and they feel comfortable approaching trusted staff privately.

Staff consistently reported that residents can verbally report allegations at any time, and if they receive a report, they notify their supervisor immediately and document the allegation without delay.

Processes for Sending and Receiving Mail (Mail Drop Boxes/Mailroom)

Outgoing Mail:

The auditor observed that residents have ready access to paper and pencils for writing letters. The outgoing mail process is as follows:

Residents write a letter, place it in an envelope obtained from the mental health staff, who then deliver it to administrative staff.

Administrative staff verify that the letter is addressed to an approved authority.

The mail clerk confirmed that resident mail is not read before being sent. They simply place a stamp on the envelope and ensure the mail is sent.

As a result of the last audit, facility created a process where the residents are given an envelope at intake with the mailing address of the outside victim and advocacy and emotional support team, where they can have confidential correspondence. Such mail would be placed in the grievance box, mailed and not read by staff.

Incoming Mail:

Incoming mail follows a similar process. The mail clerk verifies that it is from an approved party, and residents open their mail in front of staff, shaking the envelope to ensure nothing is concealed.

While the facility does not have a locked or secured mail drop box, all incoming and outgoing mail is logged, which the auditor observed. Mail access is managed by the mental health staff and the mail clerk.

TESTING THIRD-PARTY REPORTING

	<p>Testing the Third-Party Reporting Method:</p> <p>The auditor evaluated the third-party reporting process using the method publicly available, such as through the agency or facility website.</p> <p>The method for third-party reporting posted on the website was confirmed to be easily accessible and understandable, and it is prominently featured on the agency's PREA site.</p> <p>A test report was submitted by the auditor, and an immediate response was received from the facility indicating that follow-up contact would be made regarding the report.</p> <p>The auditor received follow-up correspondence from the PREA coordinator confirming that the report had been acknowledged.</p> <p>Evidence was provided via email showing that the report was received by the facility.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.361	Staff and agency reporting duties
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures

Manual

- c. Code of Alabama 26-14-3
- d. Investigations (2)
- 2. Interviews:
 - a. Random sample of staff - 12
 - b. Medical and mental health staff -2
 - c. Director
 - d. PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.361 (a). The agency shall require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency; retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency. The agency requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident. The agency requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "All staff are required to report immediately any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment occurring at Pathway; retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation" (p. 15).

Code of Alabama 26-14-3 provides the state mandatory reporting laws.

Interviews:

Random Sample of Staff – All of the interviewed staff reported that everyone is

required to report any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility; retaliation against residents or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All staff reported similar policy/ procedure for reporting any information related to sexual abuse by notifying supervisor or Facility Director by going through chain of command.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.361 (b). The agency shall also require all staff to comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility requires that all staff comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Staff are required to comply with all applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws" (p. 15).

Code of Alabama 26-14-3 provides the state mandatory reporting laws.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff: Eight random staff interviews; indicated a clear understanding of the duty to report any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility; retaliation against residents(s) in custody or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of retaliation immediately. The various ways staff indicated that they could make a report included, but was not limited to:

- Report to supervisor /PREA Coordinator
- Call the PREA Hotline
- Complete an incident or grievance report

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined

that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.361 (c). Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local services agencies, staff shall be 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, apart from reporting to the designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local service agencies, agency policy prohibits staff from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local service agencies, staff shall be prohibited from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than the extent necessary, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions" (p. 15).

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff: As previously stated, the interviewed random sample of staff indicated a clear understanding of the duty to report the above-mentioned immediately.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.361 (d). Medical and mental health practitioners shall be 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. (2) Such practitioners shall be required to inform residents at the initiation of services of their duty to report and the limitations of confidentiality.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Incidents that were reported: there were no identified incidents that were reported to mental health.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that they are required to disclose limitation of confidentiality, and they have a duty to report upon initiation of services. They are also required to report any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a designated supervisor or official immediately upon learning of it. The residents come into the facility; we go over that information with them. We also verify their understanding of what was discussed. One staff reported being made third party aware; however, they still reported to the supervisor.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.361 (e). Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, the facility head or his or her designee shall promptly report the allegation to the appropriate agency office and 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. If the alleged victim is under the guardianship of the child welfare system, the report shall be made to the alleged victim's caseworker instead of the parents or legal guardians. If a juvenile court retains jurisdiction over the alleged victim, the facility head or designee shall also report the allegation to the juvenile's attorney or other legal representative of record within 14 days of receiving the allegation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Incidents that were reported. There were no reported allegations of sexual abuse.

Interviews

Director/PREA Compliance Manager - The interviewed staff reported that if the facility receives an allegation of sexual abuse, staff report to leadership, we will notify law enforcement or the PREA Coordinator; and we notify DHR, referring JPO for sexual abuse allegations. Additionally, we will notify parents and legal guardians.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

	<p>115.361 (f). The facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>Investigation Report: The two reported allegations of sexual harassment, were immediately investigated.</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Director: All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are reported to the agency's PREA Compliance Manager.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.362	Agency protection duties
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual

c. Investigations (2)

2. Interviews:

a. Agency head

b. Director

c. Random sample of staff - 12

Findings (By Provision):

115.362 (a). When an agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it shall take immediate action to protect the resident.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, when the agency or facility learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the resident. In the past 12 months, the number of times the agency or facility has determined that a resident was subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse: 0.

· Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual provides the following guidance:

An emergency grievance can be filed alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

Emergency grievances require an initial response within 48 hours and must be immediately reported to the PREA Compliance Manager for review.

With the guidance of the PREA Compliance Manager, staff will take immediate action to protect the client/resident from potential imminent sexual abuse.

A final decision regarding an emergency grievance shall be made and issued within 5 days (pp. 16-17).

The facility documents on the investigation report any actions taken. For example, after the sexual harassment allegations, the facility documented that involved parties were immediately separated.

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head reported that when they learn that resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, immediate protective actions are taken by the facility. The client is moved to a safe location and the alleged abuser is removed or placed under increased supervision by staff. This would occur immediately.

	<p>Director: The interviewed staff reported that there have been no instances of such risk; however, in such a circumstance, the client would be immediately moved to a safe area and placed on a 1:1 ratio. Actions would be taken against the potential abuser to prevent abuse to others, up to and including discharge from the facility or immediate termination if this is a staff member. Staff are expected to respond the moment they are aware of the risk.</p> <p>Random Sample of Staff: The interviewed staff reported that when they learn that a resident is at risk of imminent sexual abuse the actions taken to protect the residents include remove resident from the threat, keep involved parties separated, monitor, report, and document. Such actions would be taken immediately.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.363	Reporting to other confinement facilities
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agency head

b. Director

115.363 (a). Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred and shall also notify the appropriate investigative agency

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ the agency has a policy requiring that, upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility must notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency or facility where sexual abuse is alleged to have occurred. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations the facility received that a resident was abused while confined at another facility: 0.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.363 (b). Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency policy requires that the facility head provides such notification as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Upon receiving an allegation that a client was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the Director shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred and shall also notify the appropriate investigative agency. This notification will be done as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours" (p. 16).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.363 (c). The agency shall document that it has provided such notification.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency or facility documents that it has provided such notification within 72 hours of receiving the allegation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "This notification shall be documented in the client's chart" (p. 16).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.363 (d). The facility head or agency office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency or facility requires that all allegations received from other agencies or facilities are investigated in accordance with the PREA standards. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations of sexual abuse the facility received from other facilities: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that ""Reports made from other agencies or facilities will be investigated in accordance with the PREA standards" (p. 16).

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed staff reported that if another agency or facility within your agency refers allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred within one of the facilities the head of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred will be notified asap AND appropriate investigative agency will be notified. This is documented as well. There are no examples.

Director: If there is an allegation from another facility or agency the allegation the allegation would be investigated in accordance with the PREA policy and procedures manual. There are no such incidents.

Corrective Actions:

	<p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.364	Staff first responder duties
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Investigations (2) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Random sample of staff/Security Staff First Responders- 12 <p>115.364. (a). Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, the first staff member to respond to the report shall be required to: (1) Separate the alleged victim and abuser; (2) Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence; (3) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, 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; and (4) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, 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.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p>

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency has a first responder policy for allegations of sexual abuse. The policy requires that, upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report separate the alleged victim and abuser. The policy requires that, upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence. policy requires that, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, the first security staff member to respond to the report 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. The policy requires that, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, the first security staff member to respond to the report 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. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations that a resident was sexually abused: 0.

Of these allegations, the number of times the first security staff member responded to the report separated the alleged victim and abuser: 2. In the past 12 months, the number of allegations where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence: 0. Of these allegations in the past 12 months where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, the number of times the first security staff member to respond to the report preserved and protected any crime scene until appropriate steps could be taken to collect any evidence: 0. Of these allegations in the past 12 months where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, the number of times the first security staff member to respond to the report requested 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: 0. Of these allegations in the past 12 months where staff were notified within a time period that still allowed for the collection of physical evidence, the number of times the first security staff member to respond to the report ensured 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: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A CLIENT/RESIDENT REPORT/COORDINATED RESPONSE-Should a client/resident report a sexual abuse/assault by another client/resident or staff, the following protocol should be followed:

Staff shall immediately separate the alleged victim and abuser.

The alleged victim may be placed in isolation to keep them safe from the alleged abuser only as a last resort if less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other clients/residents safe and only until an alternative means of keeping all clients/residents safe can be arranged. Pathway will follow all requirements related to isolation (see Section IV, number 13).

Staff shall preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence.

If the report is made immediately following the abuse/assault and the victim has not showered, the victim shall remain in the accompaniment of staff and be instructed not to shower or change clothes, brush their teeth, etc. Ensure the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence as appropriate (washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, and eating).

The staff shall immediately contact 911 for police and ambulance to respond if the victim needs medical attention. Staff is to request a police officer from the sexual abuse/assault unit. PREA Compliance Manager shall promptly report the allegation to the Department of Human Resources as well as the client's legal guardian, unless Pathway has official documentation showing the legal guardian should not be notified.

After hours, the staff on duty shall contact the PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator for additional instructions and support (may need additional staff to report to facility).

During business hours, the PREA Compliance Manager or designee shall be contacted as soon as possible. The PREA Compliance Manager will be responsible for notifying the PREA Coordinator, who will notify the Chief Executive Officer as appropriate.

The PREA Compliance Manager or designee will contact the referring agency and inform them of the situation. In cooperation with the local authorities, Pathway will determine the status of the accused. If the accused is not immediately taken into custody, Pathway management will evaluate and determine if the accused will be removed/terminated from the treatment program.

Staff are to secure the area where the abuse took place, restricting it from client and staff access until the area is released by the police responding to the incident.

Staff should attempt to obtain a written statement from the victim. Staff will also prepare a written report detailing what the client/resident reported to the staff member, additional information regarding observed evidence, actions taken, etc.

At any time, the client/resident victim may refuse to participate in the process and not proceed with the investigation/reporting. The client/resident shall not be punished for refusing to cooperate with the investigation.

Pathway will work with community resources and the client/resident to ensure that communications with community resources/advocates are confidential to the extent allowable by law. Prior to referral to a community resource, Pathway will inform client/resident of the extent to which client/resident may expect such communications to remain confidential.

The client/resident may also report a sexual abuse/assault through a grievance form at any time, regardless of the time frame in which the alleged incident occurred.

The client/resident shall be separated from the accused and the victim shall be encouraged to report the incident to the police and receive medical attention/evaluation. The same attention and services will be offered to a client/resident who reports sexual abuse days or weeks after the alleged abuse.

All allegations of sexual abuse/assault shall be taken seriously by staff, recognized as traumatic to the client/resident victim and staff shall be sensitive at all times to the needs and emotions of the victim.

Confidentiality and client/resident privacy shall be maintained at all times, with only those who have a direct "need to know" having access to the personal information and details of the victim and alleged perpetrator.

If a client/resident does not believe their accusations of sexual abuse/assault were responded to appropriately, they do not feel safe as a result of the abuse, or any other concerns regarding the alleged abuse, they may submit a written grievance following the grievance chain of command up to the agency Chief Executive Officer. The decision and response of the agency Chief Executive Officer is final.

As the needs of the client/resident victim are being met, the agency shall assemble the Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART), which may include: the client/resident's Therapist, Senior Shift Leader Supervisor, PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Coordinator, Director, and Chief Executive Officer.

- The SART will ensure that the clients are safe, and the victim is being cared for physically and emotionally.
- The SART will ensure that policies and procedures are being followed.
- The SART will review the incident and evaluate what possible warning signs were missed. If anything could have been done to prevent the abuse, a corrective action plan will be implemented to prevent an abuse from happening again in the same manner/location, etc.
- SART will ensure that the referring agencies are kept informed, and information is relayed between appropriate parties.
- The SART will assist in monitoring for potential retaliation.
- The SART will maintain investigative records of alleged sexual abuse or harassment as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by Pathway plus five years.

If an allegation that is reported to and investigated by the appropriate legal authority does not result in criminal charges or disciplinary actions from that body, Pathway reserves the right to conduct an internal investigation. This investigation seeks to determine risk that the abuse/misconduct occurred and will provide Pathway with the opportunity to take the appropriate actions according to agency policy.

Incident reports, investigations and results on client/resident sexual abuse/misconduct will be retained for seven years; statistical data on sexual abuse/assault will be retained for ten years (pp.17-19).

Investigations: Upon review, there were no reported allegations of sexual abuse.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff/ Security Staff and Non-Security Staff First Responders – The interviewed random staff reported that if they are first person to be alerted that a resident has allegedly been the victim of sexual abuse, their responsibilities include: secure area, separate involved parties, not allow them to shower or use the bathrooms, notify police and the supervisor. When probed most staff reported that they would not share with the other residents. It should also be noted that all staff are considered first responders.

Resident who reported sexual abuse- There were no identified residents who reported sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.364 (b). If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder shall be required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence and then notify security staff.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ all staff members are considered first responders. Of the allegations that a resident was sexually abused made in the past 12 months, the number of times a non-security staff member was the first responder: 0. It further states that all employees are considered security staff and first responders.

Investigations: Upon review, there were no reported allegations of sexual abuse.

Interviews

	<p>Random Sample of Staff/ Security Staff and Non-Security Staff First Responders: The interviewed staff reported that if they are the first person on the scene and they have been alerted to have been a victim of sexual abuse, it is there responsibility to keep involved parties separated and contact their chain of command. When probed, staff reported that they would not share the information with other juveniles or unnecessary staff.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.365	Coordinated response
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Director <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.365 (a). The facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p>

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse.

The facility does not have a separate written institutional plan. The written institutional plan is incorporated in the below policy:

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A CLIENT/RESIDENT REPORT/COORDINATED RESPONSE-Should a client/resident report a sexual abuse/assault by another client/resident or staff, the following protocol should be followed:

Staff shall immediately separate the alleged victim and abuser.

The alleged victim may be placed in isolation to keep them safe from the alleged abuser only as a last resort if less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other clients/residents safe and only until an alternative means of keeping all clients/residents safe can be arranged. Pathway will follow all requirements related to isolation (see Section IV, number 13).

Staff shall preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence.

If the report is made immediately following the abuse/assault and the victim has not showered, the victim shall remain in the accompaniment of staff and be instructed not to shower or change clothes, brush their teeth, etc. Ensure the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence as appropriate (washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, and eating).

The staff shall immediately contact 911 for police and ambulance to respond if the victim needs medical attention. Staff is to request a police officer from the sexual abuse/assault unit. PREA Compliance Manager shall promptly report the allegation to the Department of Human Resources as well as the client's legal guardian, unless Pathway has official documentation showing the legal guardian should not be notified.

After hours, the staff on duty shall contact the PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator for additional instructions and support (may need additional staff to report to facility).

During business hours, the PREA Compliance Manager or designee shall be contacted as soon as possible. The PREA Compliance Manager will be responsible for notifying the PREA Coordinator, who will notify the Chief Executive Officer as appropriate.

The PREA Compliance Manager or designee will contact the referring agency and inform them of the situation. In cooperation with the local authorities, Pathway will determine the status of the accused. If the accused is not immediately taken into

custody, Pathway management will evaluate and determine if the accused will be removed/terminated from the treatment program.

Staff are to secure the area where the abuse took place, restricting it from client and staff access until the area is released by the police responding to the incident.

Staff should attempt to obtain a written statement from the victim. Staff will also prepare a written report detailing what the client/resident reported to the staff member, additional information regarding observed evidence, actions taken, etc.

At any time, the client/resident victim may refuse to participate in the process and not proceed with the investigation/reporting. The client/resident shall not be punished for refusing to cooperate with the investigation.

Pathway will work with community resources and the client/resident to ensure that communications with community resources/advocates are confidential to the extent allowable by law. Prior to referral to a community resource, Pathway will inform client/resident of the extent to which client/resident may expect such communications to remain confidential.

The client/resident may also report a sexual abuse/assault through a grievance form at any time, regardless of the time frame in which the alleged incident occurred.

The client/resident shall be separated from the accused and the victim shall be encouraged to report the incident to the police and receive medical attention/evaluation. The same attention and services will be offered to a client/resident who reports sexual abuse days or weeks after the alleged abuse.

All allegations of sexual abuse/assault shall be taken seriously by staff, recognized as traumatic to the client/resident victim and staff shall be sensitive at all times to the needs and emotions of the victim.

Confidentiality and client/resident privacy shall be maintained at all times, with only those who have a direct "need to know" having access to the personal information and details of the victim and alleged perpetrator.

If a client/resident does not believe their accusations of sexual abuse/assault were responded to appropriately, they do not feel safe as a result of the abuse, or any other concerns regarding the alleged abuse, they may submit a written grievance following the grievance chain of command up to the agency Chief Executive Officer. The decision and response of the agency Chief Executive Officer is final.

As the needs of the client/resident victim are being met, the agency shall assemble the Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART), which may include: the client/resident's Therapist, Senior Shift Leader Supervisor, PREA Compliance Manager, PREA Coordinator, Director, and Chief Executive Officer.

- The SART will ensure that the clients are safe, and the victim is being cared for physically and emotionally.
- The SART will ensure that policies and procedures are being followed.

- The SART will review the incident and evaluate what possible warning signs were missed. If anything could have been done to prevent the abuse, a corrective action plan will be implemented to prevent an abuse from happening again in the same manner/location, etc.
- SART will ensure that the referring agencies are kept informed, and information is relayed between appropriate parties.
- The SART will assist in monitoring for potential retaliation.
- The SART will maintain investigative records of alleged sexual abuse or harassment as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by Pathway plus five years.
- If an allegation that is reported to and investigated by the appropriate legal authority does not result in criminal charges or disciplinary actions from that body, Pathway reserves the right to conduct an internal investigation. This investigation seeks to determine risk that the abuse/misconduct occurred and will provide Pathway with the opportunity to take the appropriate actions according to agency policy.
- Incident reports, investigations and results on client/resident sexual abuse/misconduct will be retained for seven years; statistical data on sexual abuse/assault will be retained for ten years (pp.17-19).

Interviews

Director: All levels of staffing are provided training on how to respond to incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Pathway has a Sexual Abuse Response Team who would respond in the event of an allegation of sexual abuse in order to ensure compliance with the PREA standards and ensure proper care is given to the alleged victim. Members of the SART would ensure proper communication and documentation occurs regarding the incident as well.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.366	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agency head <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.366 (a). Neither the agency nor any other governmental entity responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf shall enter into or renew any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>N/A-As reported in the PAQ, the agency, facility, or any other government entity is not responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf has entered into or renewed any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Agency Head – The interviewed agency head reported that the agency is not responsible for collective bargaining.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>115.366 (b). Auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined</p>

	<p>that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.366 (b). Auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.367	Agency protection against retaliation
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agency head b. Director c. Designated staff member charged with monitoring retaliation <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.367 (a). The agency shall establish 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 and shall designate which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the facility has a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual</p>

harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff. The agency has a designated staff charged with monitoring for retaliation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway shall protect all clients and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment and cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff and shall designate which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.

Pathway shall employ multiple protection measures, including housing changes or transfers for client victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or client abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for clients or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct or treatment of clients or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of clients who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by clients or staff and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Items Pathway shall monitor include any client disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. Pathway shall continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continued need.

In regard to clients, this such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks.

If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.

Pathway's obligation to monitor shall terminate if Pathway determines that the allegation is unfounded (p. 17).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.367 (b). The agency shall employ multiple protection measures, 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 for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ, that zero residents that were placed on segregated

housing after reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head reported that there is a designated staff member (SSLS) who monitor for such retaliation. We will ensure the staff member and client in question have minimal interaction by not assigning the staff member to the client's team if necessary or move the client to another team/caseload (if staff in question is client's therapist). Clients will also receive counseling in an effort to process the feelings and help monitor for retaliation.

Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation (or Superintendent if non available): The interviewed staff reported that part of their responsibility is to ensure that clients and staff do not retaliate against reporters of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The staff described the actions that would be taken include immediate separation of involved parties; this would include staff and residents. Staff would stay in close proximity and bring in extra staffing if necessary. Monitoring would look at resident work hours to ensure they were not excessive, programming, disciplining, and direct communication with the involved parties.

Residents in Isolation (for risk of sexual victimization/who allege to have suffered sexual abuse) – During the site review there were no residents identified that were placed in isolation.

Residents who Reported a Sexual Abuse – There were no identified residents who reported sexual abuse.

Monitor for Retaliation: the auditor reviewed one monitor for retaliation and determined that the site did not have a form that documented the details of the monitor.

Corrective Actions:

Monitor for Retaliation: The site developed a monitoring for retaliation form to better monitor.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.367 (c). For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct or treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse and 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 and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Items the agency should monitor include any resident disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. The agency shall continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency/facility monitors the conduct or treatment of residents or staff who reported sexual abuse and of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are any changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff. It was further reported that the agency/facility acts promptly to remedy any such retaliation; and the agency/facility continues such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. The number of times an incident of retaliation occurred in the past 12 months: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct or treatment of clients or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of clients who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by clients or staff, and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Items Pathway shall monitor include any client disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. Pathway shall continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continued need" (p. 17).

Monitoring for Retaliation: There were no allegations that required monitoring for retaliation.

Interviews

Director: When a client alleges sexual abuse or sexual harassment by a staff member, the staff member is not permitted to return to work until the investigation has cleared them of wrongdoing, or they are terminated due to the findings of the investigation. If the allegation involves another client, the clients are immediately separated, and the alleged abuser is monitored closely for continued abuse of others. They could also be removed from the program if warranted. Therapists continue to meet with clients weekly to ensure that clients are receiving proper counseling as well as to allow opportunities to report retaliation. Additionally, the Program Director is tasked with monitoring for retaliation, which includes random checks and regular meetings with the alleged victim to ensure their needs are being met.

Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation (or Superintendent if non available): The interviewed staff reported that when monitoring some of the things that would be looked at when it comes to detecting retaliation is reviewing to see if there are excessive write ups, room changes, improper treatment, housing changes, change of behavior and is the youth being treated fairly. Monitor would occur for as long as needed and would initiate as soon as reported and investigated. While the policy says 90 days if we have to monitor longer we would.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.367 (d). In the case of residents, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks. There were zero allegations of sexual abuse that occurred in the last 12 months.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

There were no allegations that required monitoring for retaliation.

Interviews

Designated Staff Member Charged with Monitoring Retaliation (or Superintendent if non available): The interviewed staff reported that when monitoring we would look for change in behaviors, monitor for excessive write ups and whether the resident is being treated fairly.

Corrective Actions:

Monitor for Retaliation: The site developed a monitoring for retaliation form to better monitor.

115.367 (e). If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

There were no allegations that required monitoring for retaliation.

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head reported that there is a designated staff member (SSLS) who monitor for such retaliation. We will ensure the staff member and client in question have minimal interaction by not assigning the staff member to the client's team if necessary or move the client to another team/caseload (if staff in question is client's therapist). Clients will also receive counseling in an effort to process the feelings and help monitor for retaliation.

Director: If retaliation occurs among clients, the alleged abuser could be removed from the program or face further consequences including added time on their treatment. If retaliation occurs by a staff member, the staff member would face

	<p>immediate termination. Any suspicion of retaliation would be immediately investigated, and above consequences instituted.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.367 (f). The auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.368	Post-allegation protective custody
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Director b. Staff who supervise residents in isolation c. Medical and mental health staff (2) <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.368 (a). Any use of segregated housing to protect a resident who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse shall be subject to the requirements of § 115.342.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p>

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility has a policy that residents who allege to have suffered sexual abuse may only be placed in isolation as a last resort if less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and only until an alternative means of keeping all residents safe can be arranged. It was further reported that the facility policy requires that residents who are placed in isolation because they allege to have suffered sexual abuse have access to legally required educational programming, special education services, and daily large-muscle exercise. If a resident who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse is held in isolation, the facility affords each such resident a review every 30 days to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

Policy The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual “states that The alleged victim may be placed in isolation to keep them safe from the alleged abuser only as a last resort if less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other clients/residents safe and only until an alternative means of keeping all clients/residents safe can be arranged. Pathway will follow all requirements related to isolation (see Section IV, number 13)” (p. 17). The policy further states that “If isolation lasts longer than 30 days, Pathway shall afford each client a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population” (p. 13).

Interviews

Director: The interviewed director reported that they have not had any instances of isolation due to sexual abuse allegation. Isolation would be used as a last resort. Clients would be placed on a 1:1 ratio away from others to protect them.

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that if a resident were in isolation, they would receive visits from medical and mental health staff. It was further reported that there is no isolation but a cool off room and the residents may be in there for 15 minutes. Mental health staff office is on the unit, and we will continue meeting with them while in the cool off. Part of the process for mental health is to assist with regulating them.

Staff Responsible for Supervising Residents in Isolation: According to the interviewed staff, while the Baldwin site lacks an isolation area, the IDI site maintains such a facility. This area, however, functions primarily as a "cool down" room, allowing residents to deescalate. Typically, residents spend less than 30 minutes there. If their stay exceeds one hour, the agency must contact DYS for further instructions. Both medical and mental health professionals are notified immediately and will engage with the resident accordingly.

Residents in Isolation (for risk of sexual victimization/who allege to have suffered sexual abuse) – During the onsite audit and upon file review there were no residents held in isolation.

	<p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.371	Criminal and administrative agency investigations
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Certificate of Completion PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting (2) d. Investigations (2) 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Investigative staff - 2 b. Director c. PREA coordinator d. PREA Compliance Manager <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.371 (a). When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of</p>

sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency/facility has a policy related to criminal and administrative agency investigations.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

INVESTIGATIONS POLICY: It is the general policy of Pathway that all incidents of suspected sexual harassment or sexual abuse be adequately addressed through inquiry or investigation. Any allegation that involves potentially criminal behavior will be immediately reported to local law enforcement and the Department of Human Resources.

Sexual Harassment: When allegations of sexual harassment are made, investigations shall take place under the following guidelines:

Client/Resident to Client/Resident: The PREA Compliance Manager, his/her designee or the PREA Coordinator shall investigate questioning all parties involved to determine what happened and direct action to prevent further incidents. The Department of Youth Services and Department of Human Resources and all other licensing authorities will be notified of the findings and the PREA Compliance Manager/designee or PREA Coordinator shall file appropriate reports.

Staff to Client/Resident: The PREA Compliance Manager, designee and the PREA Coordinator shall investigate, questioning all relevant parties to determine what happened. The Department of Youth Services and Department of Human Resources and all other licensing authorities will be notified of the findings and consulted in determination of actions to be taken.

If the PREA Compliance Manager is involved in the allegations: His/her immediate supervisor shall conduct the investigation as noted above.

Sexual Abuse: When allegations of sexual abuse/assault are made, the following shall happen:

Contact local authorities immediately, if a client/resident reports a sexual assault. If the PREA Compliance Manager or PREA Coordinator is available, he/she shall take responsibility for contacting authorities. If the PREA Compliance Manager is not available, on duty staff must contact authorities without delay.

If the allegations or quality of evidence suggest a crime has been committed, no further interview of the victim or perpetrator will be conducted until cleared to do so by prosecuting authority.

Pathway will not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

If there is a possibility of new physical evidence to be used:

- Secure the area where the alleged abuse took place and do not allow residents to enter the area until police personnel have cleared the area;
- Do not touch anything in the area where the alleged abuse took place other than to preserve the life or safety of an individual;
- Move the alleged victim to a secure area until authorities arrive;
- If conditions allow, direct the alleged perpetrator to remain in an area where they can be observed until authorities arrive;
- Pathway staff shall cooperate with all aspects of the investigation by local authorities. The PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation and notify all program licensing authorities;
- Pathway's PREA Compliance Manager/designee or PREA Coordinator shall conduct administrative investigation;
- Any substantiated allegations of conduct that appear criminal will be referred for prosecution.

Reporting to Clients/Residents: In the event of a client/resident allegation of sexual abuse, the PREA Compliance Manager shall:

Following an investigation into a client/resident's allegation that he/she suffered sexual abuse in Pathway's facility, the PREA Compliance Manager shall inform the client/resident, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.

If the Pathway did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the client/resident.

Following a client's/resident's allegation that he/she was sexually abused by another client/resident, Pathway will inform the alleged victim when:

- Pathway learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse;
- Pathway learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse.

Following a client/resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the client/resident and the findings are substantiated or unsubstantiated; the PREA Compliance Manager shall inform the client/resident

whenever:

- The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
- The staff is no longer posted within the client's team
- The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse within the facility;
- The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented by the PREA Compliance Manager.

The PREA Compliance Manager's obligation to report shall terminate if the client/resident is released from Pathway's program.

The departure of the alleged victim from the program or alleged abuser from employment or control of the program or agency shall not provide basis for terminating an investigation.

Criminal and administrative agency investigations

Pathway shall conduct its own investigations into allegations of sexual harassment and abuse that do not involve behavior that could potentially be criminal in nature. It shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports. At any point if it is determined that the allegation could potentially involve criminal behavior, a report will be made immediately to local law enforcement agency as well as the Department of Human Resources.

Pathway shall not terminate an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation.

Administrative investigations:

Shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse

Shall be documented in written reports that include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.

Substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal shall be referred for prosecution.

Pathway shall retain all written reports for as long as the alleged abuser is enrolled or employed at Pathway, plus five years, unless the abuse was committed by a juvenile client and applicable law requires a shorter period of retention.

The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from Pathway shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.

When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, Pathway shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation.

Pathway shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

A decision regarding the merits of any grievance or portion of a grievance alleging sexual harassment must be made within 90 days of the filing of the grievance. Regarding allegations of sexual abuse, Pathway will make an effort to encourage the investigating agency to ensure a decision is made regarding the merits of the grievance or portion of the grievance within 90 days (19-22).

Investigation Reports: Upon review of the allegations, it is determined that the allegations were investigated promptly; all were allegations of sexual harassment.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed staff reported that when an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment is received the investigation are conducted immediately. Anonymous and third-party reports of sexual abuse are handled the same.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (b). Where sexual abuse is alleged, the agency shall use investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims pursuant to § 115.334.

Compliance Determination:

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed staff reported that they received training specific to conducting sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations in confinement settings. The training was completed online; the PREA Resource Investigative training.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (c). Investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; shall interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Investigation Reports: Upon review of the allegations, it is determined that the allegations were investigated promptly; all were allegations of sexual harassment.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed staff reported that first steps in initiating an investigation include immediately ensuring that 1st responders do what they are supposed to do; get with the victim and perpetrator and gather statements, gather staff statements, and review video footage. If medical or mental health services are needed, it would immediately be addressed.

Direct or circumstantial evidence is managed in the following manner: Conduct a thorough investigation identify including conducting interviews, collecting evidence, reviewing video footage. DNA would be collected by law enforcement.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (d). The agency shall not terminate an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ the facility does not terminate an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway shall not terminate an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation" (p. 21).

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed staff reported that an investigation would not terminate if the source of the allegation recants their allegation. An investigation would follow, and evidence and statements will be gathered to determine if the original allegations are true.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (e). When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the agency shall conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Investigation Report: upon review there were no allegations that were determined to be criminal in nature.

Interviews:

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed staff reported that when they discover evidence that a prosecutable crime may have taken place, the following steps are taken after an investigation has been conducted and all information is gathered and reported to law enforcement to investigate.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined

that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (f). The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as resident or staff. No agency shall require a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed investigator reported the credibility is based on their statements, prior history, look at history, truthfulness, multiple interviews, and any other collected evidence. We do not do polygraphs.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (g). Administrative investigations: (1) Shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse; and (2) Shall be documented in written reports that include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Investigation Reports: Upon review of the allegations, it is determined that the allegations were investigated promptly; all were allegations of sexual harassment.

Compliance Summary – Investigative Reports, Record Retention, and Case Records

The facility has demonstrated compliance with PREA requirements related to the documentation, investigation, and retention of records concerning allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

During the onsite audit, the auditor reviewed all available investigative case files from the past 12 months, including allegations of both sexual abuse and sexual

harassment. The facility provided comprehensive and well-organized documentation for each case, including incident reports, investigative notes, evidence logs, witness statements, and final outcomes.

The facility maintains a clear record retention schedule in accordance with PREA Standard 115.71(j), which requires that all administrative and criminal sexual abuse investigation records be retained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the facility, plus five years. Documentation reviewed confirmed adherence to this schedule.

The case records provided also demonstrated compliance with investigative protocols, including prompt initiation of investigations, documentation of findings, and appropriate classification of substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded cases.

Additionally, the records reflected notification to involved parties, consistent with PREA requirements.

Based on the thoroughness of the documentation reviewed and staff interviews, the auditor finds the facility maintains appropriate systems for the retention and management of investigative records.

Determination: The facility is in compliance with PREA standards regarding investigative reports, record retention, and documentation of abuse allegations.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed investigator reported that internal investigations are conducted when any misconduct allegations are reported. Investigations are documented in written reports. The reports will include statements made during interviews. We will do a written report.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (h). Criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Investigation Report: There were zero reported criminal investigations.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. Criminal investigations are referred to local law enforcement.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (i). Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred for prosecution.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, there were zero substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal that were referred for prosecution since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit.

The number of substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal that were referred for prosecution since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later: 0.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed staff reported that cases are referred to prosecution when an investigation reveals a crime has been committed and proper victim and suspect interviews have been completed. This will be managed through the PREA Coordinator and local law enforcement.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (j). The agency shall retain all written reports referenced in paragraphs (g) and (h) of this section 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ the agency retains all written reports pertaining to administrative or criminal investigation of alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "the SART will maintain investigative records of alleged sexual abuse or harassment as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by Pathway plus five years" (p. 19).

Investigation Reports: the auditor reviewed the investigative reports and determined the agency has a process to securely document and retain.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.371 (k). The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Investigations: there were no reported allegations that involved a victim or perpetrator who left prior to the termination of an investigation.

Interviews

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. If a staff member alleges to have committed sexual abuse or sexual harassment terminates employees the investigation continues regardless of if her or she is still employed.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

	<p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.371 (l). Auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>115.371 (m). When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, the facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>PREA Coordinator - The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that we would ensure we have appropriate contact information for the investigator and ensure they have our contact information as well. We would make contact with them regularly for updates regarding our clients.</p> <p>Director/PREA Compliance Manager – The interviewed staff reported that if an outside agency investigates an allegation, there will be ongoing communication. The will obtain the contact information or the investigating officer/DHR caseworker is retained.</p> <p>Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. Local law enforcement conducts sexual abuse investigations. We will continue to follow up with them when they investigate.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.372	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations
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	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Documents:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manualc. Investigations - 22. Interviews:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Investigative staff – 2 <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.372 (a). The agency shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>The facility reported in the PAQ, that the agency imposes a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or a lower standard of proof for determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.</p> <p>Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:</p> <p>Sexual Abuse: When allegations of sexual abuse/assault are made, the following shall happen:</p> <p>Contact local authorities immediately, if a client/resident reports a sexual assault. If the PREA Compliance Manager or PREA Coordinator is available, he/she shall take responsibility for contacting authorities. If the PREA Compliance Manager is not available, on duty staff must contact authorities without delay.</p> <p>If the allegations or quality of evidence suggest a crime has been committed, no further interview of the victim or perpetrator will be conducted until cleared to do so by prosecuting authority.</p> <p>Pathway will not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.</p>

	<p>If there is a possibility of new physical evidence to be used:</p> <p>Secure the area where the alleged abuse took place and do not allow residents to enter the area until police personnel have cleared the area;</p> <p>Do not touch anything in the area where the alleged abuse took place other than to preserve the life or safety of an individual;</p> <p>Move the alleged victim to a secure area until authorities arrive;</p> <p>If conditions allow, direct the alleged perpetrator to remain in an area where they can be observed until authorities arrive;</p> <p>Pathway staff shall cooperate with all aspects of the investigation by local authorities. The PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation and notify all program licensing authorities;</p> <p>Pathway's PREA Compliance Manager/designee or PREA Coordinator shall conduct administrative investigation;</p> <p>Any substantiated allegations of conduct that appears criminal will be referred for prosecution (p. 20).</p> <p>Investigations: documentation of administrative findings were reviewed for proper standard of proof. The investigation report document has limited information on how the findings were determined.</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. In general, the standard of evidence require substantiate allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, is that no greater than a preponderance of evidence.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Documents:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manualc. Investigations (2)2. Interviews:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Directorb. Investigative staff - 2 <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.373 (a). Following an investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse suffered in an agency facility, the agency shall inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the agency has a policy requiring that any resident who makes an allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility is informed, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded following an investigation by the agency. The number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged resident sexual abuse that were completed by the agency/facility in the past 12 months: 0. Of the alleged sexual abuse investigations that were completed in the past 12 months, the number of residents who were notified, verbally or in writing, of the results of the investigation: 0.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that Reporting to Clients/Residents: In the event of a client/resident allegation of sexual abuse, the PREA Compliance Manager shall:</p> <p>Following an investigation into a client/resident's allegation that he/she suffered sexual abuse in Pathway's facility, the PREA Compliance Manager shall inform the client/resident, verbally or in writing, as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.</p>

- o If the Pathway did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the client/resident.
- o Following a client's/resident's allegation that he/she was sexually abused by another client/resident, Pathway will inform the alleged victim when:
 - o Pathway learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse;
 - o Pathway learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse.
- o Following a client/resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the client/resident and the findings are substantiated or unsubstantiated; the PREA Compliance Manager shall inform the client/resident whenever:
 - o The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
 - o The staff is no longer posted within the client's team
 - o The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse within the facility;
 - o The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse within the facility.
- o All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented by the PREA Compliance Manager.
- o The PREA Compliance Manager's obligation to report shall terminate if the client/resident is released from Pathway's program.
- o The departure of the alleged victim from the program or alleged abuser from employment or control of the program or agency shall not provide basis for terminating an investigation (pp.20-21).

There were no notifications as all allegations were sexual harassment.

Interviews

Director: Upon completion of the investigation, reporters are made aware of the outcome of the investigation.

Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Investigative Staff: Two staff were interviewed. One interviewed staff reported that they could not recall the training completed. The active investigator could describe the process. The interviewed investigator reported that residents are notified of the results of the investigation.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.373 (b). If the agency did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, if an outside entity conducts such investigations, the agency requests the relevant information from the investigative entity in order to inform the resident of the outcome of the investigation. The number of investigations of alleged resident sexual abuse in the facility that were completed by an outside agency in the past 12 months: 0. Of the outside agency investigations of alleged sexual abuse that were completed in the past 12 months, the number of residents alleging sexual abuse in the facility who were notified verbally or in writing of the results of the investigation: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "if the Pathway did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the client/resident" (p. 21).

Investigation Reports: Upon review of investigation reports there were no outside entity conducted investigations.

There were no notifications as all allegations were sexual harassment.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.373 (c). Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, the agency shall subsequently inform the resident (unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever: (1) The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit; (2) The staff member is no longer employed at the facility; (3) The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or (4) The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ that following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, the agency/facility subsequently informs the resident (unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever:

- The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit;
- The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;
- The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
- The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

There has been zero substantiated or unsubstantiated complaint (i.e., not unfounded) of sexual abuse committed by a staff member against a resident in an agency facility in the past 12 months. While there were zero reported allegations of sexual abuse, the facility has a form (PREA Post Investigation Resident Notification) to notify residents of the results of the sexual abuse allegation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that Following a client/resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the client/resident and the findings are substantiated or unsubstantiated; the PREA Compliance Manager shall inform the client/resident whenever:

The staff member is no longer employed at the facility;

The staff is no longer posted within the client's team

The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse within the facility;

The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse within the facility (p. 4).

Interviews:

Resident who Reported a Sexual Abuse: There were no identified residents who reported a sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.373 (d). Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, the agency shall subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: (1) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or (2) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility reported in the PAQ that following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident in an agency facility, the agency subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever:

- The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
- The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.

There were no reported allegations of sexual abuse.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that: Following a client's/resident's allegation that he/she was sexually abused by another client/resident, Pathway will inform the alleged victim when:

Pathway learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to the sexual abuse;

Pathway learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse.

Interviews:

Resident who Reported a Sexual Abuse: There were no identified residents who reported a sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.373 (e). All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with provision of this standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility has a policy that all notifications to residents described under this standard are documented. In the past 12 months, the number of notifications to residents that were provided pursuant to this standard: 0. Of those notifications made in the past 12 months, the number that were documented: 0

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "all such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented by the PREA Compliance Manager" (p. 21).

While there were zero reported allegations of sexual abuse, the facility has a form

	<p>(PREA Post Investigation Resident Notification) to notify residents of the results of the sexual abuse allegation.</p> <p>Upon review of the investigations there were no reported allegations of sexual abuse.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.373 (f). The auditor is not required to audit this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.376	Disciplinary sanctions for staff
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Investigation (1) <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.376 (a). Staff shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard</p>

because:

The facility reported in the PAQ that staff are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that DISCIPLINE: It is the policy of Pathway that all staff will be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating the sexual harassment and sexual abuse policies.

- o Staff that have engaged in sexual abuse, sexual coercion, or sexual harassment will be terminated from Pathway.
- o Disciplinary sanctions for violating the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policy but not for actually engaging in sexual abuse will be based on the following:
 - o The nature and circumstances of the acts committed.
 - o The staff member's disciplinary history.
 - o The sanctions imposed for similar offenses by other staff with similar histories.
- o All staff, contractor, and volunteer terminations or resignations resulting from criminal sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement.
- o All contractors and volunteers who violate Pathway's sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policies will be prohibited from further contact with clients/residents. Where applicable, law enforcement and licensing agencies will be notified. Pathway will take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with clients/residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.
- o Clients/residents will be subject to disciplinary sanctions through a formal disciplinary process following;
 - o An administrative finding that the client/resident engaged in client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment.
 - o Following a criminal finding of guilt for client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment.
 - o Sexual abuse/assault/harassment/coercion are serious misconduct violations for clients/residents in Pathway's program. Any form of such sexual behavior will result in termination from the program.
 - o In the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, Pathway will follow the protocol for isolation (see Section IV, number 13).
- o Pathway offers therapy, counseling and other interventions designed to address

and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse, in the event the alleged abuser remains in the program.

- o Pathway will consider whether to require the offending client/resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives. Access to general programming or education is not conditional on participation in such interventions.
- o A client/resident's report of sexual abuse made in good faith and based on reasonable belief will not be disciplined for falsely reporting an incident, even if the investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.
- o Pathway will discipline a client/resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.
- o Pathway prohibits all sexual activity between clients/residents. As such, Pathway will discipline residents for such activity. Pathway deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced (p. 23).

There were no reported allegations that involve staff disciplinary measures. However the auditor reviewed the process for another site that is connected to the facility.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.376 (b). Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have violated agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 1. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have been terminated (or resigned prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 1.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that DISCIPLINE: It is the policy of Pathway that all staff will be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating the sexual harassment and sexual abuse policies.

Staff that have engaged in sexual abuse, sexual coercion, or sexual harassment will be terminated from Pathway.

Disciplinary sanctions for violating the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policy but not for actually engaging in sexual abuse will be based on the following:

The nature and circumstances of the acts committed.

The staff member's disciplinary history.

The sanctions imposed for similar offenses by other staff with similar histories.

All staff, contractor, and volunteer terminations or resignations resulting from criminal sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement.

All contractors and volunteers who violate Pathway's sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policies will be prohibited from further contact with clients/residents. Where applicable, law enforcement and licensing agencies will be notified. Pathway will take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with clients/residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

Clients/residents will be subject to disciplinary sanctions through a formal disciplinary process following;

An administrative finding that the client/resident engaged in client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Following a criminal finding of guilt for client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Sexual abuse/assault/harassment/coercion are serious misconduct violations for clients/residents in Pathway's program. Any form of such sexual behavior will result in termination from the program.

In the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, Pathway will follow the protocol for isolation (see Section IV, number 13).

Pathway offers therapy, counseling and other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse, in the event the alleged abuser remains in the program.

Pathway will consider whether to require the offending client/resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives. Access to general programming or education is not conditional on participation in such interventions.

A client/resident's report of sexual abuse made in good faith and based on reasonable belief will not be disciplined for falsely reporting an incident, even if the investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Pathway will discipline a client/resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

Pathway prohibits all sexual activity between clients/residents. As such, Pathway will discipline residents for such activity. Pathway deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced (p. 23).

There was one reported allegations that involve staff disciplinary measures; however it was a for a sister agency.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.376 (c). Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall be 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

According to the PAQ, the disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) are 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. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility who have been disciplined, short of termination, for violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse): 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that Disciplinary sanctions for violating the sexual abuse or sexual harassment policy but not for actually engaging in sexual abuse will be based on the following:

- o The nature and circumstances of the acts committed.
- o The staff member's disciplinary history.
- o The sanctions imposed for similar offenses by other staff with similar histories (p. 22).

Corrective Actions:

	<p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.376 (d). All terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>According to the PAQ, all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies. In the past 12 months, the number of staff from the facility that have been reported to law enforcement or licensing boards following their termination (or resignation prior to termination) for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies: 0.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "All staff, contractor, and volunteer terminations or resignations resulting from criminal sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement." (p. 22).</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.377	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual

2. Interviews:

- a. Director

Findings (By Provision):

115.377 (a). Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with residents and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, there have been zero volunteers or contractors who have been reported to law enforcement agencies and relevant licensing bodies for engaging in sexual abuse of residents in the past 12 months; nor any incidents/ persons reported to law enforcement for engaging in sexual abuse of residents. Agency policy requires that any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be prohibited from contact with residents. In the past 12 months, the number of contractors or volunteers reported to law enforcement for engaging in sexual abuse of residents: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "All staff, contractor, and volunteer terminations or resignations resulting from criminal sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement. All contractors and volunteers who violate Pathway's sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policies will be prohibited from further contact with clients/residents. Where applicable, law enforcement and licensing agencies will be notified. Pathway will take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with clients/residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer (p 22).

There were no allegations that involved volunteers or contractors.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined

that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.377 (b). The facility shall take appropriate remedial measures and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ the facility takes appropriate remedial measures and considers whether to prohibit further contact with residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "All staff, contractor, and volunteer terminations or resignations resulting from criminal sexual abuse will be referred to law enforcement. All contractors and volunteers who violate Pathway's sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment policies will be prohibited from further contact with clients/residents. Where applicable, law enforcement and licensing agencies will be notified. Pathway will take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with clients/residents in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer (p 22).

There were no allegations that involved volunteers or contractors.

Interviews

Director: Contractors or volunteers would not be allowed on the premises if they violated the agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policy. We would continue our procedure to refer to local law enforcement and DHR.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.378	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents
	<p data-bbox="279 185 981 219">Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p data-bbox="279 264 564 297">Auditor Discussion</p> <p data-bbox="279 338 1342 371">The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 412 523 445">1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 486 774 519">a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) <li data-bbox="279 560 1458 629">b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual <li data-bbox="279 669 1035 703">c. Investigation Reports/Data Collection Report (2) <li data-bbox="279 743 507 777">2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="279 817 464 851">a. Director <li data-bbox="279 891 847 925">b. Medical and mental health staff (2) <p data-bbox="279 965 608 999">Findings (By Provision):</p> <p data-bbox="279 1039 1465 1187">115.378 (a). A resident may be subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1227 668 1261">Compliance Determination:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1301 1366 1370">The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p data-bbox="279 1411 1474 1697">As reported in the PAQ, there were no reported residents subject to disciplinary sanctions following an administrative finding that the resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse. In the past 12 months, the number of administrative findings of resident-on-resident sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of criminal findings guilty of resident-on-resident sexual abuse that have occurred at the facility: 0.</p> <p data-bbox="279 1738 1453 1980">Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Clients/residents will be subject to disciplinary sanctions through a formal disciplinary process following; An administrative finding that the client/resident engaged in client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Following a criminal finding of guilt for client/resident - on - client/resident sexual abuse or sexual harassment (pp. 22).</p> <p data-bbox="279 2020 1442 2089">Although there were no incidents of sexual abuse the auditor verified that the site documents disciplinary actions on the data collection form attached to the</p>

investigation process.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.378 (b). Per the PAQ, in the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, the facility policy requires that residents in isolation have daily access to large muscle exercise, legally required educational programming, and special education services. It was also reported in the PAQ that in the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, residents in isolation have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible.

In the past 12 months, the number of residents placed in isolation as a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse: 0.

In the past 12 months, the number of residents placed in isolation as a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse who were denied daily access to large muscle exercise, and/or legally required educational programming, or special education services: 0

In the past 12 months, the number of residents placed in isolation as a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse who were denied access to other programs and work opportunities: 0.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Per the PAQ, in the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, the facility policy requires that residents in isolation have daily access to large muscle exercise, legally required educational programming, and special education services. It was also reported in the PAQ that in the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, residents in isolation have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible. In the past 12 months, the number of residents placed in isolation as a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of residents placed in isolation as a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse who were denied daily access to large muscle exercise, and/or legally required educational programming, or special education services: 0. In the past 12 months, the number of residents placed in isolation as a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse who were denied access to other programs and work opportunities: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures

Manual states that “In the event a disciplinary sanction for resident-on-resident sexual abuse results in the isolation of a resident, Pathway will follow the protocol for isolation (see Section IV, number 13)” (p. 23).

Although there were no incidents of sexual abuse the auditor verified that the site documents disciplinary actions on the data collection form attached to the investigation process.

Interviews

Director: The interviewed staff reported that any criminal findings of abuse would result in an unsuccessful discharge from the program or adding time to treatment. We would look at the circumstances and client’s history and ensure consequences are appropriate to the situation and follow with other similar offenses by other clients. We would consider any mental illness or disability. However, regardless of disability or illness, safety would remain a priority; therefore, the clients posed a substantial risk to others would be unsuccessfully discharged from the program. Isolation would not be used as a disciplinary sanction.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.378 (c). The disciplinary process shall consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Although there were no incidents of sexual abuse the auditor verified that the site documents disciplinary actions on the data collection form attached to the investigation process.

Interviews

Director: The interviewed staff reported that any criminal findings of abuse would result in an unsuccessful discharge from the program or adding time to treatment. We would look at the circumstances and client’s history and ensure consequences are appropriate to the situation and follow with other similar offenses by other clients. We would consider any mental illness or disability. However, regardless of disability or illness, safety would remain a priority; therefore, the clients posed a substantial risk to others would be unsuccessfully discharged from the program. Isolation would not be used as a disciplinary sanction.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.378 (d). If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to offer the offending resident participation in such interventions. The agency may require participation in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives, but not as a condition to access to general programming or education.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse. It was further reported that if the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility considers whether to require the offending resident to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives. Access to general programming or education is not conditional on participation in such interventions.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that therapy, counseling, or other intervention services are offered to all residents. Participation in the services is not a requirement of the rewards-based behavior management system, programming, or education.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.378 (e). The agency may discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility disciplines resident for sexual contact with staff only upon finding that the staff member did not, consent to such contact.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Pathway will discipline a client/resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact" (p. 23).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.378 (f). For the purpose of disciplinary action, a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility prohibits disciplinary action for a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "A client/resident's report of sexual abuse made in good faith and based on reasonable belief will not be disciplined for falsely reporting an incident, even if the investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation" (p. 23).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.378 (g). An agency may, in its discretion, prohibit all sexual activity between residents and may discipline residents for such activity. An agency may not, however, deem such activity to constitute sexual abuse if it determines that the activity is not coerced.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility prohibits sexual activity between residents. In

	<p>addition, the agency prohibits all sexual activity between residents and disciplines residents for such activity, the agency deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Pathway prohibits all sexual activity between clients/residents. As such, Pathway will discipline residents for such activity. Pathway deems such activity to constitute sexual abuse only if it determines that the activity is coerced” (p. 23).</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.381	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Follow Up Services/Individual Session (3) 2. Interviews <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff responsible for risk screening - 1 b. Medical and Mental Health staff - 2 c. Resident Reported a Prior Sexual Abuse

Findings (By Provision):

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, staff shall ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, residents at the facility who disclosed any prior sexual victimization during a screening pursuant to 115.341 are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner. Medical and mental health staff maintain secondary materials (e.g., form, log) documenting compliance with the above required services. In the past 12 months, the percentage of residents who disclosed prior victimization during screening who were offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner: 100.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Clients/residents who disclose any prior sexual victimization or perpetration during the vulnerability assessment are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical, where appropriate, or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the admission screening. These meetings are documented in the client/resident's chart" (p. 13).

Follow up-Individual Session: the auditor was able to review documentation of a resident who disclosed prior victimization. The therapist documented the follow up meeting on an individual session note. The notes are secured in a password protected electronic file.

Interviews

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening: The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that if a screening indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether in an institutional setting or in the community, consultation will occur with the director to determine necessary treatment services.

Residents(s) in custody who Disclose Sexual Victimization at Risk Screening: One onsite resident in custody disclosed previous sexual victimization. The resident reported that they did not disclose at intake; however later disclosed and discussed during a therapy session.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined

that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

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, staff shall ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As indicated in the PAQ, all residents who have ever previously perpetrated sexual abuse are offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening. In the past 12 months, the percentage of residents who previously perpetrated sexual abuse, as indicated during screening, who were offered a follow up meeting with a mental health practitioner: 100.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Clients/residents who disclose any prior sexual victimization or perpetration during the vulnerability assessment are offered a follow-up meeting with a medical, where appropriate, or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the admission screening. These meetings are documented in the client/resident's chart" (p. 13).

The auditor did not identify any files of residents who exhibited prior perpetration.

Interviews

Staff Responsible for Risk Screening - The interviewed staff responsible for risk screening reported that if a screening indicates that a resident has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether in an institutional setting or in the community, the clinical director to determine next steps and treatment services.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.381 (c). Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is not strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “To ensure confidentiality and sensitivity of information of the client's/resident's responses on the assessment, assessment information will be kept in the client's/resident's confidential file. However, communication will be disseminated to staff regarding a client’s overall risk of victimization or risk of perpetrating a violent or sexual act. This will include only the clinician’s assessment of risk, information specific to the client’s history. Screening information shall be used to determine rooming assignments with the goal of keeping separate those clients/residents at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive (p. 12).

The mental health sessions are documented in a secure password protected electronic case management system. Access to components of the system is based on your position and roll in the agency. Access to mental health notes is limited to the leadership staff and the mental health staff.

Site Review:

RECORD STORAGE

Risk Screening Process:

The risk screening and other assessment tools (e.g., DYS assessment, biopsychosocial evaluations, treatment plans) are securely stored in an electronic case management system, with access limited to clinical staff and facility directors. The electronic system is password protected.

Access Control:

Informal conversations with staff confirmed that access to the case management system, particularly the assessments, is restricted to clinical staff and facility leadership only. The electronic data system is password protected.

Informal conversation with the director reported that investigations are maintained onsite in a locked cabinet in the director’s office. The auditor observed the locked cabinet. Additionally, a copy is held offsite with the agency PREA coordinator.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.381 (d). Medical and mental health practitioners shall 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.

	<p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, 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.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Pathway staff will obtain informed consent to report information regarding sexual victimization that did not occur in an institution setting, unless the client/resident is under the age of 18” (p. 13).</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Medical and Mental Health Staff: Prior to reporting sexual abuse, medical and mental health staff will speak to the resident about informed consent. This process is discussed at intake. Additionally, we notify them of their duty to report.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.382	Access to emergency medical and mental health services
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p>
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)

b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual

2. Interviews:

a. Medical and mental health staff (2)

b. Random Sample of Staff/Security staff and non-security staff first responders (12)

Findings (By Provision):

115.382 (a). Resident victims of sexual abuse shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. It further stated that the nature and scope of such services are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgement. Medical and mental health staff maintain secondary materials (e.g., form, log) documenting the timeliness of emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services that were provided; the appropriate response by non-health staff in the event health staff are not present at the time the incident is reported; and the provision of appropriate and timely information and services concerning contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Forensic medical examinations in the community will be provided free of charge to the victim. The victim will be provided with unimpeded access to emergency and crisis intervention services, which will also be provided free of charge to the victim. SANE Nurses are located at USA Women's and Children's Hospital. In the event that a SANE is unavailable, a forensic medical examination will be provided by a qualified medical practitioner" (p. 9).

There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported during the audit time frames.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: If a resident reports sexual abuse they receive timely and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and/or crisis intervention services. This is done immediately, and the staff will notify the supervisor immediately. The nature and scope of such services are determined according to professional judgment. Medical staff is on call 24/7. Services are

rendered immediately upon notification.

Resident who Reported Sexual Abuse: There were no residents during the onsite audit that reported an allegation of sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.382 (b). If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.362 and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported during the audit time frames.

Interviews

Random Sample of Staff – The interviewed staff reported that they have been trained on the agencies zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The staff reported that the training included:

- a. The agency's zero-tolerance policy on sexual abuse and sexual harassment?
- b. How to fulfill your responsibilities regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response, in accordance with agency policies and procedures?
- c. Resident's right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?
- d. Residents' and employees' right to free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassments?
- e. The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement?
- f. The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims?
- g. How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse?
- h. How to avoid inappropriate relationship with residents?
- i. How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?
- j. How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual

abuse to outside authorities?

k. Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent?

The staff consistently reported that they were trained on initial hire and that they received additional training in February 2025. When probed the staff were able to describe things like the common reactions of victims, what to look for, and how to respectfully talk to residents who may be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or gender non-conforming.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.382 (c). Resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are 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. Interviewed medical and mental health staff reported that such services are addressed immediately.

There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported during the audit time frames.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that victims of sexual abuse are offered timely information about access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection prophylaxis. Medical will coordinate services immediately upon being notified. Anytime medical services are needed they will respond within 10 minutes.

Resident who reported sexual abuse: There were no identified residents who reported a sexual abuse.

	<p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.382 (d). Treatment services shall be 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.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the treatment services provided to every victim is without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out the incident.</p> <p>Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Treatment services shall be provided to the alleged victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident" (p. 24).</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.383	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual

2. Interviews:

- a. Medical and Mental Health staff (2)

Findings (By Provision):

115.383 (a). The facility shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility offers 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.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that:

MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE: It is the intention of Pathway that there will be no long-term forfeiture of services for victims of sexual abuse, sexual coercion, sexual harassment, or sexual solicitation. Recognizing that the safety of the victim is paramount, room assignments will be taken into consideration.

Medical access to services for victims of sexual abuse will be handled in the community.

- Timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment without financial cost, as determined by the medical practitioners' professional judgment. All services, or attempts to provide services, will be documented.
- Timely access to testing and prophylactic treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and infections, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.
- Communication with community sexual abuse advocate regarding any information deemed not confidential.

Mental health services for victims of sexual abuse will be referred to their therapist for:

- Timely, unimpeded access to appropriate mental health evaluation services without financial cost as determined by the therapist's professional judgment.
- Comprehensive information of limits of confidentiality and duty to report.
- Completion of a mental health evaluation

Treatment services shall be provided to the alleged victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Ongoing Medical Care

Pathway shall offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all clients who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any lockup or juvenile facility.

- Evaluation and treatment of such victims shall 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.
- Pathway shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.
- Client victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.
- If pregnancy results from conduct specified in number four of this section, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy related medical services.
- Client victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered continued tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.
- Treatment services shall be 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.
- Pathway shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known client-on-client abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

185.383 (b). The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

There were no allegations of sexual abuse reported during the audit time frames.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that evaluation and treatment of residents who have been victimized entails the patient being evaluated by staff and we will determine services needed. This may include a medical assessment or individual therapy.

Residents who reported a sexual abuse: There were no residents who reported sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.383 (c). The facility shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported by the interviewed medical and mental health staff, the treatment and services provided are consistent with the community level of care.

Interviews

Medical and Mental Health Staff: The interviewed staff reported that medical treatment and services is consistent with the community level of care. The mental health staff conducts groups with the residents weekly. Medical services are available 24/7.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.383 (d). Resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The site does not house female residents.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.383 (e). Resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The site does not house female residents.

Corrective Actions:

- N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.383 (f). Resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Compliance Determination:

The facility had demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

- As reported in the PAQ, resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

- Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "client victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered continued tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate" (p. 24).

Interviews

Residents who reported a sexual abuse: There were no residents who reported

sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.383 (g). Treatment services shall be 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, treatment services are 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.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Treatment services shall be 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" (p. 24).

Interviews

Residents who reported a sexual abuse: There were no residents who reported sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.383 (h). The facility shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility, attempts to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offers treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners. Upon admission all juveniles will receive a mental health assessment

	<p>by a professional mental health provider for the purpose of identifying suicidal tendencies, sexual abuse victimization and predatory risk to other residents.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Pathway shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known client-on-client abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners (p. 24).</p> <p>Interviews</p> <p>Medical and Mental Health Staff: Mental Health evaluations are conducted on all resident-on-resident abusers. All assessments are done immediately upon intake and reassessed if something happens.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and Residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.386	Sexual abuse incident reviews
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion
	<p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures

Manual

2. Interviews:

- a. Director
- b. Incident review team
- c. PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.386 (a). The facility shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. The facility provided a document that shows how an incident review debriefing would be documented.

In the past 12 months, the number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility, excluding only "unfounded" incidents: 0.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "Sexual abuse incident reviews will be conducted: A review team will conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. This will be done within 30 days of the conclusion of the initial investigation" (pp. 24-25).

While the facility did not have any sexual abuse allegations, the facility has a form and process to conduct incident reviews.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.386 (b). Such review shall ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The facility ordinarily conducts a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days of the conclusion of the criminal or administrative sexual abuse investigation.

In the past 12 months, the number of criminal and/or administrative investigations of alleged sexual abuse completed at the facility were followed by a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days, excluding only "unfounded" incidents: 0.

While the facility did not have any sexual abuse allegations, the facility has a form and process to conduct incident reviews.

Interviews

PREA Compliance Manager: The interviewed staff reported that they participate in the incident reviews. The PCM completes an administrative review of each incident to ensure that the standards are followed and indicates areas where improvement/corrective action is needed. This report is then given to the PREA Coordinator.

Incident Review Team: The interviewed staff on the incident review team reported that the team will 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 was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility. The team will review to determine any corrective action that is needed and ways to improve processes.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.386 (c). The review team shall include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the sexual abuse incident review team includes upper-level management officials and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "The review team shall include the Director, PREA Compliance Manager, Human Resources staff member, and Senior Shift Leader Supervisor, with input from Shift Leaders and therapists" (p. 25).

While the facility did not have any sexual abuse allegations, the facility has a form and process to conduct incident reviews.

Interviews:

Director: The facility has a sexual abuse incident review team; which includes upper-level management. The team consists of the Program Director, Campus Coordinator, and Senior Shift Leader. The PREA Compliance Manager is also the Director.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.386 (d). The review team shall: (1) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse; (2) Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility; (3) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; (4) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts; (5) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and (6) Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1)-(d)(5) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the facility prepares a report of its findings from sexual abuse incident reviews, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1) -(d)(5) of this section and any recommendations for improvement, and submits such report to the facility head and PREA Compliance Manager.

Sexual Abuse Critical Incident Review Form. The form takes the following into consideration:

1. Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to Sexual Abuse;
2. Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity;

gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics within the program;

3. Discuss the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;

4. Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;

5. Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and

6. Determine whether the facility implemented the recommendation for improvement.

Interviews:

Director: The team does an incident review, the information collected is used to evaluate for potential warning signs that were missed, corrective action that needs to occur including staff trainings, policy changes, or changes to procedures. The review team considers all of the above areas mentioned.

PREA Compliance Manager: The interviewed staff reported that all incidents are reviewed through the process. Corrective actions are taken to address any problems.

Incident Review Team: The interviewed staff on the incident review team reported that the team will 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 was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility. The incident review team examines all areas where abuse has been reported and looks for physical barriers that might enable abuse. The review team will assess staff levels, look for deficiencies, and look to see if staff are present and aware. The incident review team assesses whether additional cameras are needed in certain areas. Cameras are evaluated on whether they need to be repositioned. Overall, the incident review team will review ways to improve processes.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.386 (e). The facility shall implement the recommendations for improvement or shall document its reasons for not doing so.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard

	<p>because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The facility reported in the PAQ, that the facility implements the recommendations for improvement or documents its reasons for not doing so. · Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The review team shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse; § Consider any potential motivators of the incident or allegations; § Examine the area where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; § Assess the adequacy of staffing levels during different shifts · Assess whether monitoring technology should be augmented to supplement supervision § Prepare a report of its findings and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the CEO and PREA Compliance Manager. § Recommendations for improvement shall be implemented, or reasons for not doing so will be documented (pp. 25-26). <p>While the facility did not have any sexual abuse allegations, the facility has a form and a process to conduct incident reviews.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.387	Data collection
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard

Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
- c. Data Collection Instrument (2 investigations)

Findings (By Provision):

115.387 (a). The agency shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "A standardized instrument will be utilized for the purpose of data collection to ensure uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment is collected. This instrument includes, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice" (p. 24).

The data collection instrument completed on the investigations is a tool utilized to collect uniform data on allegations.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.387 (b). The agency shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency aggregates incident-based sexual abuse data annually.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.387 (c). The incident-based data collected shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ the facility uses a standardized instrument includes, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that "A standardized instrument will be utilized for the purpose of data collection to ensure uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment is collected. This instrument includes, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV) conducted by the Department of Justice" (p. 24).

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.387 (d). The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures

	<p>Manual states that Pathway will maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews” (p. 24).</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.387 (e.) N/A the agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents and skip to 115.387 (f).). It was further reported that the data from private facilities complies with SSV reporting regarding content.</p> <p>115.387 (f). Upon request, the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the agency has been required to provide the Department of Justice (DOJ) with data from the previous calendar year.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.388	Data review for corrective action
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

1. Documents:

- a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)
- b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual
- c. Website
- d. 2024 Annual Report

2. Interviews:

- a. Agency head
- b. PREA coordinator
- c. PREA Compliance Manager

Findings (By Provision):

115.388 (a). The agency shall 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: (1) Identifying problem areas; (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, and training, including:

- Identified problem areas;
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and

Preparing an annual report of its findings from its data review and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that the facility will “Ensure that annual reviews include inspection for areas and situations where sexual abuse may be likely to occur and recommend mitigation for those areas and situations. Corrective action will be taken on an ongoing basis.

Produce an annual summary for the Chief Executive Officer that provides an assessment of Pathway's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The annual report shall include the frequency and severity of sexual abuse/sexual harassment within Pathway's facilities including trends during the year, comparisons to previous years, deficiencies identified in the annual report, and corrective action from the previous year's report. The annual report will be available through Pathway's website" (p. 25).

2024 Annual Report: The purpose of the PREA annual report is to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies and practices within the agency. The report includes a review of data collected and aggregated throughout the year, identifies problem areas, takes corrective action, and provides an annual summary of findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as the agency as a whole. It also compares current year data with previous years to evaluate progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head reported that incident based sexual abuse data is used to assess and improve problem areas or other issues are identified and corrective action is taken as needed. After every allegation, problem areas or other issues are identified, and corrective action is taken if needed.

PREA Coordinator: The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that all data is completed. All data is filed in the office of the PREA Coordinator. Only select administrative staff have access to this area. The collected data is reviewed annually to ensure that no data is due to be terminated. Upon review of each PREA related incident, any identified areas of concern are addressed through corrective action. T the data is reviewed yearly and compiled into a yearly report. This report looks at trends for each facility and compares the data from the current year to the previous. The report includes any corrective action taken. It is approved by the CEO and placed on Pathway, Inc's website.

PREA Compliance Manager: The interviewed staff reported that data is collected, and reports made along with the annual reports are kept in a confidential file. The data is sent to the PREA Coordinator.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.388 (b). Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the annual report indicates a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions to those from prior years. The annual report provides an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that the facility will "Produce an annual summary for the Chief Executive Officer that provides an assessment of Pathway's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The annual report shall include the frequency and severity of sexual abuse/sexual harassment within Pathway's facilities including trends during the year, comparisons to previous years, deficiencies identified in the annual report, and corrective action from the previous year's report. The annual report will be available through Pathway's website" (p. 25).

2024 Annual Report: The purpose of the PREA annual report is to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies and practices within the agency. The report includes a review of data collected and aggregated throughout the year, identifies problem areas, takes corrective action, and provides an annual summary of findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as the agency as a whole. It also compares current year data with previous years to evaluate progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.388 (c). The agency's 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency makes its annual report readily available to the public, at least annually, through its website. The agency PREA reports are found at: <https://www.pathway-inc.com/copy-of-services>.

Interviews

Agency Head: The interviewed agency head reported that they approve the agency annual reports. Annual reports are completed after review of the data collected for the year to identify trends and corrective action that may be necessary. These reports are provided to the CEO for review and published on our website.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.388 (d). The agency may redact specific material 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 material redacted.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, the agency redacts material from an annual report for publication, the redactions are limited to specific materials where publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the facility. In addition, the agency indicates the nature of material redacted.

2024 Annual Report: The purpose of the PREA annual report is to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies and practices within the agency. The report includes a review of data collected and aggregated throughout the year, identifies problem areas, takes corrective action, and provides an annual summary of findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as the agency as a whole. It also compares current year data with previous years to evaluate progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Interviews

PREA Coordinator: The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that any personal identifying information of staff or clients would be redacted; however, to date no material has been redacted from our annual reports. If material were redacted, we would indicate the nature of that material.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

Overall Findings:

The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.

115.389	Data storage, publication, and destruction
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p> <p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <p>Documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) b. Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual c. Website: https://www.pathway-inc.com/copy-of-services. 2. Interviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PREA coordinator <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.389 (a). The agency shall ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.387 are securely retained.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>The facility reported in the PAQ that incident-based and aggregate data is securely retained.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Data collected will be securely retained for at least 10 years after the date of its initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise” (p. 26).</p> <p>Site Review: Record Storage</p> <p>During the site review, the auditor evaluated both the physical and electronic security measures in place for records maintained in compliance with the PREA Standards, including sensitive documentation such as risk screening assessments, medical and mental health records, and reports or investigations related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.</p> <p>Physical Record Storage</p> <p>The facility maintains hard copy records in a designated secured storage area. The</p>

auditor observed that access to this area is restricted by lock and key, with entry limited to authorized personnel only. Sensitive documentation, including inmate PREA risk screenings, incident reports, and medical files, is stored in locked filing cabinets within a locked office or file room.

Staff confirmed that only designated personnel—such as clinical staff, investigative staff, or administrative leadership—have access to these files. The process for removing or reviewing records is tracked internally to ensure accountability and prevent unauthorized access.

Electronic Record Storage

Electronic records related to PREA compliance, including risk screening information, case tracking data, and investigative documentation, are stored within a password-protected, role-based access system. Access to these records is limited based on job function and is regularly audited by the facility's IT department.

The auditor spoke with facility IT personnel who confirmed that data systems used for storing PREA-related information are compliant with state and agency security protocols. Access logs are maintained and monitored to detect any unauthorized attempts to view or alter records. Additionally, staff utilize individual logins with secure passwords, and terminals used for accessing records are located in secure areas not accessible to the general population or unauthorized staff.

Informal Conversations with Staff

Through informal interviews, staff demonstrated a clear understanding of confidentiality requirements and access limitations related to sensitive PREA documentation. Staff reported that only those with a "need-to-know" are granted access to case files and related information. Mental health and medical personnel confirmed that clinical files are housed separately from general housing records and are accessible only to appropriate licensed personnel.

The facility's policies and procedures appear to be well implemented and understood by staff responsible for safeguarding PREA-related records.

Interviews

PREA Coordinator: The interviewed PREA Coordinator reported that all data is filed in the office of the PREA Coordinator. Only select administrative staff have access to this area. The collected data is reviewed annually to ensure that no data is due to be terminated. Upon review of each PREA related incident, any identified areas of concern are addressed through corrective action.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.389 (b). The agency shall 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.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, agency policy requires that aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts be made readily available to the public, at least annually, through its website.

Policy: Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that the facility will "Produce an annual summary for the Chief Executive Officer that provides an assessment of Pathway's progress in addressing sexual abuse. The annual report shall include the frequency and severity of sexual abuse/sexual harassment within Pathway's facilities including trends during the year, comparisons to previous years, deficiencies identified in the annual report, and corrective action from the previous year's report. The annual report will be available through Pathway's website" (p. 25).

Website: <https://www.pathway-inc.com/copy-of-services>.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.389 (c). Before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency shall remove all personal identifiers.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

As reported in the PAQ, before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency removes all personal identifiers.

A review of the agency website did not have any personal identifiers. All personal identifiers were removed from the Annual report. Website: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/598b3628197aea4997aafcfb/t/661d88db102fad5a6f89a545/1713-211611368/115.387+PREA+Data+Report+-+Comparison.pdf>

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

	<p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>115.389 (d). The agency shall maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.387 for at least 10 years after the date of its initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <p>As reported in the PAQ, the agency maintains sexual abuse data collected pursuant to §115.387 for at least 10 years after the date of initial collection, unless federal, state, or local law requires otherwise. The agency complies with this provision by maintaining at least 10 years of initial data collection.</p> <p>Policy: The Pathway, Inc. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Policy and Procedures Manual states that “Data collected will be securely retained for at least 10 years after the date of its initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise” (p. 26).</p> <p>Website: https://www.pathway-inc.com/copy-of-services.</p> <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.401	Frequency and scope of audits
	Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard
	Auditor Discussion

The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:

Documents:

- Website: PATHWAY - Services (pathway-inc.com))

Findings (By Provision):

115.401 (a). During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, the agency shall ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, is audited at least once.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

- A review of the agency's website provided PREA audit reports according to cycles.
- The facility PREA reports are included on the agency website.
- DYS Annual Inspection

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.

115.401 (b). As reported by the PREA coordinator, the FACILITY is operated by a private entity (Pathways, Inc.), a contractor for Alabama Division of Youth Services.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

A review of the agency's website provided PREA audit reports according to cycles.

The facility PREA reports are included on the agency website.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility are fully compliant with this provision.

115.401 (h). During the inspection of the physical plant the auditor and was escorted throughout the facility by the Director. The auditor was provided unfettered

access throughout the institution. Specifically, the auditor was not barred or deterred entry to any areas. The auditor had the ability to observe freely, with entry provided to all areas without prohibition. Based on review of documentation the facility is compliant with the intent of the provision.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

On the first day of the audit after the entrance conference, the auditor conducted a comprehensive tour of the facility. It was requested that when the auditor pauses to speak to a resident or staff, that staff on the tour please step away so the conversation might remain private. This request was well respected.

During the site review the auditor made numerous observations, including the posting of Notices of PREA Audits, PREA Related Posters, and TIP Posters (with phone numbers to call to report any concern or condition), notices advising resident that female staff routinely work in the facility, locations of showers and privacy issues, bathrooms, medical/grievance boxes, requests forms and boxes for requests, configuration of living units, capacities of dorm/bed rooms, observations of blind spots, camera deployment, the use of mirrors to mitigate blind spots, staffing levels, supervision of resident, accessibility to telephones and instructions for using the phones to report sexual abuse, main control room, dayroom, classrooms, etc..

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility are fully compliant with this provision.

115.401 (i). During the on-site visit, the auditor was provided access to any and all documents requested. All documents requested were received to include, but not limited to employee and resident files, sensitive documents, and investigation reports. Based on review of documentation the facility is compliant with the intent of the provision.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The auditor provided the facility with a documentation checklist. The checklist is organized by standards to help the facility through the pre-audit, onsite and post audit phase and to provide the requested documentation by auditor.

The PREA coordinator/compliance manager provided the auditor with all relevant documents as requested.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility are fully compliant with this provision.

115.401 (m). The auditor provided private rooms throughout the facility to conduct resident interviews. The staff staged the residents in a fashion that the auditor did not have to wait between interviews. The rooms provided for resident interviews were soundproof and somewhat visually confidential from other residents who were judged to have provided an environment in which the offenders felt comfortable to openly share PREA-related content during interview.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

- During the pre-audit period, the facility received instructions to post the required PREA Audit Notice of the upcoming audit prior to the on-site visit for confidential communications. The facility posted the notices in English and Spanish. The auditor received email and pictures confirming the posted notices and observed the posted notices on-site.
- As of July 30, 2025, there was no communication from a resident or staff. Staff interviews indicated that Residents are permitted to send confidential information or correspondence in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel.

Corrective Actions:

N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.

Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility are fully compliant with this provision.

115.401 (n). Residents were able to submit confidential information via written letters to the auditor PO Box or during the interviews with the auditor. The auditor did not receive any correspondence from the residents of the facility.

Compliance Determination:

The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:

The auditor reached out to the following organizations:

- o National Child Abuse Hotline
- o Local Child Advocacy Center (Baldwin)
- o Alabama DYS

	<p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility are fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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115.403	Audit contents and findings
	<p>Auditor Overall Determination: Meets Standard</p>
	<p>Auditor Discussion</p> <p>The following evidence was analyzed in making compliance determination:</p> <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Website: PATHWAY - Services (pathway-inc.com)) <p>Findings (By Provision):</p> <p>115.403 (f). The agency shall ensure that the auditor's final report is published on the agency's website if it has one or is otherwise made readily available to the public.</p> <p>Compliance Determination:</p> <p>The facility has demonstrated compliance with this provision of the standard because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The facility's final PREA reports are published on the agency website. <p>Corrective Actions:</p> <p>N/A. There are no corrective actions for this provision.</p> <p>Based on review and analysis of the available evidence, the auditor has determined that the agency and facility is fully compliant with this provision.</p> <p>Overall Findings:</p> <p>The auditor uses a triangulation approach, by connecting the PREA facility</p>

	<p>documentation, agency policies, on-site observation, site review of the facility, facility practices, interviewed staff and residents, local and national advocates, and online PREA Audit: Pre-Audit Questionnaire to make determinations. Based on analysis, the facility is compliant with all provisions in this standard.</p>
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Appendix: Provision Findings		
115.311 (a)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.311 (b)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?	yes
	Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?	yes
	Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities?	yes
115.311 (c)	Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator	
	If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
	Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)	yes
115.312 (a)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	
	If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.)	na
115.312 (b)	Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents	

	Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents OR the response to 115.312(a)-1 is "NO".)	na
115.313 (a)	Supervision and monitoring	
	Does the agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility has implemented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Generally accepted juvenile detention and correctional/secure residential practices?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate	yes

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

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

	functions of the facility? (N/A for non-secure facilities)	
115.315 (a)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?	yes
115.315 (b)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches in non-exigent circumstances?	yes
115.315 (c)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility document and justify all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?	yes
	Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches?	yes
115.315 (d)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	Does the facility implement policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?	yes
	Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit?	yes
	In facilities (such as group homes) that do not contain discrete housing units, does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing? (N/A for facilities with discrete housing units)	yes
115.315 (e)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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?	yes
	If a resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility	yes

	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?	
115.315 (f)	Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches	
	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?	yes
	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?	yes
115.316 (a)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are blind or have low vision?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including:	yes

	Residents who have speech disabilities?	
	Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other? (if "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?	yes
	Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have intellectual disabilities?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
	Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Who are blind or have low vision?	yes
115.316 (b)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are limited English proficient?	yes
	Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?	yes
115.316 (c)	Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient	
	Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's	yes

	safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?	
115.317 (a)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the bullet immediately above?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?	yes
	Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the two bullets immediately above?	yes
115.317 (b)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents?	yes
115.317	Hiring and promotion decisions	

(c)		
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consult any child abuse registry maintained by the State or locality in which the employee would work?	yes
	Before hiring new employees who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?	yes
115.317 (d)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes
	Does the agency consult applicable child abuse registries before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?	yes
115.317 (e)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?	yes
115.317 (f)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?	yes
	Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current	yes

	employees?	
	Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?	yes
115.317 (g)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?	yes
115.317 (h)	Hiring and promotion decisions	
	Unless prohibited by law, does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)	yes
115.318 (a)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	na
115.318 (b)	Upgrades to facilities and technologies	
	If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)	na
115.321 (a)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	

	If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
115.321 (b)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)	yes
	Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based 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.)	yes
115.321 (c)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?	yes
	Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?	yes
	If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?	yes
115.321 (d)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?	yes

	If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member?	yes
	Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?	yes
115.321 (e)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?	yes
	As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?	yes
115.321 (f)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse.)	na
115.321 (h)	Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations	
	If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (Check N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.321(d) above.)	na
115.322 (a)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?	yes

115.322 (b)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	Does the agency have a policy in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?	yes
	Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?	yes
	Does the agency document all such referrals?	yes
115.322 (c)	Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations	
	If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.321(a))	yes
115.331 (a)	Employee training	
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes

	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse and how to distinguish between consensual sexual contact and sexual abuse between residents?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?	yes
	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?	yes
	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?	yes
	Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent?	yes
115.331 (b)	Employee training	
	Is such training tailored to the unique needs and attributes of residents of juvenile facilities?	yes
	Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?	yes
	Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa?	yes
115.331 (c)	Employee training	
	Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training?	yes
	Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?	yes
	In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?	yes

115.331 (d)	Employee training	
	Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?	yes
115.332 (a)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?	yes
115.332 (b)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents)?	yes
115.332 (c)	Volunteer and contractor training	
	Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?	yes
115.333 (a)	Resident education	
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	During intake, do residents receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	Is this information presented in an age-appropriate fashion?	yes
115.333 (b)	Resident education	
	Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate	yes

	comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	
	Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?	yes
	Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?	yes
115.333 (c)	Resident education	
	Have all residents received such education?	yes
	Do residents receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the resident's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?	yes
115.333 (d)	Resident education	
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are limited English proficient?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are deaf?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are visually impaired?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are otherwise disabled?	yes
	Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Have limited reading skills?	yes
115.333 (e)	Resident education	
	Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?	yes
115.333 (f)	Resident education	

	In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats?	yes
115.334 (a)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.331, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.334 (b)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does this specialized training include: The criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.334 (c)	Specialized training: Investigations	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes

115.335 (a)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
115.335 (b)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams or the agency does not employ medical staff.)	yes
115.335 (c)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes

115.335 (d)	Specialized training: Medical and mental health care	
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.331? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities.)	yes
	Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.332? (N/A if the agency does not have any full- or part-time medical or mental health care practitioners contracted by or volunteering for the agency.)	yes
115.341 (a)	Obtaining information from residents	
	Within 72 hours of the resident's arrival at the facility, does the agency obtain and use information about each resident's personal history and behavior to reduce risk of sexual abuse by or upon a resident?	yes
	Does the agency also obtain this information periodically throughout a resident's confinement?	yes
115.341 (b)	Obtaining information from residents	
	Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?	yes
115.341 (c)	Obtaining information from residents	
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness?	yes
	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?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Current charges and offense history?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does	yes

	the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Age?	
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Level of emotional and cognitive development?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical size and stature?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Mental illness or mental disabilities?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Intellectual or developmental disabilities?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical disabilities?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?	yes
	During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any other specific information about individual residents that may indicate heightened needs for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other residents?	yes
115.341 (d)	Obtaining information from residents	
	Is this information ascertained: Through conversations with the resident during the intake process and medical mental health screenings?	yes
	Is this information ascertained: During classification assessments?	yes
	Is this information ascertained: By reviewing court records, case files, facility behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident's files?	yes
115.341 (e)	Obtaining information from residents	
	Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked	yes

	pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents?	
115.342 (a)	Placement of residents	
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Housing Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Bed assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Work Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Education Assignments?	yes
	Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Program Assignments?	yes
115.342 (b)	Placement of residents	
	Are residents isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of keeping all residents safe can be arranged?	yes
	During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents daily large-muscle exercise?	yes
	During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents any legally required educational programming or special education services?	yes
	Do residents in isolation receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?	yes
	Do residents also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes

115.342 (c)	Placement of residents	
	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?	yes
	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?	yes
	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?	yes
	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?	yes
115.342 (d)	Placement of residents	
	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)?	yes
	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?	yes
115.342 (e)	Placement of residents	
	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?	yes
115.342 (f)	Placement of residents	
	Are each transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when	yes

	making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?	
115.342 (g)	Placement of residents	
	Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents?	yes
115.342 (h)	Placement of residents	
	If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the resident's safety? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)	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?)	na
115.342 (i)	Placement of residents	
	In the case of each resident who is isolated as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?	yes
115.351 (a)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: 2. Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?	yes
115.351 (b)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private	yes

	entity or office that is not part of the agency?	
	Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?	yes
	Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?	yes
	Are residents detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security to report sexual abuse or harassment?	yes
115.351 (c)	Resident reporting	
	Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?	yes
	Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
115.351 (d)	Resident reporting	
	Does the facility provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report?	yes
115.351 (e)	Resident reporting	
	Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?	yes
115.352 (a)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.	yes
115.352 (b)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	Does the agency permit residents to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency always refrain from requiring an resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.352 (c)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency ensure that: A resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.352 (d)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the agency determines that the 90 day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time (the maximum allowable extension of time to respond is 70 days per 115.352(d)(3)) , does the agency notify the resident in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.352 (e)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	

	Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third party, other than a parent or legal guardian, files such a request on behalf of a resident, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Is a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile allowed to file a grievance regarding allegations of sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such juvenile? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	If a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile files a grievance (or an appeal) on behalf of a juvenile regarding allegations of sexual abuse, is it the case that those grievances are not conditioned upon the juvenile agreeing to have the request filed on his or her behalf? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.352 (f)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes

	After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
	Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.352 (g)	Exhaustion of administrative remedies	
	If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)	yes
115.353 (a)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by providing, posting, or otherwise making accessible mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?	yes
	Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies?	yes
	Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?	yes
115.353 (b)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the facility inform residents, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and	yes

	the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?	
115.353 (c)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?	yes
	Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?	yes
115.353 (d)	Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation	
	Does the facility provide residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or other legal representation?	yes
	Does the facility provide residents with reasonable access to parents or legal guardians?	yes
115.354 (a)	Third-party reporting	
	Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?	yes
	Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident?	yes
115.361 (a)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?	yes
	Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or	yes

	information they receive regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?	
115.361 (b)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the agency require all staff to comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws?	yes
115.361 (c)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local services agencies, are staff prohibited from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?	yes
115.361 (d)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse to designated supervisors and officials pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section as well as to the designated State or local services agency where required by mandatory reporting laws?	yes
	Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of their duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?	yes
115.361 (e)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the appropriate office?	yes
	Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's parents or legal guardians unless the facility has official documentation showing the parents or legal guardians should not be notified?	yes
	If the alleged victim is under the guardianship of the child welfare system, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's caseworker instead of	yes

	the parents or legal guardians? (N/A if the alleged victim is not under the guardianship of the child welfare system.)	
	If a juvenile court retains jurisdiction over the alleged victim, does the facility head or designee also report the allegation to the juvenile's attorney or other legal representative of record within 14 days of receiving the allegation?	yes
115.361 (f)	Staff and agency reporting duties	
	Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?	yes
115.362 (a)	Agency protection duties	
	When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?	yes
115.363 (a)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?	yes
	Does the head of the facility that received the allegation also notify the appropriate investigative agency?	yes
115.363 (b)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?	yes
115.363 (c)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?	yes
115.363 (d)	Reporting to other confinement facilities	
	Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in	yes

	accordance with these standards?	
115.364 (a)	Staff first responder duties	
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
	Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?	yes
115.364 (b)	Staff first responder duties	
	If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?	yes
115.365 (a)	Coordinated response	
	Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse?	yes
115.366 (a)	Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers	

	Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?	yes
115.367 (a)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff?	yes
	Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?	yes
115.367 (b)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Does the agency employ multiple protection measures for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services?	yes
115.367 (c)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report	yes

	of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?	
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Any resident disciplinary reports?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Resident housing changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Resident program changes?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Negative performance reviews of staff?	yes
	Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Reassignments of staff?	yes
	Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?	yes
115.367 (d)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?	yes
115.367 (e)	Agency protection against retaliation	
	If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?	yes
115.368 (a)	Post-allegation protective custody	
	Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect a resident who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.342?	yes

115.371 (a)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or harassment. See 115.321(a).)	yes
	Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? (N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or harassment. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.371 (b)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims as required by 115.334?	yes
115.371 (c)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?	yes
	Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?	yes
	Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?	yes
115.371 (d)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency always refrain from terminating an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation?	yes
115.371 (e)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution?	yes
115.371	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	

(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?	yes
	Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?	yes
115.371 (g)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?	yes
	Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?	yes
115.371 (h)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?	yes
115.371 (i)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?	yes
115.371 (j)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.371(g) and (h) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years unless the abuse was committed by a juvenile resident and applicable law requires a shorter period of retention?	yes
115.371 (k)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency	yes

	does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?	
115.371 (m)	Criminal and administrative agency investigations	
	When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)	yes
115.372 (a)	Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations	
	Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?	yes
115.373 (a)	Reporting to residents	
	Following an investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse suffered in the facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?	yes
115.373 (b)	Reporting to residents	
	If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)	yes
115.373 (c)	Reporting to residents	
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency	yes

	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?	
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.373 (d)	Reporting to residents	
	Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
	Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?	yes
115.373 (e)	Reporting to residents	
	Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?	yes
115.376 (a)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?	yes

115.376 (b)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?	yes
115.376 (c)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories?	yes
115.376 (d)	Disciplinary sanctions for staff	
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal?	yes
	Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.377 (a)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?	yes
	Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?	yes
115.377 (b)	Corrective action for contractors and volunteers	
	In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents?	yes

115.378 (a)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, may residents be subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?	yes
115.378 (b)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Are disciplinary sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied daily large-muscle exercise?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied access to any legally required educational programming or special education services?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident receives daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?	yes
	In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the resident also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?	yes
115.378 (c)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?	yes
115.378 (d)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to offer the offending resident participation in such interventions?	yes

	If the agency requires participation in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives, does it always refrain from requiring such participation as a condition to accessing general programming or education?	yes
115.378 (e)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?	yes
115.378 (f)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	For the purpose of disciplinary action, does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?	yes
115.378 (g)	Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents	
	Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)	yes
115.381 (a)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?	yes
115.381 (b)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?	yes
115.381 (c)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	

	Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?	yes
115.381 (d)	Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse	
	Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from residents before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the resident is under the age of 18?	yes
115.382 (a)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Do resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?	yes
115.382 (b)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.362?	yes
	Do staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?	yes
115.382 (c)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?	yes
115.382 (d)	Access to emergency medical and mental health services	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial	yes

	cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	
115.383 (a)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?	yes
115.383 (b)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?	yes
115.383 (c)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?	yes
115.383 (d)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.)	na
115.383 (e)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.383(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.)	na
115.383 (f)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?	yes
115.383 (g)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or	yes

	cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?	
115.383 (h)	Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers	
	Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners?	yes
115.386 (a)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?	yes
115.386 (b)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?	yes
115.386 (c)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?	yes
115.386 (d)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?	yes
	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?	yes
	Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?	yes
	Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?	yes

	Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?	yes
	Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.386(d)(1)-(d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?	yes
115.386 (e)	Sexual abuse incident reviews	
	Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?	yes
115.387 (a)	Data collection	
	Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions?	yes
115.387 (b)	Data collection	
	Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?	yes
115.387 (c)	Data collection	
	Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?	yes
115.387 (d)	Data collection	
	Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?	yes
115.387 (e)	Data collection	
	Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for	na

	the confinement of its residents.)	
115.387 (f)	Data collection	
	Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)	yes
115.388 (a)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?	yes
	Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?	yes
115.388 (b)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse?	yes
115.388 (c)	Data review for corrective action	
	Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.388 (d)	Data review for corrective action	
	Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when	yes

	publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?	
115.389 (a)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.387 are securely retained?	yes
115.389 (b)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?	yes
115.389 (c)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?	yes
115.389 (d)	Data storage, publication, and destruction	
	Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.387 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?	yes
115.401 (a)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	During the prior three-year audit period, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (Note: The response here is purely informational. A "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	yes
115.401 (b)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Is this the first year of the current audit cycle? (Note: a "no" response does not impact overall compliance with this standard.)	no
	If this is the second year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited during the first year of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the second year of the current audit cycle.)	na

	If this is the third year of the current audit cycle, did the agency ensure that at least two-thirds of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, were audited during the first two years of the current audit cycle? (N/A if this is not the third year of the current audit cycle.)	yes
115.401 (h)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?	yes
115.401 (i)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?	yes
115.401 (m)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?	yes
115.401 (n)	Frequency and scope of audits	
	Were inmates, residents, and detainees permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?	yes
115.403 (f)	Audit contents and findings	
	The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AUDIT. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or, in the case of single facility agencies, there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)	yes