



Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services, Lincoln and Calumet Centers, PREA annual report

Prison Rape Elimination Act 2024 Annual Data and Annual Report

Spectrum Human Services' juvenile justice residential facilities, Lincoln Center and Calumet Center, are required to adopt and comply with all standards of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). In accordance with this federal law, Spectrum Human Services has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment of its juvenile justice program residents. Lincoln Center and Calumet Center have preventive plans in place and, should allegations regarding sexual abuse or harassment be made, all personnel are trained to rapidly restore safety, attend to and support the victim, and promptly initiate a thorough investigative process. Audits of each facility are required every three years to ensure compliance with PREA standards.

Reporting Sexual Abuse or Harassment

Lincoln Center and Calumet Center policy requires that youths be provided with multiple ways to report sexual abuse, suspected abuse, and sexual harassment. Youth are provided with an orientation on the multiple reporting options available to them. Lincoln and Calumet Centers ensure that youth who report sexual abuse or harassment, and supporting witnesses, are protected from retaliation. Reporting options include:

- Verbally to any staff, counselor or administrator.
- In writing to any staff, counselor or administrator.
- In writing through the youth and family grievance process.
- Verbally or in writing to an advocate, parent, legal guardian, or attorney.
- Externally by telephoning Children's Protective Services at 1-855-444-3911.

Youth's family members and the public are also encouraged to report suspected sexual abuse or harassment of youth in custody. Anonymous and third-party reports must be accepted. The MDHHS Children's Protective Services line, 1-855-444-3911, can be utilized at any time to report suspected abuse or neglect of children, including sexual abuse.

2024 Sexual Abuse Allegation Data

Data for the 2024 calendar year on sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations made at Lincoln Center and Calumet Center follows:

Lincoln Center

Demographic Data

Number of youths held in this facility on Dec. 31, 2024 was:

- Male: 50
- Female: 0
- Total: 50

Age of the youths held in this facility was:

- Age 17 or younger: 54
- Ages 18-20: 35
- Age 21 or older: 0

Number of youths admitted to this facility and discharged from this facility was:

- Admitted: 49
- Discharged: 40

Lincoln Center:

- Kept a record of all allegations of youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts, whether substantiated or not, and kept a record of all allegations of attempted youth-on-youth non-consensual acts, whether the allegation was substantiated or not. One (1) allegation of youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts was made in this facility. The allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated.
- Kept a record of all allegations of youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact, whether substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact were made in this facility.
- Kept a record of all allegations of youth-on-youth sexual harassment, whether substantiated or not. One (1) allegation of youth-on-youth sexual harassment was made in this facility. The allegation was substantiated.
- Kept a record of all allegations of staff sexual misconduct, whether the allegation was substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of staff sexual misconduct were made in this facility.
- Kept a record of all allegations of staff sexual harassment, whether the allegation was substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of staff sexual harassment were made in this facility.

Calumet Center

Demographic Data

Number of youths held in this facility on Dec. 31, 2024 was:

- Male: 15
- Female: 6

- Total: 21

Age of the youths held in this facility was:

- Age 17 or younger: 43
- Ages 18-20: 9
- Age 21 or older: 0

Number of youths admitted to this facility and discharged from this facility was:

- Admitted: 42
- Discharged: 30

Calumet Center:

- Kept a record of all allegations of youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts, whether substantiated or not, and kept a record of all allegations of attempted youth-on-youth non-consensual acts, whether the allegation was substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts were made in this facility.
- Kept a record of all allegations of youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact, whether substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact were made in this facility.
- Kept a record of all allegations of youth-on-youth sexual harassment, whether substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of youth-on-youth sexual harassment were made in this facility.
- Kept a record of all allegations of staff sexual misconduct, whether the allegation was substantiated or not. One (1) allegation of staff sexual misconduct was made in this facility. The allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated.
- Kept a record of all allegations of staff sexual harassment, whether the allegation was substantiated or not. Zero (0) allegations of staff sexual harassment was made in this facility.

Sexual Abuse Allegation Year-to-Year Comparison Data

There was a statistical change in the number of allegations of youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts from Lincoln Center in 2023 versus 2024. There were zero (0) allegations made in 2023 and one (1) allegation in 2024. This was determined to be unsubstantiated. Additionally, there was one (1) allegation of youth-on-youth sexual harassment in 2024, as opposed to 2023's allegations of zero (0). This allegation was determined to be substantiated.

The number of allegations of staff sexual misconduct remained consistent from Calumet Center in 2023 and 2024; however, in 2024, the allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated versus the 2023 allegation determined as unfounded.

PREA Audits

PREA will be conducting a renewal Audit of both Calumet and Lincoln Centers in 2025 – the final report from that auditor will be posted on the website.

PREA audits must be conducted at both facilities by a U.S. Department of Justice-certified auditor. Both Calumet and Lincoln Centers were last audited in 2022. The final report of that PREA audit is posted on this website which met the juvenile standards.

PREA audits are robust and auditors are exacting in requiring that facilities comply with all the PREA juvenile standards. As a result, facilities that have successfully completed an audit will have youth, staff, and investigators that are better educated on their rights and responsibilities under PREA for zero tolerance of sexual abuse and harassment. PREA Standards require youth and staff education, require that youth have the unrestricted right to use a grievance process and other avenues to report allegations, and that reporting youth and supporting witnesses be protected from retaliation for reporting. A full listing of the juvenile standards can be found online at the National PREA Resource Center website.