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APPALACHIAN YOUTH SERVICE (AYS)
ANNUAL REPORT OF FINDINGS
PREA Standard 115.388

Year Time Frame: October 2025 thru October 2026

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted to eliminate sexual abuse and harassment in confinement settings. PREA's implementing regulations, the "Final National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape," were published by the Department of Justice and became effective on June 20, 2012.

Appalachian Youth Service provides community-based residential services for males from the ages of 9-21. Appalachian Youth Service is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and abides by their regulations. Appalachian Youth Service has a zero policy for all forms of abuse, harassment, and retaliation. All allegations of abuse, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and substantial risks of imminent sexual abuse are reported to ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313 or the Adult Protective Services Hotline (if over 18) at 1-800-490-8505.

To demonstrate compliance with PREA, juvenile facilities must be audited every three years. Appalachian Youth Service was last audited by a certified PREA auditor in July 2024. The final audit report dated February 6, 2025 stated that Appalachian Youth Service met all standards.

I. Findings for this noted Year Time Frame:

Review of Incidents during this Period

During the year reviewed, October 2025 thru October 2026, AYS had zero (0) allegations or incidents of abuse, harassment, or retaliation.

II. Corrective Actions Taken During this Period:

None needed.

III. Comparison of Data and Corrective Actions from this Period to Those of the Prior Year:

Youth on Youth Sexual Victimization

In 2026, there were zero (0) reports of youth-on-youth sexual victimization.

Youth on Youth Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0

Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0

Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0

Staff Sexual Misconduct

In 2026, there were zero (0) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Staff on Youth Sexual Misconduct	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0

In 2026, there were zero (0) reports of staff sexual harassment.

Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0

IV. Assessment of AYS' Progress in Addressing the Prevention and Detection of Abuse and Harassment:

AYS is proud of our long history of providing a safe and secure therapeutic environment for the individuals placed in our care. During this time frame we maintained our compliance with PREA standards. We had no incidents or allegations of abuse, harassment, or retaliation.

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