

**CT Renaissance, Inc.**  
**Annual PREA Report**  
**January 2018-December 2018**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted to prevent sexual assaults and harassment in residential facilities housing individuals under the control of various components of the judicial system. PREA's provisions apply to both client/client and client/staff interactions. CT Renaissance has zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. CT Renaissance ensures training, education, prevention, detection, response, investigation, and tracking of all reported acts of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The agency will take necessary measures to ensure protection of those reporting or assisting in the investigation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

CT Renaissance provides victims with access to external victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse. Clients may make verbal or written reports of sexual abuse or harassment to their Clinician, Program Director, PREA Coordinator, or any other employee they feel comfortable in reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment. They may also contact Safe Haven, 29 Central Ave in Waterbury, CT at (203) 753-3613 for sexual assault services or The Center for Family Justice located at 753 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, 203-334-6154, with whom the agency maintains Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). The crisis centers shall forward reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials. Clients may remain anonymous if they desire. Clients also may call 911 for an immediate report to local and CT State Police.

In accordance with state and federal regulations, CT Renaissance Annual PREA Report for January 2018-December 2018 is as follows:

**Community Confinement: CT Renaissance West at 265 West Avenue, Waterbury**

CT Renaissance West is a 50 bed substance abuse treatment program. Renaissance West was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016. In 2016 and 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at the facility. In 2018, there was one unsubstantiated report of sexual abuse by staff member against a resident. There were no reported incidents of sexual harassment in the facility in 2018. The facility underwent an audit by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor on May 8-9, 2019, the results of which are pending.

**Community Confinement: CT Renaissance Central Work Release at 24 Central Avenue, Waterbury**

CT Renaissance Central Work Release is a 45 bed community work release facility. Central had 1 unsubstantiated PREA allegation in 2017 and none in 2016 or 2018. The facility was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016 and is scheduled for an audit by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor July 17-18, 2019.

**Community Confinement: CT Renaissance East Work Release at 31 Wolcott Street, Waterbury**

CT Renaissance East Work Release is a 64 bed work release facility. CT Renaissance East had 2 unfounded allegations in 2016 and 1 unsubstantiated allegation in 2017, with no allegations in 2018. CT Renaissance East was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in May 2018.

**Community Confinement: Maple Street Work Release at 575 Maple Street, Bridgeport**

Maple Street is a 61 bed work release program, reopened in April 2017. There were no PREA allegations at Maple Street in 2017 or 2018. Maple Street is due for a PREA audit by April 2020.

**Summary of PREA Allegations 2016-2018  
CT Renaissance, Inc.**

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
CT Renaissance West		1 (2018)		1
Central Work Release		1 (2017)		1
East Work Release	2 (2016)	1 (2017)		3
Maple Street Work Release (since 2017 reopening)				0
<b>TOTAL 2016-2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

Outcomes Definitions

- **Substantiated allegation:** The allegation was determined to have occurred by a preponderance of evidence.
- **Unsubstantiated allegation:** The evidence was insufficient to make a final determination that the allegation was true or false.
- **Unfounded allegation:** The allegation was determined not to have occurred.

**Total PREA Allegations by Year  
CT Renaissance, Inc.**

Year	West	Central Work Release	East Work Release	Maple Street	Total
2016	0	0	2	na	2
2017	0	1	1	0	2
2018	1	0	0	0	1
Total	1	1	3	0	5

**2018 Summary**

In 2018, there was one (1) PREA allegation among the agency's four community confinement facilities. The allegation, which was made at CT Renaissance West, was determined to be unsubstantiated. From 2016-2018, the total number PREA allegations declined.

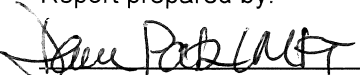
**PREA in 2019**

While the agency has always provided PREA training to new and existing employees, in 2019, the agency implemented a comprehensive monthly New Employee Orientation program, which includes PREA training for all participants.

In February 2019, a new PREA Coordinator was designated, who is also the agency's Clinical Performance and Outcomes Director.

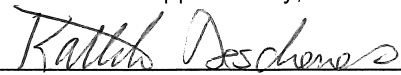
The agency has two PREA audits scheduled in 2019, CT Renaissance West in May and Central Work Release in July.

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