

## CT Renaissance Annual PREA Report 2017

The following report identifies the number of allegations reported at each work release facility, the corrective actions recommended and those taken, if appropriate.

**Community Confinement: Work Release at 24 Central Ave:** 24 Central Ave is a 45 bed community work release facility. In 2017 there was one reported allegation of staff misconduct and violation of staff/resident boundary which triggered a PREA incident report and investigation. The staff member was placed on immediate suspension pending the DOC investigation and during the suspension, the employee resigned from the position. DOC did not find any evidence of sexual abuse however did refer the incident to their PREA unit. Upon internal review of the incident, the PREA Incident Review Team recommended that all new hires will receive PREA Training in the New Employee Orientation. This practice was implemented on October 25, 2017 when PREA training was included in the New Employee Orientation. There were no additional allegations at the 24 Central Program site in 2017. In comparison, there were zero allegations of sexual harassment or sexual abuse at 24 Central in 2016. This was an increase of one incident reported in 2017 compared to zero in 2016.

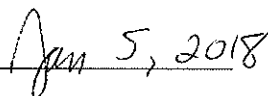
**Community Confinement: Work Release at EAST, 31 Wolcott St:** EAST is a 64 bed work release facility. In August of 2017, there was one PREA allegation which resulted in DOC referring the incident to their PREA investigations unit. The Parole Office, Jamie Babich directed the staff at EAST to place the employee on immediate suspension pending the investigation. The allegations for sexual misconduct were not substantiated however there was sufficient evidence that the employee violated Agency policy and procedures for maintaining professional and ethical boundaries. The employee was terminated and will not be eligible for re-hire. The PREA Incident Review Team discussed the need for ongoing PREA training with a strong emphasis on professional boundaries and increased individual supervision for female employees who are identified as having relaxed boundaries with male residents. These supervisions will be documented and all staff will participate in an annual PREA refresher training session. In 2017, there was a decrease in incidents as there were 2 reported in EAST in 2016.

**Community Confinement: Work Release at Maple St:** Maple St is a 61 bed work release program in Bridgeport, CT. Maple St was reopened in April 2017. There have been zero allegations of sexual harassment and/or sexual abuse at the Maple St location. Since the facility re-opened in April 2017, all PREA P&Ps have been implemented and the staff at Maple St trained on all of the P&Ps related to PREA standards and practices.

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