

**CT Renaissance, Inc.**  
**Annual PREA Report**  
**January 2020-December 2020**

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 2020-December 2020 is as follows:

**Community Confinement: CT Renaissance West at 466 West Main St, Waterbury**

CT Renaissance West is a 40 bed substance abuse treatment program. Renaissance West was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016 and 2019. In 2020, there were no reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in the facility.

**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. The facility was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016 and 2019. In 2020, there were no reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in the facility.

**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 no PREA allegations in 2020. 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 2020. Maple Street was scheduled for a PREA audit in July, 2020 then rescheduled to October, 2020. The audit was cancelled due to COVID related restrictions for travel and will be rescheduled for 2021.

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
CT Renaissance West	0	0	0	0
Central Work Release	0	0	0	0
East Work Release	0	0	0	0
Maple Street Work Release	0	0	0	0
Total 2020	0	0	0	0

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.

**2020 Summary**

In 2020, there were no PREA allegations among the four community confinement facilities at CT Renaissance.

**PREA in 2021**

The agency has continued to provide PREA training for all new hires New Employee Orientation program. Trainings in mandated reporting and pat searches have been updated and are available to new and existing staff. Maple Street and East Work Release are due for PREA audits in 2021.

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