

CT Renaissance, Inc.
Annual PREA Report
January 2024-December 2024

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 contact the statewide CT Sexual Assault Crisis Service (24 hours) at 1-888-999-5545 in English and 1-888-568-8332 in Spanish. 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 2024-December 2024 is as follows:

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

CT Renaissance's Waterbury West is a 44 bed substance abuse treatment program. Waterbury West was last certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ PREA auditor in 2022. In 2024, there was one reported PREA allegation involving an inappropriate relationship between staff and client. The investigation determined that the allegation was unsubstantiated. West is next scheduled for a PREA audit in March 2025.

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 last certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2022. In 2024, there were no reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in the facility. Central is next scheduled for a PREA audit in March 2025.

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

CT Renaissance East Work Release is a 64-bed work release facility. The facility was last certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ- certified PREA auditor in 2024. In 2024, there was one allegation of an inappropriate relationship between a staff member and client. This allegation was substantiated. The staff was immediately terminated and is ineligible for rehire. East is next scheduled for a PREA audit in 2027.

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

Maple Street is a 61-bed work release program. There was one PREA allegation in 2024 where a resident alleged that personal pictures were viewed by staff when his phone was confiscated. It was determined that the allegation was unfounded. The images were shared with appropriate staff and parole for the purposes of determining a deviation while the client was out on pass. The program was last certified by a DOJ PREA auditor in 2024. The program is next scheduled for a PREA audit in 2027.

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
West Residential	0	1	0	1
Central Work Release	0	0	0	0
East Work Release	0	0	1	1
Maple Street Work Release	1	0	0	1
Total 2024	1	1	1	3

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.

2024 Summary

In 2024, there were 3 PREA allegations among the four community confinement facilities at CT Renaissance. Immediate action was appropriately taken to ensure the safety of all involved while investigations were seen through to resolution.

PREA in 2025

The agency has continued to provide PREA training for all new hires New Employee Orientation program. Online refresher trainings are available for staff to meet the annual training requirement. Pat search training has been added to New Employee Orientation program. Central Work Release and West Residential will be audited by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2025.

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