

CT Renaissance, Inc.
Annual PREA Report
January 2025-December 2025

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 reporting to. 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). Clients may remain anonymous if they desire and may also contact local or CT State Police.

In accordance with state and federal regulations, CT Renaissance Annual PREA Report for January 2025–December 2025 is as follows:

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

CT Renaissance West is a 24-bed substance abuse treatment program. In November 2025, the program reduced its capacity from 44 beds to 24 beds. During 2025, two PREA allegations were reported at this facility; both were substantiated. One allegation involved a staff member engaging in inappropriate sharing of personal information and inappropriate sexual conversations with clients. The second allegation involved a staff member rubbing against a client while making sexually inappropriate comments. Both matters were addressed in accordance with agency policy and PREA standards. In each instance, the employee was terminated and deemed ineligible for rehire. The program was most recently certified by a DOJ PREA auditor in 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. In 2025, there were no reported PREA allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at this facility. The program was last certified by a DOJ PREA auditor in 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. In 2025, there were two PREA allegations reported involving claims of inappropriate pat searches. Both allegations were determined to be unfounded following review of available video evidence.

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

Maple Street is a 61-bed work release program. In 2025, one PREA-related allegation was reported involving an employee sharing personal contact information and engaging in conversations outside the scope of job duties. The allegation was determined to be unfounded. The investigation did identify a violation of agency policy related to undue familiarity, with no allegations of a sexual nature, which was addressed through appropriate administrative action.

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
West Residential	0	0	2	2
Central Work Release	0	0	0	0
East Work Release	2	0	0	2
Maple Street Work Release	1	0	0	1
Total 2025	2	1	2	5

Outcome 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.

2025 Summary

In 2025, there were five PREA allegations reported across CT Renaissance community confinement facilities. All allegations were reported, investigated, and documented in accordance with PREA requirements. The agency continued to demonstrate its commitment to PREA compliance and the safety of all clients.

PREA in 2026

The agency has continued to provide PREA training and pat search training for all new hires New Employee Orientation program. Online refresher training courses are available for staff to meet the annual training requirement. Maple Street and East Work Release will be audited by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2027.

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