# Keeton Corrections Inc.

# 2024 PREA Annual Report

**Keeton Corrections Inc. mandates zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.**

**The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of September 4, 2003, was enacted by the United States Congress to address the problem of sexual assault in all United States penal facilities.**

**PREA supports the elimination, reduction, and prevention of sexual assault/rape within our prisons, community corrections centers and local jails. PREA applies to Offender-on Offender and Staff-on-Offender sexual misconduct.**

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**(In accordance with Standard 115.88)**

Keeton Corrections Inc. (KCI) has been operating Residential Reentry Center's (RRC) facilities since 1982. KCI is committed to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and enhancing the safety and security for all KCI offender. It is the policy for KCI to provide a safe and secure environment for all offenders, staff, volunteers, and contractors, free from the threat of sexual abuse or assault. This report is a summary of the agency's efforts in PREA compliance. By examining the collection and aggregation of agency data. KCI is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of sexual abuse detection, prevention, and response. KCI has always taken active steps to train staff to refrain from prohibited contact and inappropriate relationships with offenders while also working towards prevention and elimination of sexual abuse within KCI facilities.

KCI want every person entering a Keeton Corrections Inc. facility to feel secure and enact several measures to ensure they do. To reduce the risk of sexual victimization, KCI maintain an aggressive PREA program. Each year, we hold ourselves accountable by facilitating internal audits conducted by trained KCI staff, as well as external audits conducted by certified PREA Auditors.

At the close of calendar year 2024, KCI had 6 designated Residential Reentry Centers (RRC) at the beginning of 2024. By the end of the calendar year KCI only had 5 Residential Reentry Centers (RRC). KCI Paducah closed in October 2024. Of the 6 RRC's 5 facilities housed male and female offenders and 1 facility housed male offenders (state offenders and parolees). KCI also maintains a facility that house Mothers with Infants Nurturing Program (MINT) at KCI-Tallahassee.

This report has been prepared in accordance with standard 112.287 and standard 115.288 of the PREA Standards to address and improve effectiveness of KCI in sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training.

**General Information**

During January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, there were 895 new admissions into KCI facilities. This will include male and females.

**Purpose**

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training KCI provides pursuant to Standard 115.288 and Standard 115.289 of the national PREA standards.

**PREA Report Activity**
The table below indicates the number of "Resident against Resident", "Staff against Resident", and "Resident against Staff" reports that occurred during year 2022-2023.

**Definitions of Findings**
**Substantiated:** Allegation investigated, and the investigation indicated that the alleged event did occur.
**Unsubstantiated:** Allegation investigated and insufficient evidence to decide as to whether event occurred.
**Unfounded:** Allegation investigated, and investigation indicated alleged event did not occur.
**Non-PREA**: Allegation investigated, and investigation indicated PREA alleged event did not occur.
**Ongoing:** Investigation is ongoing.

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into "Offender-on-Offender" PREA allegations listed in the PREA Report Activity table on the preceding page.

KCI -Tallahassee

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Ocala

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Pensacola

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Birmingham

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Mobile

| January – December | Unsubstantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Paducah

| January – October | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The table below indicates the finding of the investigations into "Staff-on-Offender" PREA allegations listed in the PREA Report Activity table on the preceding page.

KCI-Tallahassee

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Ocala

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Pensacola

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Birmingham

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Mobile

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Paducah

| January – October | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into "Offender-on-Non-Offender" PREA allegations listed in the PREA Report Activity table on the preceding page.

KCI-Tallahassee

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Ocala

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Pensacola

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Birmingham

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Mobile

| January – December | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

KCI-Paducah

| January – October | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Non-PREA | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

There were no in-house PREA reports made regarding any incidents of sexual assault or sexual abuse that occurred at any of KCI facilities. KCI Paducah facility close down in October 2024 without any sexual assault or sexual abuse incidents.

**PREA Incident Reviews**

KCI has implemented a Sexual Abuse Incident Review group per PREA standard 115.286. The facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every criminal and administrative sexual abuse investigation unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. The review team consist of upper management staff and allows for input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. Such review will ordinarily occur within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the investigation. KCI will implement the recommendations for improvement or document its reasons for not doing so. There have been no PREA incidents at any of KCI facilities during 2023-2024.

**Review Criteria**

1. Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse.

2. Consider whether the alleged incident was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identify; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation, or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility;

3. Examine the area in the facility where the allegation occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;

4. Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;

5. Assess whether monitoring technology should be changed to supplement supervision by staff; and

6. Prepare a report of its findings. Including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) through (d)(5) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility director and PREA Coordinator.

**Problems Identified and Corrective Action Taken:**

- KCI facilities must continue ensuring that all inmates receive an initial PREA screening within 24 hours of intake, followed by reassessments in accordance with PREA standards.

- All KCI Resident Monitors must maintain strong familiarity with their first-responder responsibilities and demonstrate confidence in carrying them out. All KCI staff have received targeted first-responder training and have been provided a step-by-step checklist to ensure every required action is completed.

**Analysis/Corrective Action:** None needed this reporting period.

**Agency Goals for 2025**

KCI is committed to ensuring that every inmate in our care fully understands and exercises their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment by other inmates, staff, volunteers, or contractors. The agency continues to implement best practices and uphold all PREA requirements to effectively prevent, detect, and respond to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. KCI remains dedicated to fostering a culture that embraces the intent of the PREA standards and prioritizes the highest level of sexual safety across all facilities. As part of this commitment, KCI will continuously identify and address problem areas within agency policies and practices to strengthen protections for all residents.

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