APPLEWHITE RECOVERY CENTER

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

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PREA Background: The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into Federal law in 2003 by President George W. Bush. It was created to address the problem of sexual misconduct in all confinement facilities. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice released national PREA standards to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The Act requires all federal, state and local corrections agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding prison rape in prisons, jails, police lockups and community confinement facilities. The Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Applewhite Recovery Center (ARC) has a zero-tolerance policy relative to sexual misconduct. All facilities/programs comply with federal and state laws as they pertain to PREA, sexual violence and sexual misconduct.

Definitions

Substantiated – A substantiated allegation is an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated – An unsubstantiated allegation is an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to enable the agency to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded – An unfounded allegation is an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Facility Overview:

The facility offers three programs for recovery; each designed to meet a specific needs.

Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF)

SATF is operated under the direction of the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. This program targets both Felony and Misdemeanor probationers who have been diagnosed with chemical dependency and have demonstrated an inability to remain abstinent while on probation. The treatment goals for the SATF program are to target the criminogenic needs and underlying factors of the ongoing use of alcohol and substances that have caused a major dysfunction in family, employment, and criminal justice involvement. Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors employed by the Department provide treatment and education about the disease, recovery, and thinking errors as related to substance abuse at SATF which are core lessons in the program. SATF services include daily groups, individual counseling, Cognitive Behavior classes, nursing services and specialized case management.

Eligibility Criteria: The probationer must be 18 years of age or older; Male/Female; Pre/Post Adjudication; Judge’s Program order; no less than 90 days term preferred; Title V offenses reviewed on case-by-case; pass a basic medical screening; must be diagnosed with Alcohol/Drug dependence and recommended for residential treatment per the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (TAIP). The probationer cannot have any visible physical handicaps or serious medical problems that
will interfere with program participation. Probationers must not demonstrate or present a history of serious mental illness or be on a regimen of psychotropic medications. The Substance Abuse Treatment Facility has a capacity for 108 male and 42 female probationers.

**Dually Diagnosed Residential Facility (DDRF)**
DDRF is operated under the direction of the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Misdemeanor and Felony probationers with severe and persistent mental illness are the preferred population for admission to DDRF. The goal of this residential facility is to utilize best practices in the provision of mental health and substance abuse treatment in order to assist in the stabilization and rehabilitation of the probationer with mental illness. Treatment and stabilization of psychiatric symptoms at DDRF will provide the probationer the opportunity for mental health recovery and successful reintegration into the community. DDRF services include regular visits with a Mental Health Services counselor, individual/group psychotherapy, substance abuse counseling, medication management, disease/medication education, and discharge planning are core services provided at DDRF.

Eligibility Criteria: The probationer must be 18 years of age or older and must be court ordered for a minimum of 120 days and no more than 180 days. Title V offenses are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The probationer must have an active diagnosis that is classified as a severe and persistent mental illness under the subtype of “Priority Population.” The probationer must not present or demonstrate active thoughts or behaviors of self-harm or thoughts of harm to others. The probationer will also need to pass a basic medical screening and examination and may not have any visible physical handicaps or chronic medical problems that will interfere with program participation. The DDRF residential program is a 60 bed custodial facility, which has the capacity to provide mental health treatment for 30 females and 30 males.

**Intermediate Sanction Facility (ISF-II)**
The ISF-II is operated under the direction of the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. The mission of the ISFII is to divert young male probationers from overcrowded jails, prisons, and provide education and treatment that will encourage the probationer to change their thinking patterns that can lead to pro-social behaviors and decrease the risk of recidivism and increase the opportunity for a successful reintegration in the community. The ISF-II utilizes in-house programming which is provided by Licensed Clinical staff, specialized trained residential community supervision officers, and local social service agencies. ISF II residents are taught techniques to control and change habits in order to redirect behavior that will lead to the decrease risk of recidivism, decrease use of substances, and decrease victimization to the community, family, and the probationer. Cognitive based programming, individual and group counseling, homework assignments, pro social modeling, self-awareness, substance abuse education, community service participation, and discharge planning are essential program components at ISF II.

Eligibility Criteria: The male probationer must be 18 years of age or older; felony/misdemeanor offense(s); pre/post adjudication; judge’s program order; no less than 60 days term preferred; Title V offense(s) reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Probationers must not demonstrate or present history of serious mental illness or be on a regimen of psychotropic medications. The probationer will also need to pass a medical screening. The probationer cannot have any visible physical handicaps or serious medical problems that will interfere with program participation. The ISFII is a 30 bed, all male custodial facility.
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The Applewhite Recovery Center (ARC) makes every attempt to assist and educate our staff, volunteers and contractors on how to report and manage incidents of sexual abuse and harassment. A PREA Coordinator is assigned to the facility and ensures the ARC meet the standards as set forth by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. It is the policy of the ARC to provide training to all staff, volunteers, contractors, and inmates to prevent sexual misconduct and to fully investigate and prosecute those involved in such conduct. The ARC has a system in place to collect data on incidents of a sexual nature. The facility collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The following table includes data from September 1st, 2021 to August 31st, 2022.

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There were two reported allegations of sexual abuse but one was unfounded and the other that was unsubstantiated. There were six reported incidents of staff on resident harassment with one substantiated and five unsubstantiated. There were six resident on resident allegations of sexual harassment.

The Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, ARC PREA Coordinator ensures PREA standards are maintained.

The Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, ARC continues to operate as a Zero Tolerance facility and takes great efforts to prevent, detect, investigate and report all instances of sexual abuse and harassment.