

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Juvenile Facilities

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### Agency Information

<b>Name of Agency</b>		<b>Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable)</b>	
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice		Florida State Government	
<b>Physical Address:</b> Knight Building, 2737 Centerview Drive		<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Tallahassee, FL 32399-3100	
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<b>Telephone:</b> (850) 413-7313		<b>Is Agency accredited by any organization?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>The Agency Is:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal

**Agency mission:** To increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

**Agency Website with PREA Information:** [www.djj.state.fl.us/partners/prison-rape-elimination-act-\(prea\)](http://www.djj.state.fl.us/partners/prison-rape-elimination-act-(prea))

### Agency Chief Executive Officer

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### Facility Information

<b>Name of Facility:</b> Volusia Regional Juvenile Detention Center				
<b>Physical Address:</b> 3840 Old Deland Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32124				
<b>Mailing Address (if different than above):</b> Same as above				
<b>Telephone Number:</b> 386-238-4780				
<b>The Facility Is:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	
<b>Facility Type:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detention	<input type="checkbox"/> Correction	<input type="checkbox"/> Intake	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Facility Mission:</b> To increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.				
<b>Facility Website with PREA Information:</b> <a href="http://www.djj.state.fl.us/partners/prison-rape-elimination-act-(prea)">www.djj.state.fl.us/partners/prison-rape-elimination-act-(prea)</a>				
<b>Is this facility accredited by any other organization?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				

### Facility Administrator/Superintendent

<b>Name:</b> Paul R. Finn, Jr. PhD	<b>Title:</b> Superintendent
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### Facility PREA Compliance Manager

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<b>Facility Characteristics</b>		
<b>Designated Facility Capacity:</b> 64 Beds		<b>Current Population of Facility:</b> 61
<b>Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months</b>		783
<b>Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 10 days or more:</b>		413
<b>Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:</b>		535
<b>Number of residents on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:</b>		0
<b>Age Range of Population:</b>	8-18	
<b>Average length of stay or time under supervision:</b>		15 days
<b>Facility Security Level:</b>		Secure Detention
<b>Resident Custody Levels:</b>		Secure Detention
<b>Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with residents:</b>		67
<b>Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:</b>		30
<b>Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:</b>		1
<b>Physical Plant</b>		
<b>Number of Buildings:</b> 5		<b>Number of Single Cell Housing Units:</b> 0
<b>Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:</b>		4
<b>Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:</b>		0
<b>Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary):</b>		0
<b>Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):</b>		
<p>The facility is equipped with a video surveillance system which includes 48 cameras. The monitors are located in the Main Control room in the administrative area. The monitoring data will be maintained for at least 30 days or until review of data is complete, whichever occurs first.</p>		
<b>Medical</b>		
<b>Type of Medical Facility:</b>		On-site clinic
<b>Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:</b>		The Halifax Hospital
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:</b>		15
<b>Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:</b>		0

# Audit Findings

## Audit Narrative

*The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.*

The Volusia Regional Juvenile Detention Center (VRJDC), located in Daytona Beach, Florida is operated by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ). It is a secure detention facility that serves female and male juvenile offenders between the ages of 8 and 18. Residents are detained by the courts pending adjudication, disposition or placement in a commitment facility. The average length of stay is approximately 15 days. The facility's rated capacity is 64. Seven hundred and eighty-three residents have been admitted to the VRJDC in the past 12 months. The facility's first PREA audit was conducted in March 2015. The current audit was attained and assigned to the Auditor by Correctional Management and Communications Group, LLC of Minneola, Florida.

The current on-site audit was conducted February 12-13, 2018. In preparation for the on-site audit, a conference call was conducted with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ) Statewide PREA Coordinator, a North Regional Office representative, and the facility Superintendent, who also serves as the PREA Compliance Manager. During the conference call, introductions were provided, an overview of the audit process was discussed and requested documentation was reviewed. The notifications of the on-site audit which provided Auditor contact information were posted on January 2, 2018, six weeks prior to the audit. The posting of the notices was verified by photographs received electronically from the Superintendent. The photographs indicated notices were posted in various locations throughout the facility including the housing modules, classrooms, and administrative areas.

The Pre-Audit Questionnaire, policies and supporting documentation were received on January 16, 2018. The Pre-Audit Questionnaire, policies and other documents were uploaded to a USB flash drive. The initial review revealed the questionnaire was not fully completed and some documents were not provided. After providing a listing of noted concerns and documents needed, the Superintendent took steps to ensure the requested documentation was provided prior to and/or during the on-site visit.

Following the entrance meeting with the Superintendent, Captain, and a North Regional Office representative, the Auditor conducted a tour of the facility which included but was not limited to Intake, all housing units, medical, food services, industry areas, programming, and education areas.

During the tour, observations were made the facility had ample PREA signage. Youth were observed to be under constant supervision of the staff while involved in school and other activities. An 1: 8 staff to resident ratio was observed in all housing units and the dining area. The facility was clean and well maintained. Staff, contractors and volunteers announced themselves prior to entering the housing area of the opposite gender. Red dots were observed over doors indicating no cameras and youth are not allowed in the room/area. Observation of community bathrooms revealed shower stall openings have shower curtains to allow residents privacy when taking showers. Also, there were partitions to allow for privacy in the toilets. Observation of the surveillance system monitors revealed cameras do not capture showers, toilets or inside residents' rooms.

Over the two-day on-site visit, 12 random direct care staff from the two shifts and nine specialized staff were interviewed. Overall, the interviews revealed staff are knowledgeable of PREA standards and were able to articulate their responsibilities. Sixteen residents were also interviewed. The interviews revealed the residents were informed of their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment; however, most residents were not aware of the services provided by the victims' advocacy services. Staff conducted an education session to review the services provided by the victims' advocacy service. Documentation of the session conducted was provided to the auditor which included a roster signed by the residents. The interview selections were randomly made from rosters provided by the facility. The training records of staff interviewed, and the files of residents interviewed were reviewed along with policies and other secondary documentation.

The Auditor reviewed staff, contractor and volunteer training records to ensure that all required training had been completed. The Auditor also reviewed staff personnel files related to completed investigations and disciplinary actions taken regarding PREA related allegations.

The victims' advocacy service, The Volusia Rape Crisis Center, was contacted to determine the scope of services provided. A live person responded to the call and indicated there no calls have been received from VRJDC residents over the past 12 months.

A close-out meeting was held at the conclusion of the on-site audit with the Superintendent, Captain, the Administrative Assistant, and a North Regional Office representative and an opportunity for questions and a review of the on-site audit process was provided.

The facility was found to be in compliance with all applicable standards as indicated below and detailed throughout this report.

## Facility Characteristics

*The auditor's description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the inmate, resident or detainee population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.*

The VRJDC is a 64 bed, hardware secure facility that serves youth between 8 to 18 years of age. The physical plant consists of one main building and four school portables. The main building contains administrative offices, a dining hall with a food preparation area, and three housing modules (three for males and one for females). Each module has a community bathroom with sinks and showers. The dining hall also serves as the visitation area for families. Visitation is conducted on Tuesdays and Sundays. The facility is equipped with a video surveillance system which includes 48 cameras.

The facility provides supervision of youth in a safe, secure and humane environment. Services for youth include education, mental health, substance abuse and medical health care. Medical and Mental Health services are contracted with Correct Care Solutions (CCS). Medical and Mental Health Services are available to youth seven days a week. The contracted staff consists of a Physician, an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses as well as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. The educational services are funded by the Florida Department of Education through the Volusia County School District.

The facility operates with a total of sixty-seven full time employees including a superintendent, a captain, staff assistant, nine supervisors, maintenance staff, food support staff, mental health staff, medical staff, educational staff, and Juvenile Detention Officer staff.

## Summary of Audit Findings

*The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met, **along with a list of each of the standards in each category**. If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.*

**Auditor Note:** No standard should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA". A compliance determination must be made for each standard.

**Number of Standards Exceeded:** 0

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**Number of Standards Met:** 41

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**Number of Standards Not Met:** 0  
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**Summary of Corrective Action (if any)**

No Corrective action was taken.

**PREVENTION PLANNING**

**Standard 115.311: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.311 (a)**

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the written policy outline the agency’s approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

**115.311 (b)**

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?  Yes  No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?  Yes  No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities?  Yes  No

**115.311 (c)**

- If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility’s efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)  Yes  No  NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

*The narrative below must include a comprehensive discussion of all the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet the standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.*

VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC Facility Operating Procedure (FOP)-PREA, mandates zero-tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlines how the facility carries out its approach to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy includes definitions of prohibited behaviors and sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. The procedure also provides strategies and responses for reducing and preventing sexual abuse and harassment.

VRJDC is a juvenile detention facility governed and operated by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ) which employs an agency-wide PREA Coordinator who is in an upper-level management position within the agency.

The facility's Superintendent serves as the PREA Compliance Manager. An interview with the PREA Compliance Manager revealed he has sufficient time to oversee the facility's PREA compliance efforts and to perform his other duties.

### Standard 115.312: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.312 (a)

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.)  Yes  No  NA



### 115.312 (b)

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents OR the response to 115.312(a)-1 is "NO".)  Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

Currently, FDJJ has 82 contracts with providers for the confinement of juveniles in residential facilities throughout the State of Florida. A review of a signed contract revealed provider's agreement to comply with all requirements and standards of the Prison Rape Elimination Act 28 CFR Part 115 as outlined in FDJJ Policy 1919. All contracts require FDJJ to monitor the contractor's compliance with PREA standards.

## Standard 115.313: Supervision and monitoring

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.313 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility has implemented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?  Yes  No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Generally accepted juvenile detention and correctional/secure residential practices?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or residents may be isolated)?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The composition of the resident population?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The number and placement of supervisory staff?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Institution programs occurring on a particular shift?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?  Yes  No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any other relevant factors?  Yes  No

#### 115.313 (b)

- Does the agency comply with the staffing plan except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances?  Yes  No
- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.313 (c)

- Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:8 during resident waking hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:16 during resident sleeping hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility fully document any limited and discrete exigent circumstances during which the facility did not maintain staff ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility ensure only security staff are included when calculating these ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  Yes  No  NA
- Is the facility obligated by law, regulation, or judicial consent decree to maintain the staffing ratios set forth in this paragraph?  Yes  No

#### 115.313 (d)

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: Prevailing staffing patterns?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?  Yes  No

### 115.313 (e)

- Has the facility implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A for non-secure facilities)  Yes  No  NA
- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? (N/A for non-secure facilities)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility? (N/A for non-secure facilities)  Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 and VRJDC FOP-PREA requires the facility to develop, implement and document an approved staffing plan. Superintendent and Compliance Manager interviews verified the development of the facility's staffing plan, the continual assessment of adequate staffing levels and the need for video monitoring.

The Superintendent's interview confirmed there is no law, regulation or judicial decree to maintain staffing ratios of 1:8 staff to resident ratio during waking hours or a 1:16 staff to resident ratio during sleeping hours however the facility's staffing plan does reflect the required ratios. Observation during the tour revealed the staff to residents' ratio exceeds requirements.

The staffing plan is based upon the facility's capacity of 64 residents. VRJDC FOP-PREA requires the facility to document deviations from the staffing plan on the Shift Report however due to the facility's hold-over policy, there were no deviations from the plan to review.

Documentation of the annual assessment of the staffing plan dated June 20, 2017 was reviewed and found to be in compliance with all elements contained in (d)-1 of this standard.

VRJDC utilizes video monitoring combined with direct staff supervision to protect residents from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. FDJJ Policy 1919 and VRJDC FOP PREA requires intermediate or higher-level staff to conduct unannounced rounds to deter and identify staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. An interview with a higher-level staff member and a review of unannounced rounds documentation revealed over time unannounced rounds are conducted on all three shifts in all areas of the facility.

## Standard 115.315: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.315 (a)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?  
 Yes  No

### 115.315 (b)

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches in non-exigent circumstances?  Yes  No  NA

### 115.315 (c)

- Does the facility document and justify all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?  Yes  No
- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches?  Yes  No

### 115.315 (d)

- Does the facility implement policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?  Yes  No
- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit?  Yes  No

- In facilities (such as group homes) that do not contain discrete housing units, does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing? (N/A for facilities with discrete housing units)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.315 (e)

- Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status?  Yes  No
- If a resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner?  Yes  No

### 115.315 (f)

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?  Yes  No
- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 and VRJDC FOP PREA prohibit cross-gender strip searches, or pat down searches of youth, except in exigent circumstances and there have been no such searches conducted by direct care staff in the past 12 months as verified by random staff and random resident interviews.

VRJDC FOP Searches states body cavity searches require the Superintendent's authorization and must be conducted by licensed medical personnel in a medical establishment. There were no body cavity searches of residents in the past 12 months.

VRJDC FOP PREA states the facility must be configured to allow residents to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without staff of the opposite sex viewing their bodies. Staff and resident interviews confirm there is no cross-gender viewing. Observation of the bathrooms revealed all shower stalls have shower curtains to allow privacy while taking showers.

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require opposite sex staff, volunteers and contractors entering housing units to announce themselves. Resident interviews verified this is done on consistent bases.

FDJJ Policy 1919 and VRJDC FOP PREA prohibit the search of a transgender or intersex resident solely for the purpose of determining the resident's genital status and staff interviews verified compliance.

One hundred percent of direct care staff have received training on cross-gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents as verified during interviews of random staff. Training curriculum and training logs were reviewed and confirmed compliance.

## **Standard 115.316: Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient**

### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.316 (a)**

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect,

and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are blind or have low vision?  Yes  No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have intellectual disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have speech disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other? (If "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)  Yes  No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have intellectual disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have limited reading skills?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Are blind or have low vision?  Yes  No

### 115.316 (b)

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are limited English proficient?  Yes  No



- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?  
 Yes  No

### 115.316 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?  
 Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP Residents with Disabilities and Limited English Proficiencies requires steps to be taken to ensure residents with disabilities or who are limited English proficient are provided meaningful access to all aspects of the facility's efforts to prevent, protect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This policy also states the facility will not rely on resident interpreter, resident readers or any kind of resident assistants except when a delay in obtaining interpreters services could jeopardize a residents' safety.

FDJJ's North Region has a blanket purchase order with Language Line Services, Inc. to provide interpreter services for facilities in the North Region. A letter from Volusia County Schools confirms their ability to provide services for hearing-impaired, visually impaired and other residents on a as needed bases to provide them with an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's effort to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Mental Health professionals are also trained to provide appropriate explanations regarding PREA to residents, when needed.

Random staff interviews verified the facility does not use resident assistants and there were no instances of resident interpreter or readers being used in the past 12 months. Written material used to ensure effective communication about PREA with residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient are available for use when needed.

## Standard 115.317: Hiring and promotion decisions

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.317 (a)

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above?  Yes  No

#### 115.317 (b)

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents?  Yes  No

### 115.317 (c)

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check?  Yes  No
- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consult any child abuse registry maintained by the State or locality in which the employee would work?  Yes  No
- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?  Yes  No

### 115.317 (d)

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency consult applicable child abuse registries before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?  Yes  No

### 115.317 (e)

- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?  Yes  No

### 115.317 (f)

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?  Yes  No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?  Yes  No

### 115.317 (g)

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?  Yes  No

## 115.317 (h)

- Unless prohibited by law, does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)  Yes  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1800 Background Screening, FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP Hiring and Promotions address hiring and promotion processes and decisions, including the requirement for background checks for new hires. The collective policies and interview with the Human Resource staff member revealed information regarding the hiring process, completion of background checks, and the grounds for termination. The policies are aligned with the requirements of the standard and provide that background checks are conducted every five years. A review of a sample of personnel files confirmed compliance.

A pre-hire form requires applicants to provide information regarding previously related sexual misconduct allegations and convictions. The policies prohibit hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with residents and prohibit enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who engaged in previous sexual misconduct.

According to the Human Resource staff, the facility considers any incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in determining whether to hire a person, contract for services, or whether to promote an employee. Policies FDJJ 1800 and FDJJ 1919 and an interview with the Human Resource staff provide that staff has a continuing duty to report misconduct and provide that omissions of misconduct or providing false information will be grounds for termination.

The PREA Coordinator provided documentation that Florida State law does not allow FDJJ or other agencies to contact the abuse registry for the purpose of screening applicants.

A review of personnel files for a sample of staff hired in the past 12 months revealed that all had criminal records checks and a sample review of personnel files of current staff employed for more than 5 years revealed that all have had criminal background checks conducted every five years.

## Standard 115.318: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.318 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  
 Yes  No  NA

#### 115.318 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)  
 Yes  No  NA

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires when installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system or other monitoring technology, the facility will consider how such technology may enhance the ability to protect residents from sexual abuse.

Documentation of the annual staffing plan assessment referenced 48 operating cameras in the facility. No blind spots were identified at that time.

During the facility tour, the video surveillance system was observed, and all cameras were pointed out by staff.

## RESPONSIVE PLANNING

### Standard 115.321: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.321 (a)

- If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  
 Yes  No  NA

#### 115.321 (b)

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA
- Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.321 (c)

- Does the agency offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?  Yes  No
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?  Yes  No
- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?  Yes  No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?  Yes  No

#### 115.321 (d)

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?  Yes  No
- If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member?  Yes  No
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?  Yes  No

#### 115.321 (e)

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?  Yes  No
- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?  Yes  No

#### 115.321 (f)

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.321 (g)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

## 115.321 (h)

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (Check N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.321(d) above.)  Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires staff to report allegations of sexual abuse to the Volusia County Sheriff's Department for criminal investigations and to the Florida Central Abuse Hotline and FDJJ's Central Communication Center (CCC). VRJDC does not have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) however the policy states when the Volusia County Sheriff's Department arrives at the facility to conduct an investigation, facility staff will provide and request the investigative agency to follow the DJJ Inspector General Directive 3-05 (uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for criminal prosecution and appropriate for youth).

The policy also requires resident victims of sexual assaults to have access to forensic examinations. During the past 12 months, there were no forensic examinations conducted.

VRJDC has a MOU with the Volusia Rape Crisis Center for victims' advocacy services as verified during the PREA Compliance Manager's interview. The MOU describes services including a 24/7 hotline and a certified victims' advocate to respond to requests for advocacy and accompaniment during sexual assault forensic examinations and investigative interviews. Forensic examinations will be conducted by the Halifax hospital by a SAFE or SANE medical examiner as documented in the MOU.



## Standard 115.322: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.322 (a)

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?  Yes  No

### 115.322 (b)

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?  Yes  No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?  Yes  No
- Does the agency document all such referrals?  Yes  No

### 115.322 (c)

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? [N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.321(a).]  
 Yes  No  NA

### 115.322 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### 115.322 (e)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC PREA FOP requires the immediate referral of all sexual abuse allegations to the Volusia County Sheriff’s Department, the Florida Abuse Hotline and FDJJ’s CCC. In the past 12 months, VRJDC received one allegation of sexual harassment and one allegation of sexual abuse. The allegations were referred to the Volusia County Sheriff’s Department, however; the allegations were unfounded. All allegations of sexual harassment and sexual abuse are reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline and FDJJ’s CCC. Interviews with the Superintendent and random direct care staff verified their knowledge of the policy’s requirements.

A review of FDJJ’s website revealed a PREA page includes investigative entities responsibilities for conducting investigations of allegations of sexual abuse.

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

**Standard 115.331: Employee training**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.331 (a)**

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Residents’ right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment  Yes  No

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse and how to distinguish between consensual sexual contact and sexual abuse between residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent?  Yes  No

### 115.331 (b)

- Is such training tailored to the unique needs and attributes of residents of juvenile facilities?  Yes  No
- Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?  Yes  No
- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa?  Yes  No

### 115.331 (c)

- Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?  Yes  No

- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?  Yes  No

#### 115.331 (d)

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ provides PREA training through SkillPro, an online E-Learning training system. At the end of the PREA course, staff are tested and receive a score based upon their comprehension of the material provided.

A review of the VRJDC FOP PREA, the training curriculum, staff training records and random direct care staff interviews confirms staff receive PREA training during orientation and refresher training every two years. Specific topics as outlined in the policy and the curriculum are consistent with this standard's requirements and are tailored to the facility's male and female resident population. One-hundred percent of employees are trained as new hires regardless of their previous experience.

Employees training records were reviewed, and staff interviews verified staff comprehension of their responsibilities relating to PREA standards. Staff are required to sign an acknowledgement form stating they have completed the training and understand FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA.

## Standard 115.332: Volunteer and contractor training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.332 (a)

- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?  Yes  No

### 115.332 (b)

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents)?  Yes  No

### 115.332 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require volunteers and contract providers who have contact with residents to be trained on their responsibilities on sexual misconduct prevention, detection, reporting and responding to sexual abuse, assault or sexual

harassment. The level and type training provided to contract providers and volunteers is based upon the service they provide and the level of contact they have with youth, but at a minimum all contract providers and volunteers will be informed of FDJJ's policy on zero tolerance against sexual abuse and sexual harassment as well as informed on how to report incidents.

The review of training records revealed volunteers and contract providers are given a downloaded version of the SkillPro on-line PREA training, asked to read it and given the opportunity to ask questions prior to signing acknowledging they understand the contents of the documents regarding PREA.

## Standard 115.333: Resident education

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.333 (a)

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Is this information presented in an age-appropriate fashion?  Yes  No

#### 115.333 (b)

- Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?  Yes  No
- Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?  Yes  No

#### 115.333 (c)

- Have all residents received such education?  Yes  No

- Do residents receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the resident's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.333 (d)

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are limited English proficient?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are deaf?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are visually impaired?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are otherwise disabled?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Have limited reading skills?  Yes  No

#### 115.333 (e)

- Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.333 (f)

- In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require during intake, residents to receive comprehensive education regarding the facility's zero tolerance policy and how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. According to Intake staff, they explain the PREA handout to residents and residents sign verifying they received the information. Documentation of resident's signatures were reviewed and confirmed during resident interviews. All residents interviewed stated they received this information the same day they arrived. The policies also require within 10 day of Intake a comprehensive training will be provided. Sample rosters of the comprehensive training were provided for review.

Staff present the PREA information in a manner that is accessible to all residents. If needed, the facility has internal and external resources to provide translation services through staff or Language Line Services for residents who may be limited English proficient or through Volusia County Schools for hearing and visual impairment services and for residents with other disabilities.

## Standard 115.334: Specialized training: Investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.334 (a)

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.331, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA

### 115.334 (b)

- Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does this specialized training include: The criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA



### 115.334 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  
 Yes  No  NA

### 115.334 (d)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA states local law enforcement agencies and the Florida Department of Children and Families Services conduct criminal investigations into allegations of sexual abuse. FDJJ's Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducts administrative and management reviews, separate and apart from any criminal investigation.

The policy further states the OIG staff will be trained on the policies and procedures for the Department policies and procedures related to handling of sexual misconduct incidents and reports.

Facility staff does not conduct administrative nor criminal investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

### Standard 115.335: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.335 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

### 115.335 (b)

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility do not conduct forensic exams.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.335 (c)

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere?  Yes  No

### 115.335 (d)

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.331?  Yes  No
- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.332?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires PREA training for all employees and specialized training for all full-time and part-time medical and mental health staff.

Specialized medical and mental health training is provided through SkillPro, FDJJ's online E-Learning system. Documentation of specialized training was reviewed for all medical and mental health staff and confirmed during interviews of medical and mental health staff.

Forensic examinations are not conducted by the facility's medical staff as verified during the medical staff interview. Forensic examinations are conducted at the Halifax Hospital by SANE or SAFE certified examiners.

## SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

### Standard 115.341: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.341 (a)

- Within 72 hours of the resident's arrival at the facility, does the agency obtain and use information about each resident's personal history and behavior to reduce risk of sexual abuse by or upon a resident?  Yes  No
- Does the agency also obtain this information periodically throughout a resident's confinement?  Yes  No

#### 115.341 (b)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?  Yes  No

115.341 (c)

- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any gender nonconforming appearance or manner or identification as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex, and whether the resident may therefore be vulnerable to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Current charges and offense history?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Age?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Level of emotional and cognitive development?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical size and stature?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Mental illness or mental disabilities?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Intellectual or developmental disabilities?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical disabilities?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?  Yes  No

- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any other specific information about individual residents that may indicate heightened needs for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other residents?  Yes  No

#### 115.341 (d)

- Is this information ascertained: Through conversations with the resident during the intake process and medical mental health screenings?  Yes  No
- Is this information ascertained: During classification assessments?  Yes  No
- Is this information ascertained: By reviewing court records, case files, facility behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident's files?  Yes  No

#### 115.341 (e)

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires staff to complete the FDJJ's Vulnerability to Victimization and Sexually Aggressive Behavior (VSAB) form if youth arrive from the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) without a completed form or is returning from a residential program. JAC staff and Intake staff obtain information from court records, current charges, and interviews with the resident and his/her parents. The Intake staff interview confirmed compliance with this standard.

A review of VSAB forms in residents' files and resident interviews revealed risk screenings are being conducted or reviewed by Intake staff upon arrival. The VSAB form includes each component contained in section (c) of this standard.

Resident interviews indicated they were asked whether they identify with being gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex, if they think they are in danger of sexual abuse and if they have any disabilities. Random resident interviews verified they were asked the same questions by mental health staff during their initial interview.

Completed VSAB forms are maintained in residents' medical and Intake files and are available to staff only on a need to know bases.

## Standard 115.342: Use of screening information

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.342 (a)

- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Housing Assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Bed assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Work Assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Education Assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Program Assignments?  Yes  No

### 115.342 (b)

- Are residents isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of keeping all residents safe can be arranged?  Yes  No
- During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents daily large-muscle exercise?  Yes  No
- During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents any legally required educational programming or special education services?  Yes  No
- Do residents in isolation receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?  Yes  No
- Do residents also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?  Yes  No

### 115.342 (c)

- Does the agency always refrain from placing: Lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status?  Yes  No
- Does the agency always refrain from placing: Transgender residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status?  Yes  No
- Does the agency always refrain from placing: Intersex residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status?  Yes  No
- Does the agency always refrain from considering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator or likelihood of being sexually abusive?  Yes  No

### 115.342 (d)

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)?  Yes  No
- When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems?  Yes  No

### 115.342 (e)

- Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex resident reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the resident?  
 Yes  No

### 115.342 (f)

- Are each transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?  Yes  No

### 115.342 (g)

- Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents?  Yes  No

### 115.342 (h)

- If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the resident's safety? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)  Yes  No  NA
- If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.342 (i)

- In the case of each resident who is isolated as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires victimization screening information to be used to determine a resident's room assignment and room's proximity to direct care staff to ensure resident's safety. The PREA Compliance Manager interview confirmed the facility's compliance with this standard. The facility also utilizes the Classification Alerts to ensure that direct-care staff are advised if the resident is identified as being at-risk for victimization or posing a risk.

VRJDC FOP PREA precludes lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex residents from being placed in a particular module and states LGBTI identification or status is not an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive. Transgender or intersex resident's own view with respect to his/her safety will be given serious consideration. The PREA Compliance Manager's interview also verified compliance with this standard.

Transgender and intersex residents are given the opportunity to shower separately from other youth. The policy also states isolation or room restriction may be used as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to ensure youths safety and only until an alternative means of keeping all youth safe can be arranged.

## REPORTING

### Standard 115.351: Resident reporting

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### 115.351 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?  Yes  No

#### 115.351 (b)

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?  Yes  No

- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?  Yes  No
- Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?  Yes  No
- Are residents detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security to report sexual abuse or harassment?  Yes  No

#### 115.351 (c)

- Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?  Yes  No
- Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

#### 115.351 (d)

- Does the facility provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA provides multiple internal ways for residents to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation and staff neglect including telling a trusted staff member or filling out a PREA Reporting form and placing it in a secure drop box. Random resident interviews confirmed their knowledge of this procedure.

The VRJDC FOP PREA requires youth to have one way of reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office not a part of the agency. Residents may call the Florida Abuse Hotline or call the victims' advocate hotline. Residents may request to use a telephone with some degree of privacy to call the hotline without having to obtain staff permission and that mandates staff not to question residents about the reason for the call. A resident can request writing materials to write and send a letter to one of these sources. Random residents interviewed were aware of the abuse hotline and were able to articulate how they could gain access.

A youth may also call or write his/her parent(s) or guardian or call or write his/her attorney or legal representative.

## Standard 115.352: Exhaustion of administrative remedies

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.352 (a)

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.352 (b)

- Does the agency permit residents to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.352 (c)

- Does the agency ensure that: A resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.352 (d)

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If the agency determines that the 90-day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time [the maximum allowable extension of time to respond is 70 days per 115.352(d)(3)], does the agency notify the resident in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.352 (e)

- Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third party, other than a parent or legal guardian, files such a request on behalf of a resident, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- Is a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile allowed to file a grievance regarding allegations of sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such juvenile? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile files a grievance (or an appeal) on behalf of a juvenile regarding allegations of sexual abuse, is it the case that those grievances are not conditioned upon the juvenile agreeing to have the request filed on his or her behalf? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.352 (f)

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.352 (g)

- If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA states the facility is exempt from this standard because it does not have administrative procedures in place for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through the grievance procedure.

## **Standard 115.353: Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.353 (a)**

- Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by providing, posting, or otherwise making assessable mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?  Yes  No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies?  Yes  No
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?  Yes  No

### **115.353 (b)**

- Does the facility inform residents, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?  Yes  No

### **115.353 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?  Yes  No

### **115.353 (d)**

- Does the facility provide residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or

other legal representation?  Yes  No

- Does the facility provide residents with reasonable access to parents or legal guardians?  
 Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA ensures residents are provided access to outside confidential support services. The facility has an MOU with the Volusia Rape Crisis Center which provides the following: a 24/7 hotline staffed by certified victim advocate; certified victim advocates to respond to requests for advocacy and accompaniment during forensic examination; counselling; follow-up support; and referral for treatment after release or transfer to another facility. Signs containing the Volusia Rape Crisis Center hotline number and basic information about the service were observed throughout the facility.

Residents have access to attorneys and other legal representatives by telephone or visits with reasonable and private access upon request. Residents may call their parents/legal guardians and can receive visits from them three times a week.

Random resident interviews assisted in verifying this standard.

## Standard 115.354: Third-party reporting

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.354 (a)

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ's website provides the public with information regarding third-party reporting of sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of a resident. Resident interviews revealed their awareness of reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment to others outside of the facility including their parents/legal guardians.

## OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A RESIDENT REPORT

### Standard 115.361: Staff and agency reporting duties

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### 115.361 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?  Yes  No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any



knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?

Yes  No

#### 115.361 (b)

- Does the agency require all staff to comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (c)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local services agencies, are staff prohibited from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (d)

- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse to designated supervisors and officials pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section as well as to the designated State or local services agency where required by mandatory reporting laws?  Yes  No
- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of their duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (e)

- Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the appropriate office?  Yes  No
- Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's parents or legal guardians unless the facility has official documentation showing the parents or legal guardians should not be notified?  Yes  No
- If the alleged victim is under the guardianship of the child welfare system, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's caseworker instead of the parents or legal guardians? (N/A if the alleged victim is not under the guardianship of the child welfare system.)  Yes  No  NA
- If a juvenile court retains jurisdiction over the alleged victim, does the facility head or designee also report the allegation to the juvenile's attorney or other legal representative of record within 14 days of receiving the allegation?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (f)

- Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

According to the VRJDC FOP PREA and the Florida Administrative Code Rule 63F-11, all staff members are required to report any allegation of sexual misconduct or youth-on-youth sexual activity to the Central Communications Center (CCC). The Policy further states that staff is prohibited from revealing any related information to anyone other than those persons making treatment, investigation, security, or management decisions. The Policy also states that staff members are to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion or information they receive regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment; retaliation against residents or staff who report any incidents; or any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. This information should be reported to the CCC, Department of Children and Families Abuse Registry, and local law enforcement.

Staff interviews support the standard requirement.

## Standard 115.362: Agency protection duties

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.362 (a)

- When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The VRJDC FOP PREA addresses this standard and provides that when the facility learns that a resident is subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it takes immediate action to protect the resident. There have been no incidents in the last 12 months where the facility took any action regarding a resident being in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, as revealed in interviews with the Superintendent and random staff. Policy guides the response to this standard if it becomes necessary.

### Standard 115.363: Reporting to other confinement facilities

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.363 (a)

- Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?  Yes  No
- Does the head of the facility that received the allegation also notify the appropriate investigative agency?  Yes  No

#### 115.363 (b)

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?  Yes  No

#### 115.363 (c)

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?  Yes  No

#### 115.363 (d)

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?  Yes  No

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires the Superintendent to notify the head of another facility within 72 hours upon receiving an allegation a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility. The notification will be documented, and an investigation will be conducted.

During the past 12 months, there were no allegations received a resident was abused while confined to another facility nor were there allegations of sexual abuse received by VRJDC from other facilities.

## Standard 115.364: Staff first responder duties

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.364 (a)

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?  
 Yes  No
- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?  Yes  No
- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?  Yes  No

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?  Yes  No

### 115.364 (b)

If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA requires staff to take specific steps to respond to a report of sexual abuse including; separating the alleged victim from the abuser; preserving any crime scene within a period of time that still allows for the collection of physical evidence; request the alleged victim not take any action that could destroy physical evidence; and ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any action to destroy physical evidence, if the abuse took place within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence.

Random staff interviews revealed considerable knowledge of actions to be taken upon learning a resident alleges being sexually abused.

## Standard 115.365: Coordinated response

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.365 (a)

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require the development of a written plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual assault among staff first responders, medical, and facility leadership. The facility's coordinated staff response plan was reviewed and found in compliance with the standard.

Interviews with the Superintendent and random staff revealed they are knowledgeable of their duties in response to an allegation of sexual abuse.

## Standard 115.366: Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.366 (a)

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?  Yes  No

#### 115.366 (b)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ is not a collective bargaining agency; therefore, this standard is not applicable.

### Standard 115.367: Agency protection against retaliation

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.367 (a)

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff?  Yes  No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?  Yes  No

##### 115.367 (b)

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services?  Yes  No

##### 115.367 (c)

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes

that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?  Yes  No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Any resident disciplinary reports?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Resident housing changes?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Resident program changes?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Negative performance reviews of staff?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Reassignments of staff?  Yes  No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?  Yes  No

#### 115.367 (d)

- In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.367 (e)

- If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.367 (f)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination



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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require the protection of residents and staff who have reported sexual abuse or harassment or who have cooperated in a sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation. The policy requires the monitoring to take place for a period of 90 days or longer, as needed.

The Captain serves as the Retaliation Monitor and her interview revealed she is knowledgeable of the position's responsibilities. She articulated multiple measures available for victims, abusers and staff such as housing changes, transfers, reassign staff, etc. FDJJ has developed a form to document monitoring.

There was no retaliation monitoring in the past 12 months.

## Standard 115.368: Post-allegation protective custody

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.368 (a)

- Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect a resident who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.342?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC does not have isolation rooms or segregation housing. The facility uses single occupancy rooms to protect residents who alleged to have suffered sexual abuse. VRJDC FOP PREA requires residents may only be restricted to his/her single room as a last measure to keep a resident who alleged sexual abuse safe and then only until an alternative means for keeping the resident safe can be arranged. The Superintendent's interview confirmed compliance with this standard.

## INVESTIGATIONS

### Standard 115.371: Criminal and administrative agency investigations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.371 (a)

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.371 (b)

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims as required by 115.334?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (c)

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?  Yes  No

- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?  
 Yes  No
- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (d)

- Does the agency always refrain from terminating an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (e)

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (f)

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as resident or staff?  
 Yes  No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (g)

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?  Yes  No
- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (h)

- Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?  Yes  No

#### 115.371 (i)

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?  
 Yes  No

### 115.371 (j)

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.371(g) and (h) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years unless the abuse was committed by a juvenile resident and applicable law requires a shorter period of retention?  
 Yes  No

### 115.371 (k)

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?  
 Yes  No

### 115.371 (l)

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

### 115.371 (m)

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)  Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA states FDJJ does not conduct criminal investigations of residents' allegations of sexual abuse. Local law enforcement and the Florida Department of Children and Families Services handle criminal investigations. FDJJ's Office of Inspector General (OIG) reviews allegations to identify any misconduct by

staff related to FDJJ regulatory guidance. The policy also states the agency does not terminate an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation.

The agency retains all written reports of investigations pertaining to administrative and criminal investigations.

There have been no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse since the last PREA audit.

## Standard 115.372: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.372 (a)

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

VRJDC FOP PREA states the facility shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of misconduct by staff are substantiated.

## Standard 115.373: Reporting to residents

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.373 (a)

- Following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?  Yes  No

### 115.373 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

### 115.373 (c)

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  Yes  No

### 115.373 (d)

- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  Yes  No

**115.373 (e)**

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?  Yes  No

**115.373 (f)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require at the conclusion of any law enforcement investigation into sexual abuse, the victim or the victim’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be notified the investigation has concluded. The Statewide PREA Coordinator will send a letter notifying residents/parents /legal guardian of charges and of the outcome of the investigation including the identification of the investigative entity and state the findings.

The Superintendents interview confirmed his knowledge of the policies and the requirements of this standard.

There has been no criminal investigation completed during the past 12 months.

**DISCIPLINE**

**Standard 115.376: Disciplinary sanctions for staff**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### 115.376 (a)

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?  Yes  No

### 115.376 (b)

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?  Yes  No

### 115.376 (c)

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories?  Yes  No

### 115.376 (d)

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?  Yes  No
- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require staff disciplinary sanctions up to and



including termination for violating facility's sexual abuse or harassment policies. The policies also mandate the violation be reported to law enforcement and states termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who engaged in sexual abuse.

No employees were terminated or disciplined in the past 12 months for violation of the facility's sexual abuse or harassment policies.

## Standard 115.377: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.377 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?  Yes  No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?  Yes  No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?  Yes  No

#### 115.377 (b)

- In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further contact with residents?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse be prohibited from contact with residents. Policies also require contractors and volunteers who engage in sexual abuse be reported to law enforcement and to relevant licensing bodies. During the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment regarding contractors or volunteers.

A review of training acknowledgement statements and training materials revealed the facility takes measures to provide volunteers and contractors a clear understanding that sexual misconduct with a resident is strictly prohibited and is a serious breach of conduct. The review of materials confirmed participation in PREA training and awareness of the zero-tolerance policy and how to report allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment of residents.

## **Standard 115.378: Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.378 (a)**

- Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, may residents be subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?  
 Yes  No

### **115.378 (b)**

- Are disciplinary sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied daily large-muscle exercise?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied access to any legally required educational programming or special education services?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident receives daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the resident also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?  Yes  No

### **115.378 (c)**

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or

her behavior?  Yes  No

#### 115.378 (d)

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to offer the offending resident participation in such interventions?  Yes  No
- If the agency requires participation in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives, does it always refrain from requiring such participation as a condition to accessing general programming or education?  Yes  No

#### 115.378 (e)

- Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?  Yes  No

#### 115.378 (f)

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?  Yes  No

#### 115.378 (g)

- Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)  
 Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require an administrative process for dealing with violations of resident-on-resident sexual abuse. The Superintendent's interview confirms the formal disciplinary process however residents may also be referred to law enforcement for charges regarding resident-on-resident sexual abuse. Sexual activity between residents is prohibited and court or administrative processes and sanctions occur after determination the sexual activity was coerced. Residents will be disciplined for sexual contact with staff only when it has been determined the staff member did not consent to the sexual contact.

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA provide anyone reporting in good faith will not receive any repercussions. The policies and interview with the mental health staff confirms counseling or other interventions will be offered to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse when the resident remains in or returns to the facility after a sexual abuse incident. The interview also revealed any type interventions or treatment services provided are not as a condition for the resident to access participation in the behavior management system, education services, or other programs.

## MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE

### Standard 115.381: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.381 (a)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?  Yes  No

#### 115.381 (b)

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?  Yes  No

#### 115.381 (c)

- Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work,

education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?  
 Yes  No

### 115.381 (d)

- Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from residents before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the resident is under the age of 18?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days when a resident discloses any prior incidents of sexual abuse whether victim or perpetrator. Interviews with the medical and mental health staff and a review of documentation revealed residents are generally seen by medical and mental health staff on the same day of admission as part of the intake process. The policies verify information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness which occurred in an institutional setting is limited to those staff where it is based on their need to know to make the appropriate management and security decisions.

Interviews with the medical and mental health staff and observations revealed documentation of the services provided to each resident is maintained in medical and clinical files. Medical and mental health staff discussed their knowledge of informed consent, in accordance with policy. The facility utilizes a consent form regarding treatment services for residents 18 years old and up. The age range of residents admitted to the facility is 8-18 years old.

### Standard 115.382: Access to emergency medical and mental health services

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.382 (a)**

- Do resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?  Yes  No

**115.382 (b)**

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.362?  Yes  No
- Do staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

**115.382 (c)**

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?  Yes  No

**115.382 (d)**

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA mandate youth victims of sexual abuse receive timely and unimpeded access to onsite and offsite emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope as determined by the judgement of medical and mental health professionals. Medical and mental health staff interviews confirmed emergency medical care and crisis intervention services will be provided by medical and mental health staff as required.

Processes and services are in place for a victim to receive timely access to sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, where medically appropriate. Observations revealed medical and mental health staff members maintain secondary materials that document services to residents and these staff are knowledgeable of what must occur in an incident of sexual abuse. It is documented through policies and understood by the medical and mental health staff treatment services will be provided at no cost to the victim, whether or not the victim cooperates with the investigation.

There have been no resident victims of sexual abuse in the past 12 months.

## **Standard 115.383: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers**

### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.383 (a)**

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?  Yes  No

#### **115.383 (b)**

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?  Yes  No

#### **115.383 (c)**

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?  Yes  No

#### **115.383 (d)**

- Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.)  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.383 (e)**

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.383(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.383 (f)

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?  Yes  No

#### 115.383 (g)

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?  Yes  No

#### 115.383 (h)

- Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:



VRJDC FOP PREA requires mental health evaluation and treatment, as determined by medical/mental health staff, be offered to residents who disclose prior sexual victimization or perpetrated sexual abuse during intake screening. Treatment services are provided at no cost to residents.

There have been no sexual assault victims in the past 12 months; however, if needed, procedures are in place as verified during staff interviews.

## DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

### Standard 115.386: Sexual abuse incident reviews

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.386 (a)

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?  Yes  No

#### 115.386 (b)

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?  Yes  No

#### 115.386 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

#### 115.386 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to

assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?  Yes  No

- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.386(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?  Yes  No

### 115.386 (e)

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA and VRJDC FOP PREA require an incident review team meeting within 30 days of the conclusion of each investigation. The policy mandates review team participation to include the agency-wide PREA Coordinator, the facility's Compliance Manager, regional office staff, Assistant Superintendent, facility supervisor, medical and mental health staff. The FDJJ's PREA Coordinator will prepare a report of the review team's findings and submit the report to the Assistant Secretary for Detention Services, regional office staff and the facility's Superintendent.

The interview with the Compliance Manager and a review of the form used to document the incident review team's findings indicate the team: consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse considers whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility; examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts; assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff.

## Standard 115.387: Data collection

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.387 (a)

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions?  Yes  No

#### 115.387 (b)

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?  Yes  No

#### 115.387 (c)

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?  Yes  No

#### 115.387 (d)

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?  Yes  No

#### 115.387 (e)

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.387 (f)

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the

Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)

Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ has developed a standardized instrument with definitions to collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual assault. The instrument includes the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual violence conducted by the Department of Justice. FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA requires CCC to collect all data relating to PREA. FDJJ Policy 1919 requires the collection of data through the CCC for every allegation of sexual misconduct which occurs in its state-operated detention centers and its contracted residential facilities. FDJJ's website includes annual data collected for fiscal years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

### Standard 115.388: Data review for corrective action

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.388 (a)

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?  Yes  No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?  Yes  No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and

corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?  Yes  No

#### 115.388 (b)

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse  Yes  No

#### 115.388 (c)

- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?  Yes  No

#### 115.388 (d)

- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ 1919 and the VRJDC FOP PREA address this standard. The statewide PREA Coordinator will review the collected and aggregated data to assess and improve the effectiveness of the PREA related efforts and initiatives. The Policy also states that an annual report will be prepared. A review of documentation confirms this practice.

#### Standard 115.389: Data storage, publication, and destruction

#### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.389 (a)

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.387 are securely retained?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.389 (b)

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?  Yes  No

#### 115.389 (c)

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?  Yes  No

#### 115.389 (d)

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.387 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

FDJJ Policy 1919 PREA requires the collection of data through the CCC for every allegation of sexual misconduct which occurs in its state-operated detention centers and its contracted residential facilities. All collected data is maintained for a ten-year period as required by the State of Florida's records and retention schedule.

## AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.401 (a)**

- During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (N/A before August 20, 2016.)  
 Yes  No  NA

**115.401 (b)**

- During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited?  Yes  No

**115.401 (h)**

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?  
 Yes  No

**115.401 (i)**

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?  Yes  No

**115.401 (m)**

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?  
 Yes  No

**115.401 (n)**

- Were residents permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?  Yes  No

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

Since August 20, 2013, FDJJ has ensured one-third of all operated detention centers and all contracted residential facilities have been audited as evidenced by the Final Audit reports provided on the Agency's website.

The Auditor was provided complete access to the facility and observed all areas of the facility's buildings and grounds. Additionally, all relevant documents were provided upon request.

The facility made space available for private staff and resident interviews. Residents were provided information on the "Notice of the Auditor's Onsite Visit" regarding how to send confidential information to the Auditor.

## Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.403 (f)

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility's last audit report was published. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there have been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)  Yes  No  NA

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VRJDC meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

A review of the FDJJ's website revealed PREA Audit Reports dating back to 2014 through 2017 for detention centers operated by FDJJ and residential facilities contracted by FDJJ are posted and can be downloaded.

## AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and
- I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any resident or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

### Auditor Instructions:

Type your full name in the text box below for Auditor Signature. This will function as your official electronic signature. Auditors must deliver their final report to the PREA Resource Center as a searchable PDF format to ensure accessibility to people with disabilities. Save this report document into a PDF format prior to submission.<sup>1</sup> Auditors are not permitted to submit audit reports that have been scanned.<sup>2</sup> See the PREA Auditor Handbook for a full discussion of audit report formatting requirements.

Cheryl M. Anderson  
**Auditor Signature**

February 19, 2018  
**Date**

<sup>1</sup> See additional instructions here: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Save-or-convert-to-PDF-d85416c5-7d77-4fd6-a216-6f4bf7c7c110>.

<sup>2</sup> See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69.