

KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia



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Annual Assessment of Progress in Addressing Sexual Abuse

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, 42 U.S.C. 15601 et Seq., regulations that adopt national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of prison rape. The finalized PREA standards were released on August 20, 2012, with an implementation date of August 2013. **Pursuant to 115.88 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia is required to:**

- (a) Review data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and trainings including by:
 - (1) Identifying problem areas;
 - (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
 - (3) Preparing an annual report of findings and corrective actions for KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia.
- (b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
- (c) KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia reports shall be 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.
- (d) KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia may redact specific materials from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the materials redacted.

Data Collection:

During the calendar year from July 1, 2023 through June 30 2024, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia collected the referrals for investigation into allegations in order to report findings to the Department of Juvenile Justice for their annual Survey of Sexual Violence. The data received is the basis for this section of the report.

Client to Client Sexual Abuse

KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia defines sexual abuse of a client by another client as any of the following acts:

- (1) Contact between the penis and vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object or other instrument;

- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

From July 2023 through June 2024, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia, had three (3) reported allegations of **Client to Client Sexual Abuse**.

1. DJJ youth, Briggs Moore reported to staff that his peer grabbed his bottom.
Outcome of investigation: **Unsubstantiated**
2. DJJ youth Jamari Allen reported that he and a peer were horse playing and peer asked for a hug. Jamari reported that the peer hugged him and rubbed his bottom.
Outcome of investigation: **Unsubstantiated**
3. DJJ youth, Jamari Allen reported that his peer walked up to him with his hands in his pants and that made Jamari feel "sexualized."
Outcome of investigation: **Unsubstantiated**

Client to Client Sexual Harassment

PREA defines Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment as repeated unwelcomed sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed toward another youth. From July 2023 through June 2024, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia, received zero (0) reported allegations of **Client on Client Sexual Harassment**.

Associate to Client Sexual Abuse

KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia defines sexual abuse of a client by an associate/volunteer as any of the following acts:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and penis, vulva or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the associate, vendor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire.
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object or other instrument that is unrelated to official duties or where the associate, vendor, volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or the buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or where the associate, vendor or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat or request by an associate, vendor or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks or breast in the presence of a client, and
- (7) Voyeurism by an associate, vendor or volunteer.

From July 2023 through June 2024, KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia had zero (0) reported allegations for Associate to Client Sexual Abuse.

Analysis/Corrective Action:

The current data analysis from July 2023 through June 2024 reflects a decrease in the number of sexual incidents that were substantiated during the previous (2022-2023) reporting period. There were no required Corrective Action Plans this fiscal period.

Summary:

It is our responsibility and part of our mission to continue to give hope, help and healing to children, adults and those who love them. KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia’s vision is to help people in need overcome challenges and transform their lives by providing emotional and physical healthcare and educational services in an atmosphere of teamwork, compassion and creativity. This could not be achieved without the collective efforts among associates, vendors, volunteers and clients at KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia. Each one needs to understand their roles and responsibilities in reporting and preventing sexual violence.

KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia remains committed to taking corrective actions to comply with all Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards. KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia created the zero tolerance policy to demonstrate its “zero tolerance” for sexual abuse at our facility. KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia training curriculum was established to incorporate these policies/standards and to ensure that all KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia Associates, vendors and volunteers are not only made aware of the policies/procedures, but are instructed on the proper protocol in the event of a sexual incident.

It’s the hope of KidsPeace National Centers of Georgia that by demonstrating our belief in practicing a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual misconduct and/or sexual harassment in our facility, that we will continue to work toward and achieve a zero account of sexual incidents in our facility

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