

## Dismas House of Saint Louis Annual Report 2024

Dismas House of St. Louis has a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and harassment of its clients, whether the abuser is another Dismas House client or Dismas House staff. The number of PREA related investigations made at Dismas House in 2024 was 2. PREA compliance requires that program clients have several means of reporting sexual abuse or harassment. Dismas House staff will accept verbal, written, anonymous, and third party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Third party and anonymous reports made be made by phone, in writing or via e-mail. Contact information is available at Dismas House of St. Louis' website ([dismashouse.net](http://dismashouse.net)). Staff members have a private means of reporting sexual misconduct witnessed towards residents. All allegations are investigated according to organizational policy as defined in the manual that can be viewed on the organization's website.

Unless an allegation is unfounded, Dismas House conducts a post-incident review after each PREA related allegation. This review will include upper level management. It will consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse. It will also attempt to determine whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility. The information below is derived from data collected on each allegation made. It not only appears here but also is forwarded upon request to the United States Department of Justice.



## PREA Allegations for Calendar Year 2024

	Sub-stantiated	Unsub-stantiated	Unfounded	On Going Investigation	Total Allegations
<b>Client on Client Allegation:</b>					
Nonconsensual Sexual Act	0	0	0	0	0
Abusive Sexual Contact	1	0	0	0	1
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Staff on Client Allegation:</b>					
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Incidents:</b>	1	1	0	0	2

### Definitions

#### Client On Client:

Nonconsensual Sexual Acts:	Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; AND Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; OR Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; OR Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.
Abusive Sexual Contact:	Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; AND Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person. (EXCLUDE incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.)
Sexual Harassment:	Repeated an unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or verbal comment, gestures or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one client directed toward another.

#### Staff On Client:

Staff Sexual Misconduct:	Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friends or other visitors). Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are Included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; OR Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; OR Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reason unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.
Staff Sexual Harassment:	Repeated verbal statements, comments or gestures of a sexual nature by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (excluding family, friends. or other visitors). This includes Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;
Substantiated:	Allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
Unsubstantiated:	Allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.
Unfounded:	Allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.
Ongoing Investigation:	Allegation that has not had a concluded investigation.

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PREA Allegation Annual Comparison:

	Substantiated		Unsubstantiated		Unfounded		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Client On Client Allegation								
Nonconsensual Sexual Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abusive Sexual Act	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff On Client Allegation								
Staff Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Assessment for 2024:

Dismas House had two allegations involving clients in 2024. The incident involving a staff member was determined to be unsubstantiated; however, the staff member resigned shortly after. The client-on-client incident of abusive sexual conduct led to an arrest of the alleged aggressor, who was charged with Sexual Misconduct 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; however, the charges were later dropped. The alleged aggressor was returned to BOP custody and has subsequently been released following the end of their time served.

In assessing the program, Dismas House of St. Louis has identified opportunities to improve staff training regarding appropriate contact with clients. In the case of the staff on client allegation, the potential abuse was reported by another staff member, showing that the training on reporting is effective. Dismas House of St. Louis also identified an opportunity to treat potential violations seriously and report them in a timely manner, especially when there may be a need to collect physical evidence; in this instance, the client went to sleep after the abusive contact and did not make a report until later the next day, which kept first responders from being able to collect useful physical evidence. Otherwise, the results show that the staff and client trainings conducted at Dismas House of St. Louis are successful in creating an environment that is almost entirely free of any sexual abuse or harassment.

In 2024 Dismas House of St. Louis had some 650 arrivals into our program with over 43,000 total man-days.

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Report Approval:

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