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The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Juvenile Services (DHHS-OJS) is pleased to publish its 2025 Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report. This report reflects the efforts, commitment, and changes made in 2025 as the department continues toward maintaining compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Juvenile Standards. DHHS-OJS is committed to keeping the youth we serve at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC) safe and free from harm and has zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

In September 2003, President Bush signed the Prison Rape Elimination Act. In August 2012, the PREA Standards promulgated by the United States Department of Justice went into effect. Since then, staff throughout the department have taken action to prevent, detect, and reduce sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers located in Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Staffing

Protecting youth residents from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and meeting compliance with all PREA Standards is a priority for DHHS-OJS. To achieve these goals, an agency Compliance Team was developed. The Compliance Team consists of a State Compliance PREA Coordinator overseeing all the Compliance PREA Managers at each YRTC facility. Additionally, the Compliance team now has a Compliance Supervisor who directly oversees each of the Compliance PREA Managers in day-to-day tasks and all other responsibilities not related to PREA matters.

In 2025, these staff have worked to update and maintain existing facility policies and procedures to support compliance with the PREA Standards and protect the youth residents from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Training

Throughout 2025, DHHS-OJS Compliance personnel have participated in various trainings conducted and/or designed by the PREA Resource Center, the National Institute of Corrections, the Moss Group, the Department of Justice, as well as other institutions. Training or events attended typically highlight teachings regarding ensuring safe environments for youth, as well as data-driven, investigative, and PREA-specific topics. The trainings attended during the 2024 calendar year are as follows:

- DHHS-OJS PREA Specialized Investigator Training
 - July 22nd – 23rd, 2025: Initial Training & Refresher Course (Lincoln, NE)
 - YRTC-Kearney Compliance Manager, YRTC-Lincoln Compliance Managers
- American Correctional Association Conference – Denver, CO (August 21st – 24th, 2025)
 - OJS Compliance Administrator
 - OJS Compliance Coordinator
 - OJS Compliance Manager
- Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference: Kearney, NE (May 7th – 9th, 2025)
 - YRTC-Kearney Compliance Managers

Pursuant to PREA Standard 115.331 Employee Training, DHHS-OJS facilities have developed and implemented pre-service and in-service training for all staff, volunteers, and contractors with contact with youth residents. These trainings include:

- Pre-Service Introduction to PREA training – YRTC’s Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln, NE
 - Bi-Monthly- Facilitated by PREA Compliance Managers for new employees
- In-Service PREA training – YRTC’s Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln, NE
 - Monthly- Facilitated by PREA Compliance Managers for new and current employees
- Contractor, Volunteer, Mentor Training – YRTC’s Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln, NE
 - Monthly as needed - Facilitated by PREA Compliance Managers
- Specialized Mental Health and Medical staff training – YRTC’s Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln, NE
 - Annually - Facilitated by PREA Compliance Managers
 - As needed for newly hired employees – Facilitated by PREA Compliance Managers

Policies

DHHS Policies and Facility Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), consistent with PREA requirements, have been implemented to ensure sexual safety. The policies and SOPs include a zero-tolerance policy that requires facilities to provide youth residents with sexual abuse and sexual harassment reporting information, PREA training requirements, and to assess youth residents for risk of perpetration or victimization. These policies also outline facility response and investigation requirements for reports of sexual abuse / sexual harassment. These policies are reviewed and revised annually to demonstrate a continued commitment to improvement.

Support Services

Pursuant to PREA Standards 115.321 - Evidence Protocol and Forensic Examinations, 115.353 – Access to Outside Confidential Support Services, and 115.322 - Referral of Criminal Allegations of Sexual Harassment or Sexual Abuse, the YRTCs have agreements with The Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln, the Family Advocacy Network in Kearney, the Nebraska Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline, and the Nebraska State Patrol who coordinate together the treatment needs, forensic exams, and forensic interviews/investigations related to PREA allegations of sexual abuse or assault.

Audits

Under PREA Standard 115.401, the YRTC in Lincoln participated in a PREA audit in January 2024, and the YRTCs in Hastings and Kearney participated in a PREA audit in October 2024. We are pleased to report that all three facilities passed with 100% compliance with all PREA standards. The 2024 reports are available on our public website for review. The Audits are on a three-year cycle, and the next audit year for the YRTCs will occur in 2027.

2025 Sexual Incident Investigations & Reviews

Data Review for Corrective Action and Publication

In compliance with PREA Standard 115.388, facility PREA Compliance Managers have reviewed data collected and aggregated under PREA Standard 115.387 and incident-specific data to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, response, as well as the policies, practices, and training to include:

- Identifying problem areas
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
- Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions

Also, in compliance with PREA Standard 115.389, DHHS-OJS will make all aggregated sexual abuse data readily available to the public at least annually by publishing data in a report and linking it to the Department's public website.

General Definitions as defined by the PREA Standard 115.5

Substantiated allegation - means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation - means an allegation that was investigated, and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event occurred.

Unfounded allegation - means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Definitions related to SEXUAL ABUSE as defined by PREA Standard 115.6

Sexual abuse of a resident (youth) by another resident (youth) includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

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

Sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident (youth):

- a) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight.

- b) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus.
- c) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire.
- d) 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 staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire.
- e) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire.
- f) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) of this section.
- g) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- h) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

2025 DHHS-OJS Sexual Abuse Investigative Data

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln are committed to providing the youth served with safe and secure environments. The implementation and continuous monitoring of PREA standards in each facility have been developed and maintained to better prevent, detect, and respond to incidents of sexual misconduct. The facilities continue to improve through physical facility improvements, training, and daily education for staff and youth regarding PREA. Any internal or external PREA investigation that results in a substantiated or unsubstantiated finding includes the completion of a Sexual Abuse Incident Review within 30 days of the incident occurring. These incident reviews detail any strengths and weaknesses in facility response during the incident or time of the report, possible motivations for the incident occurring, and determine if training or policies need to be revised, and if staff need further training. Finally, these reviews include recommendations for improvement and a plan of action when necessary.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER HASTINGS – FEMALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Youth-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 1)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 3)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 4)	7	5	2	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	7	5	2	0

Staff-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>a</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>b</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>c</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>d</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>e</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>f</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>g</i>)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section <i>h</i>)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	0	0	0	0

YRTC-Hastings Summary of Allegations

In 2025, there were five substantiated female youth-on-youth sexual allegations. Of the five substantiated youth-on-youth allegations, 80% were classified as behavioral (otherwise indicating a lack of sexual intent). The facility responded appropriately by reporting in a timely manner, taking treatment actions, and holding youth accountable for inappropriate behaviors, as recommended by the facility's investigative department.

Potential criminal allegations of sexual abuse are referred to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline and the Nebraska State Patrol for screening. If no investigation is conducted, the PREA Managers begin an internal administrative investigation.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER KEARNEY – MALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Youth-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 1)	1	0	0	1
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 3)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 4)	61	45	6	10
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	62	45	6	11

Staff-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section a)	6	0	0	6
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section b)	1	0	0	1
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section c)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section d)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section e)	12	1	10	1
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section f)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section g)	1	0	0	1
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section h)	2	0	0	2
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	22	1	10	11

YRTC-Kearney Summary of Allegations

In 2025, there were sixty-one substantiated male youth-on-youth sexual allegations. All incidents involved unwanted touching of the outside of clothing. Of the sixty-one substantiated allegations, all were classified as behavioral. The facility responded appropriately by reporting in a timely manner, taking treatment actions, and holding youth accountable for inappropriate behaviors, as recommended by the facility's investigative department.

Potential criminal allegations of sexual abuse are referred to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline and the Nebraska State Patrol for screening. If no investigation is conducted, the PREA Managers begin an internal administrative investigation. There were twenty-two allegations reported against staff in 2025. Of those twenty-two allegations, one was substantiated, others were either unfounded or unsubstantiated.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER LINCOLN- FEMALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Youth-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 1)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 3)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 4)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	0	0	0	0

Staff-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section a)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section b)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section c)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section d)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section e)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section f)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section g)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section h)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	0	0	0	0

YRTC-Lincoln (Female) Summary of Allegations

In 2025, there were no substantiated female youth-on-youth sexual abuse allegations.

Potential criminal allegations of sexual abuse are referred to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline and the Nebraska State Patrol for screening. If no investigation is conducted, the PREA Managers begin an internal administrative investigation. There were no allegations reported against staff in 2025.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER LINCOLN – MALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

Youth-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 1)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 3)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section 4)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	0	0	0	0

Staff-on-Youth Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section a)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section b)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section c)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section d)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section e)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section f)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section g)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse (Sub-section h)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	0	0	0	0

YRTC-Lincoln (Male) Summary of Allegations

In 2025, there were zero youth-on-youth and staff-on-youth sexual abuse allegations.

Definitions related to SEXUAL HARASSMENT as defined by PREA Standard 115.6

- 1) Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one resident directed toward another: and
- 2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln are committed to providing the youth served with safe and secure environments; therefore, all allegations of sexual harassment, regardless of intent, are documented.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER HASTINGS – FEMALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Sexual Harassment Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 1)	13	7	4	2
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 2)	1	0	0	1
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	14	7	4	3

YRTC-Hastings Summary of Allegations

In 2025, the YRTC-Hastings facility received fourteen allegations of youth-on-youth sexual harassment. Among these, seven were substantiated. The facility responded appropriately to these incidents, in accordance with the recommendations of the investigative department. Additionally, only one incident of staff-on-youth sexual harassment was reported; however, it was deemed unfounded.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER KEARNEY – MALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Sexual Harassment Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 1)	47	24	9	14
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 2)	12	0	5	7
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	59	24	14	21

YRTC-Kearney Summary of Allegations

There were forty-seven youth-on-youth sexual harassment allegations in 2025. Of those forty-seven, twenty-four resulted in substantiated findings for the YRTC-Kearney facility. The facility addressed the incidents appropriately, as recommended by the investigative department.

All allegations of staff-on-youth sexual harassment were determined to be either unfounded or unsubstantiated during the reporting period.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER LINCOLN – FEMALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Sexual Harassment Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 1)	1	0	1	0
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 2)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	1	0	1	0

YRTC-Lincoln (Female) Summary of Allegations

In 2025, there was one allegation of female youth-on-youth sexual harassment, resulting in an unsubstantiated finding. The facility addressed the concerns and implemented steps to mitigate continued occurrences as recommended by the PREA Manager. Additionally, there were no allegations of staff-on-youth sexual harassment during the 2025 calendar year.

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER LINCOLN – MALE YOUTH

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Sexual Harassment Allegations				
	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 1)	1	1	0	0
Sexual Harassment (sub-section 2)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ALLEGATIONS	1	0	1	0

YRTC-Lincoln (Male) Summary of Allegations

In 2025, there was one allegation of male youth-on-youth sexual harassment, which resulted in a substantiated finding. The facility works directly with the PREA Manager to implement operational or facility improvements to assist with the investigative process. Additionally, there were no allegations of staff-on-youth sexual harassment.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DATA

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER – Hastings: Female Youth

Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	32	17	5
Unsubstantiated	11	9	2
Unfounded	1	0	0

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2023	2025
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0
Unfounded	1	1	0

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	4	1	4
Unsubstantiated	1	7	4
Unfounded	1	1	2

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Unfounded	3	0	0

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER – KEARNEY: Male Youth

Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	16	20	45
Unsubstantiated	4	4	6
Unfounded	5	15	11

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	1	0	1
Unsubstantiated	0	1	10
Unfounded	3	2	11

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	4	18	24
Unsubstantiated	7	10	9
Unfounded	2	14	14

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0	5
Unfounded	2	4	7

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER – LINCOLN: Female Youth**Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse**

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	3	7	0
Unsubstantiated	1	8	0
Unfounded	0	2	0

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	1	0
Unfounded	0	2	0

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	1	6	0
Unsubstantiated	0	8	1
Unfounded	0	0	0

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0
Unfounded	2	0	0

YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER – LINCOLN: Male Youth**Reported Incidents of Sexual Abuse**

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	3	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	1	0
Unfounded	0	0	0

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Abuse	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0

Reported Incidents of Sexual Harassment

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	3	0	1
Unsubstantiated	1	5	0
Unfounded	2	0	0

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Harassment	2023	2024	2025
Substantiated	1	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The YRTC-Hastings facility showed a 51% decrease in reported incidents of youth-on-youth sexual misconduct compared to the previous calendar year's aggregate data. Furthermore, there was a 50% decrease in the number of substantiated allegations compared to 2024. Seven out of the seventeen incidents of youth-on-youth sexual misconduct were largely behavioral touching of inappropriate areas above the clothing. Furthermore, the aggregate data for 2024 also revealed a 11% increase in reported instances of youth-on-youth sexual harassment incidents compared to the previous year's data.

In comparison with the previous year's aggregate data, there was a 35% increase in overall youth-on-youth allegations made for sexual misconduct at the YRTC-Kearney facility. Furthermore, there was an 82% increase in the number of substantiated allegations compared to 2024. All youth-on-youth sexual misconduct was classified as behavioral in nature (otherwise indicating a lack of sexual intent). Furthermore, the aggregate data for 2025 also revealed a significant increase in reported staff-on-youth sexual misconduct compared to the previous year. However, of those reported incidents, 97% were determined to be unsubstantiated or unfounded.

The YRTC-Lincoln facility showed a 95% decrease in reported incidents of youth-on-youth sexual misconduct compared to the previous calendar year's aggregate data. Furthermore, there was a 92% decrease in the number of substantiated allegations compared to 2024.

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Office of Juvenile Services, Compliance department works collaboratively with facility administration regarding recommendations for mitigation as allegations are reported and investigated throughout the year. Recommendations can vary from one case to the next and are determined on a case-by-case basis when considering individual risk factors, history, or severity. Such implementations of mitigation, for example, can range from increased staff education, Compliance in-person presence, special management planning, and Major Incident Report Violations.

Each YRTC facility continues to show dedication to keeping an open line of communication with the Compliance department and following through with set plans for improvement. Since the facilities work in real-time with Compliance regarding any recommendations, the following excerpt details overall conclusions regarding the data trends for the annual aggregate data.

The YRTC-Hasting's facility saw a significant decrease in reported and substantiated incidents of sexual behaviors. The facility has collaborated effectively with the PREA Managers to enhance staff awareness in recognizing and addressing risk behaviors, thereby preventing incidents from escalating. Furthermore, 78% of the substantiated incidents were determined to be behavioral versus sexually motivated, which suggests that the population is not sexually unsafe but rather behaviorally problematic. YRTC-Hastings currently maintains 116 surveillance cameras across its entire campus. This includes areas frequented by youth in their care. Of the currently operational cameras, an additional 22 are recommended to help alleviate blind spots and improve overall coverage.

The YRTC-Kearney facility experiences a dramatic increase in overall reported and substantiated youth-on-youth incidents of sexual misconduct. Similar to 2024, the facility continued to experience a higher youth census than in previous years, which could have contributed to the overall number of total incidents occurring and being reported. The facility maintained current processes and security measures to ensure sexual safety through swift action and execution of recommendations. The facility initiated a process improvement project with the Compliance department towards the end of 2025 to explore creative methods for mitigating continued sexual misconduct amongst the youth. YRTC-Kearney currently maintains 233 surveillance cameras across its entire campus. This includes areas frequented by youth in their care. Of the currently operational cameras, an additional 50 are recommended to help alleviate blind spots and improve overall coverage.

YRTC-Lincoln experienced a decrease in reported allegations from the youth population. YRTC-Lincoln continued to use the joint camera system with the adjoining facility, maintaining the operation of 97 cameras throughout 2025. However, concerns remain about the current system's lack of video retention. The facility's cameras store video footage for approximately 90 days, which can create issues for late reporting or requests for external information.