

MCKENZIE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



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The McKenzie County Correctional Facility (MCCF) is dedicated to enforcing a zero-tolerance policy toward sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment within the facility. All incarcerated individuals have the right to be free from sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment from other inmates and staff members. The MCCF implements standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, as well as any applicable local, state, and federal laws. On a yearly basis, MCCF collects and compares data from the previous year pertaining to reported and suspected sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This allows MCCF to identify problem areas and take ongoing corrective action to improve the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment within our facility.

In 2023, MCCF had one incident of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment. This one incident was found to be substantiated. This is an increase from the year 2022, however, MCCF had a significant increase in inmate population. In December of 2022, MCCF's inmate count was 28 inmates. In July of 2023 MCCF had an inmate count of 28 which increased to a count of 70 inmates in September of 2023. For that reason, we are not concerned that there is a problem area in facility operations.

In 2023, MCCF had two allegations of staff-on-inmate sexual harassment. Both of these allegations were investigated by a trained PREA investigator and the incidents were found to be unfounded (investigated and determined not to have happened).

The number of PREA allegations in 2023 (3) was higher than the number of allegations in 2022 (1). Again, we are contributing this to the increase in inmate population. The increase in numbers lasted through 2023 and continues into 2024 due to housing inmates from the North Dakota Department of Corrections. MCCF continues to be committed to enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

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