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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) John P. Craine House, Inc. 2017-2019

In September 2003, the Prison Rape Elimination Act became the first federal law to address the sexual abuse and harassment of incarcerated individuals. The law mandates the states adopt a “Zero Tolerance” for all forms of offender sexual abuse and harassment, and that each state make prevention of offender sexual abuse and harassment a top priority. The final Department of Justice standards became effective on August 20, 2012, with the second three-year audit cycle starting on August 20, 2016. John P. Craine House, Inc. (Craine House) is committed to PREA compliance for our facility.

Craine House completed its first Department of Justice (DOJ) PREA audit on December 30, 2016. This audit was completed by U.S. DOJ certified PREA auditor Bridgette Collins. The facility was granted full PREA compliance on February 9, 2017. Our second PREA Audit at Craine House started on December 2, 2019 and the on-site portion concluded on December 3, 2019. On January 13, 2020, we received our audit results from U.S. DOJ certified PREA auditor Bridgette Collins. We exceeded expectations in 5 standards and met the expectation of 36 standards. There were 0 standards not met. This is an improvement from our last audit.

In 2017, there was 1 allegation of sexual harassment and 1 allegation of staff sexual misconduct against a resident. Both allegations were unsubstantiated, meaning that the event was investigated and the evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

For the 2018 calendar year at Craine House, there was 1 allegation of sexual harassment. It was determined to be unfounded, meaning the investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

In 2019, there were 3 incidents investigated and reviewed. Two of those incidents were decided not to be PREA incidents. There was one unsubstantiated incident of voyeurism involving a staff member and resident. The staff member was disciplined and policies were updated to prevent this from happening again.

The PREA Committee met monthly in 2019. All employees, contractors and volunteers received PREA training this year. We participate in continuous PREA education at Craine House with the posting of PREA refreshers each month in the staff areas within the building.

In closing, Craine House is committed to zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment between our residents, staff, contractors and volunteers. We will continue to actively educate our staff and residents on preventing, detecting, reporting, and responding to all PREA allegations and conduct.

Mission Statement

Craine House promotes a culture of self-sufficiency and self-confidence by providing an alternative to traditional incarceration in which women, whose preschool children may reside with them while they serve their sentence, learn and practice life skills essential to breaking the generational cycle of criminal behaviors thus assuring brighter futures for themselves and their children.