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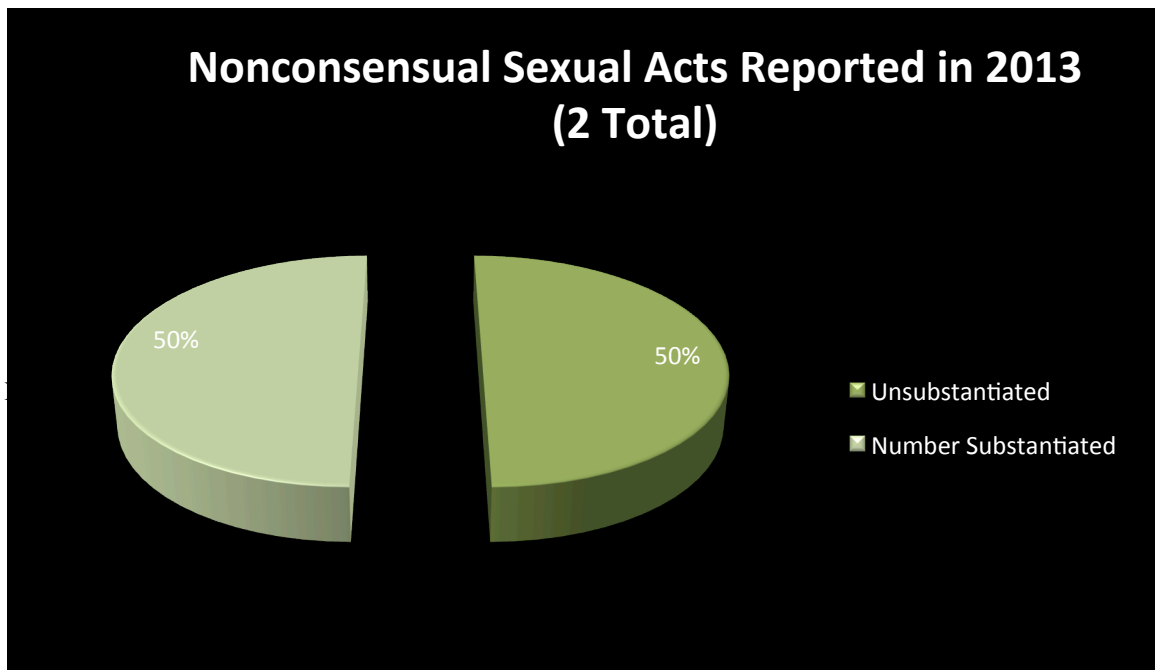
The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of September 4, 2003 (Public Law 108-79) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual assault in all US penal facilities. PREA supports the elimination, reduction and prevention of sexual assault/rape within our prisons, community corrections centers and local jails. PREA applies to Offender-on-Offender and Staff-on-Offender sexual misconduct. Major provisions of PREA include the development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement settings. On August 20, 2012, the PREA standards final rule became effective.

Volunteers of America Northern Rockies (VOANR) support the reduction of sexual violence. Efforts to ensure full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards (PREANS) are fully underway in the facility.

In compliance with 28 CFR § 115.88, this report is being made available to the public via the VOANR website. Each instance of a reported violation was investigated and was categorized as substantiated or unsubstantiated. This report contains statistical information on reported cases of the various types of sexual activity in the VOANR Booth Hall facilities. There are four (4) definitions established by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) which categorize sexual acts. The categories are:

- Nonconsensual Sexual Acts (Offender on Offender)
- Abusive Sexual Contacts (Offender on Offender)
- Staff Sexual Harassment (Staff on Offender)
- Staff Sexual Misconduct (Staff on Offender)

The figures below indicate the number of reported incidents in 2013 and the percentages for each. In each case, an investigation was conducted to determine if corrective action was necessary to further reduce sexual acts within the facility.



Corrective Actions For 2013 Included

Inmates Charged with Major and General Rule Violations

Prosecutor Notified

Probation Agent Notified

Appropriate Sanctions Imposed

Proactive Changes Not Resulting from Corrective Actions taken in 2013

Video Monitoring Analysis Conducted

Policies updated to Mirror National Standards

Staff PREA Training

Identified Staff to Apply to Become PREA Certified Auditors

Conflicts Among Inmates Noted in Inmate Tracking System

Identify PREA Coordinators at Each Facility

Adjust Operations to Ensure They Align with PREA Standards

This report will be made available on VOA website as it is required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards. This report is to inform the public about the VOANR's efforts to reduce and/or eliminate sexual acts within its facilities. As part of our mission, we work hard to ensure the protection of inmates from all sexual harassment and/or abuse.

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