

PREA AUDIT REPORT INTERIM FINAL

JUVENILE FACILITIES

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Facility physical address: 928 NC Hwy 16 South, Taylorsville, NC 28681			
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Facility telephone number: (828) 632-1141			
The facility is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit		
Facility type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Correctional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detention	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Name of facility's Chief Executive Officer: Kimberly Cowart			
Number of staff assigned to the facility in the last 12 months: 26			
Designed facility capacity: 24			
Current population of facility: 14			
Facility security levels/inmate custody levels: Secure			
Age range of the population: 8-17			
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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE

Alexander Juvenile Detention Center (Alexander JDC) is a twenty-four (24) bed hardware secure detention facility for male and female residents governed by North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS). The detention facility was officially opened in 2003, located in Taylorsville, North Carolina and serving residents from the surrounding twenty-six (26) counties in the western area of the state. Also, the detention facility will accept residents from the local county detention, transfers, or pending committed placements to a youth development center. Accordingly, the residents average length of stay is sixteen (16) days and can be extended if necessary. The average age is between 8-17 years old although juvenile jurisdiction could remain until the age of 21. There were fourteen (14) male and female residents at the detention facility at the time of the review.

The detention facility has a staffing pattern that supports a high level of supervision and supportive interventions for residents. The detention facility is staffed with twenty-six (26) full-time and part-time employees. The staff consisted of: Detention Director; (2) Shift Supervisors; (16) Youth Counselor Technicians; Human Services Coordinator; (2) Certified Teachers; Administrative Assistant V; Office Assistant IV and (2) Food Service Staff. In addition, there are ten (10) religious volunteers who are authorized to enter the detention facility.

The medical staff consists of a contracted licensed registered nurse providing nursing services on-site three (3) days a week, available 24/7, and an on-call physician. The detention facility has contracts with the local hospital for 24 hour emergency needs. A medical physician visits the detention facility monthly. Also, the nurses provide health education and counseling about a variety of health topics. The medical staff provides medical care to include: completing the initial intake assessment, review intake referrals, routine and additional lab work as ordered, STD testing and treatment as indicated, updating immunization records, seasonal flu vaccinations, routine eye exams, dietary services and referrals, administration of medications/treatments as prescribed, assessments of resident injuries and treatment as required, medical assessments and monitoring with any restraint or seclusion, assessments of somatic health complaints with treatment as indicated, develop treatment plans and provide medical discharge plans. Several on-site medical clinics occur including a weekly medical clinic, a weekly mental health clinic, and participation in weekly treatment planning meetings. The dental services are provided off campus and consists of dental care, cleaning, education, and treatment fillings to extractions. All residents are seen by the dentist at least annually for a wellness check. The detention facility has contracted an optometrist who provides routine eye exams. Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. is the program identified to provide the victim advocacy services for the residents at the detention facility. Emergency services and forensic examinations are conducted at the Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. There are three (3) contracted licensed mental health clinicians providing mental health services at the detention facility.

The educational department consists of two (2) teachers providing educational services licensed by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Following required State law all educational staff in "licensed" positions holds the appropriate licensure for their subject(s), grade level(s) or professional assignment(s). Residents participate in educational endeavors through an individual education program that is designed for them. The detention facility provides an educational program during the week in order for residents to maintain their grades and the continuity of care upon return to their community schools. The program is designed for residents to have the opportunity to learn at the highest level possible. The instructional program encourages the residents to explore their abilities to learn, understand their cultural backgrounds, and enhance their future. Residents receive instruction in life skills, English, mathematics, social studies and science. Special Education services are offered to students who qualify and counseling services are offered to all students.

During the admission process, the residents are administered the MAYSI and Suicide Risk Screening to assess their level of suicide risk and help identify mental health issues. Per the policy, if a resident scores on "Watch" or "Alert" they will receive further psychological assessments from the contracted licensed mental health providers within 24 to 48 hours. The Detention Director had established a protocol at the detention facility for every resident to be seen by their contracted licensed mental health staff. In addition, residents receive a physical within 72 hours of admission to the detention facility.

All staff utilize motivational interviewing and other strength based practices, such as a level system, to promote positive behavior and ensure behavior expectations are clearly defined. All detention staff has been trained in Effective Behavior Management and Youth Mental Health First Aid to provide them with additional tools to reinforce positive behavior. A resident's stay in the detention facility is usually short term but residents are offered programs to meet their needs and hopefully facilitate a positive behavior change. It was evident the staff are dedicated and their top priority is to build a rapport with the residents, facilitate mutual respect and maintain consistency at the detention facility.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Alexander Juvenile Detention Center (Alexander JDC) officially opened in 2003 and is situated in the western area of North Carolina. The detention facility was designed and has the capacity for twenty-four (24) male and female residents. The detention facility's physical plant is a single story building within a fenced secure area and an outdoor recreation area. Their purpose is to provide a safe, secure, controlled and humane environment to the residents while providing supervision by the detention staff. The entrance to the detention facility is secure and enters into a lobby and administrative area with multiple offices and a staff workroom. The detention staff located in the master control room continuously monitor all living and common areas in the detention facility. There are seventy-two (72) cameras strategically placed throughout the detention facility excluding the bedrooms and shower/bathroom areas.

The intake area includes a holding cell, a shower/bathroom area and storage area. The medical area consists of an open bay medical office with an exam table, medication cart, bathroom and storage area. The kitchen area has some food posters and was considered as a restricted area for the residents. The dining/classroom area is used as a multi-purpose area had PREA postings with the victim advocate information. There are a number of offices throughout the detention facility for shift supervisors, education and other administrative staff. The visitation/classroom area had a media center, library and PREA postings that were visible and informative. There are two (2) separate living quarters referred to as A-Wing and B-Wing. Each wing has ten (10) single bedrooms with individual sinks and toilets and one of the bedrooms is handicap accessible. Each wing has two (2) individual closed showers, grievance and sick call boxes and pamphlets (English & Spanish). There are four (4) holding cells with individual sinks and toilets and one of the holding cells has a shower. The outdoor area has a secured porch and recreation area for the residents.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

The notification of the on-site audit was posted by July 15, 2016, six weeks prior to the date of the on-site audit. The posting of the notices was verified during the tour and verified by photographs received on the USB flash drive from the Detention Director. The photographs indicated notices were posted in various locations throughout the detention facility including the administration area, education area, intake area, medical office, living quarters and visitation area. This auditor did not receive any communications from the staff or the residents as a result of the posted notices. The Pre-Audit Questionnaire, policies, procedures, and supporting documentation were received by July 29, 2016. The documentation was uploaded to a USB flash drive organized and easy to navigate. The initial review revealed the need for additional information in regard to the Pre-Audit Questionnaire and supporting documentation which did not sufficiently address a number of the standards. After a discussion with the Detention Director and providing a list of noted concerns, the Detention Director sent some documentation prior to arrival to the detention facility. Also a number of supporting documents were provided during the on-site visit. Specific corrective actions during the on-site visit taken to address some of the deficiencies are summarized in this report under the related standards.

The on-site audit was conducted on August 25-26, 2016. An entrance briefing was conducted with the Detention Director, Shift Supervisor, Youth Counselor Technician, and Human Service Coordinator. During the briefing, it was explained the audit process and a tentative schedule for two (2) days to include conducting interviews with the staff and residents and reviewing the documentation. A complete guided tour of the entire detention facility was conducted including the secure entry way, administrative area with offices, education area with classrooms, medical office, recreation area, master control room, two (2) living quarters (A-Wing & B-Wing) and kitchen area. During the tour, residents were observed to be under constant supervision of the staff while involved in various activities. The detention facility was clean, well maintained and it was obvious staff took pride in their working areas. Notification of the PREA audit was posted in all locations throughout the detention facility as well as postings informing residents of the telephone numbers to call against sexual abuse and harassment and to call the victim advocate. Cameras and video surveillance system enhance their capabilities to assist in monitoring blind spots and the review of incidents. There are cameras installed in a number of areas throughout the detention facility. There were no cameras installed in the resident's bedrooms or shower/toileting area so residents are not seen on the surveillance system while showering or toileting, but can be viewed by same sex staff as they supervise the shower area. During the tour, it was observed the shower/toilet areas in both living quarters did allow for privacy. Also each resident's bedroom had an individual sink and toilet and a privacy flap for their window that allowed for privacy.

During the two (2) day on-site visit, there were a total of fourteen (14) male and female residents in the detention facility and two (2) living quarters (A-Wing & B-Wing). Residents were randomly selected from both wings for the interview process. A total of seven (7) residents were interviewed on the second day of the audit. Residents were well informed of their right to be free from sexual abuse and harassment and how to report sexual abuse and harassment using several ways of communication such as trusted staff, administrative staff, family member, and the hot line. The community victims' advocacy service and telephone number is available to the residents. There is evidence of Alexander JDC's Detention Director obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding to provide confidential emotional support to residents who are victims of sexual abuse and forensic exams.

Twenty (20) staff including those from both shifts, supervisory staff, investigation staff, contracted staff (teacher), medical and mental health staff, Detention Director, Shift Supervisor and Administrative Services V were interviewed during the on-site visit. Additionally, the NCDPS PREA Coordinator was interviewed previously prior to the on-site visit. Overall, the interviews revealed the staff is knowledgeable of the PREA standards and were able to articulate their responsibilities and their mandated duty to report.

At the end of the second day, an exit briefing with a summary of the findings was conducted with the Detention Director, Shift Supervisor and via telephone, the NCDPS Assistant Director of Facility Operations. At the exit debriefing, it was discussed additional documentation was required for three (3) standards and it was determined this information would be sent to this auditor within the next two (2) weeks to be in compliance with all the PREA standards. The requested information was sent to this auditor by the Detention Director. This auditor reviewed all requested information and this detention facility is in full compliance with the PREA Standards.

Number of standards exceeded: 1

Number of standards met: 37

Number of standards not met: 0

Number of standards not applicable: 3

Standard 115.311 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA Coordinator

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 and NC General Statute 14-27.7 (Intercourse and sexual offenses with certain victims; consent no defense) outlines how each facility implements its approach to preventing, detecting and responding to all approaches of sexual abuse and harassment, including the definitions of prohibited behaviors as well as sanctions for staff, contractors, volunteers and residents who had violated those prohibitions. Additionally, the policy provided comprehensive guidelines and a training foundation for implementing each facility's approach to include the zero tolerance towards reducing and preventing sexual abuse and harassment of residents. It is evident, the executive administration has taken the PREA Standards to another level and it is reflected in their commitment to protecting the residents in their care throughout the State of North Carolina.

NC Department of Public Safety has a designated PREA Coordinator, her official title is PREA Director and reports directly to the General Counsel, NCDPS. The PREA Director works statewide to implement the PREA Standards and indicated she has sufficient time and authority to develop, implement and oversee the agency's efforts toward PREA compliance. She has one hundred and forty (140) PREA Compliance Managers that report indirectly to her. Alexander JDC's PREA Compliance Manager is the Detention Director and during her interview indicated she had sufficient time and authority to develop, implement and oversee the facility's PREA compliance efforts to comply with the PREA standards. However, this auditor was advised that one (1) of her Shift Supervisors has been recently designated to assist with the overseeing of the detention facility's PREA compliance efforts and will perform other duties as assigned. Additionally, she has created a PREA Resource Binder that is located in the master control room containing the reporting process for the staff. It was evident during the staff interviews, staff had been trained and were knowledgeable of NCDPS Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and R&P Document including all aspects of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in accordance with the requirements.

Standard 115.312 Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The documentation reviewed indicated that the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) does not contract for the confinement of residents with private entities or other entities, including other government agencies, therefore this standard is not applicable to this facility.

Standard 115.313 Supervision and monitoring

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.12 (Staffing) and GS 143B-709 (Security Staffing) contained the required information identifying the facility to develop a staffing plan to provide for adequate staffing levels to ensure the safety and custody of residents, account for departmental resident to staff ratios, physical plant, video monitoring, and federal standards. Additionally, the policies contained information identifying the facility shall comply with staffing requirements including exigent circumstances and supervisory staff conducting unannounced rounds during all shifts. During the initial documentation review, the detention facility did not report deviations from the staffing plan during the past 12 months. Also, the detention facility staff-to-resident ratios varied due to the fluxuation of the resident population during the awake and sleep hours in the living quarters. In the past year, the staff-to-resident population varied and the practice in some instances exceeded the requirements of the standard. Alexander JDC's staffing plan was developed, implemented and approved in 2015 and their staffing plan's annual review was in 2016. Both staffing plans were found to be in compliance with this standard. Minimum staff ratios (1:8 awake & 1:16 asleep) are always maintained, the detention facility has a mechanism in place for call outs and staff volunteer to stay over if needed. Alexander JDC is a secure detention facility and utilizes constant video and staff monitoring to protect the residents from sexual abuse and harassment. The Shift Supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds on all shifts and in all areas of the detention facility to monitor and deter staff sexual abuse and harassment on a monthly basis. All unannounced rounds are documented in the log books and binder that contains information and observations of all areas of the detention facility. The documentation, Detention Director and staff interviews confirmed the process takes place in the detention facility.

Standard 115.315 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.13 (Searches); NCDPS Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Detention Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R & P) Document reviewed and approved in July 2012 – Section 1.8 (Searches) and NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 2.7 (YDC Admission Procedures) and NCDPS DJJ and Delinquency Prevention Policy dated 5/19/04 – Section YD/YC 3.2 (Searches, Population Count and Juvenile Supervision) required each facility to maintain protocols on limited pat-down searches to same gender staff absent exigent circumstances, shower procedures, opposite gender announcing when entering dorm areas, and prohibiting the search of a transgender or intersex resident solely for the purpose of determining the resident's genital status. Additionally, the Office of PREA Administration in its "Campaign of Awareness" sent a memorandum dated April 22, 2013 to all Directors and Managers

on the development of a Cross Gender bulletin board document and announcement to be displayed and shared to all staff. There is a requirement for all staff to sign and date the “Cross Gender Announcement and Acknowledgment” form acknowledging their completion of the orientation and limitations to cross gender viewing and searches. A review of the training documentation and staff interviews confirmed the training on pat down searches, cross-gender pat searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents, and prohibiting cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of residents. Most residents stated that they had never been searched by a staff member of the opposite sex nor had they ever seen a staff conduct a cross gender pat down search. Most staff and resident interviews indicated that both male and female staff entering the living quarters consistently announce themselves.

Staff and resident interviews confirmed residents are able to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing them. In addition, staff and resident interviews indicated that the opposite gender staff are prohibited from entering the bathroom/shower area while residents are showering. There have been no cross-gender pat down searches, cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches of residents in the past 12 months. Also, there have been no exigent circumstances of cross-gender pat down, strip or visual body cavity searches conducted of residents in the past 12 months. All staff were able to describe what an exigent circumstance would be and in most instances were knowledgeable of the procedures for securing authorization to conduct such a search as well as the requirements for justifying and documenting those searches. Most staff interviews could identify the NCDPS policy on prohibiting staff from searching or physically examining a transgender or intersex resident for purpose of determining that resident’s genital status.

Standard 115.316 Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions) contained procedures to be taken to ensure residents with disabilities or who are limited English proficient have an equal opportunity and are provided meaningful access to all aspects of the facility’s efforts to prevent, protect and respond to sexual abuse and harassment. Additionally, the policy indicates each facility will not rely on resident interpreters, resident readers or any kind of resident assistants except when a delay in obtaining interpreters services could jeopardize a resident’s safety. NCDPS has established a contract with Telephonic Interpreting for statewide services to provide residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient with various interpreter services on an as needed basis. NCDPS DJJ pamphlet “Expect Respect: Your Safety in Juvenile Justice” and JJ Rack Card are provided to the residents and is available in both English and Spanish. The teachers could provide residents with disabilities with various services on an as needed basis. Staff training documentation including the Juvenile Educator Manual and NCDPS DJJ pamphlet contained information on providing appropriate explanations regarding PREA to residents based upon the individual needs of the youth. Staff and resident interviews confirmed the detention facility does not use resident assistants and there were no instances of resident interpreters or readers being used in the past 12 months to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. In addition, the Detention Director created some information for the parent/guardian in Spanish about the intake process at the detention facility.

Standard 115.317 Hiring and promotion decisions

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 and the Administrative Memorandum & Addendum dated 10-2013 from the Office of PREA Administration contained all the elements required by this standard and all background checks are conducted initially on new employees, current and promotion decisions of employees and contractors. NCDPS has extensive initial background screening requirements that include the screening for criminal record checks (AOC & NCDL), possible checks on criminal convictions and pending criminal charges, access to local, state and federal criminal databases to conduct background checks, psychological, driving records check, child abuse registry checks, domestic violence check, Diana screening - sex offender registry checks, and best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse and any resignation during a pending investigation or an allegation of sexual abuse. The agency conducts 5-year background checks for all employees and contractors. A sampled review of staff's and contractor's HR files had documentation on staff completing varied forms containing the questions regarding past misconduct (Applicant Verification form, Professional Reference Check, DPS Employment Statements and the PREA Notice and Information Collection for Current Employees) that are completed during the hiring process. The HR staff send the criminal background information to their central office and receive an email on whether an individual is approved or disqualified. Once an individual is approved for hire, the new employee begins the LMS training and orientation process. The Administrative Services V's interview confirmed the staff hired had documented criminal background checks and the questions regarding past conduct were asked and responded to during the hiring process. Additionally, contractors who have contact with residents have documented criminal background checks.

Standard 115.318 Upgrades to facilities and technologies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Alexander JDC has not been newly designed or had a substantial expansion or modification since August 20, 2012. There was no installation or updating of a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology at this facility. During the tour, cameras were observed throughout the detention facility and the control room. Also, the Detention Director brought up the video surveillance system on her desk top for this auditor to review. This system will enhance their capabilities to assist in monitoring blind spots and the review of incidents. Additionally, this enables the staff to monitor residents more efficiently throughout the physical plant of the detention facility.

Standard 115.321 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 2.1 (Reporting, Sexual Abuse and Harassment) and NC General Statute Chapter 15B (Victims Compensation Article 1 Crime Victim's Compensation Act) contained the elements of the standard and identified that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment be referred to the appropriate investigative agency based upon the victim's age. Additionally, policies requires protocols for informed consent, confidentiality, reporting to law enforcement, and reporting to child abuse investigative agencies. Documentation and staff interviews confirmed Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) and Department of Social Services (DSS) conducts the criminal investigations and administrative investigations of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for residents under the age of 18 and they receive reports through their hotline. Residents 18 years of age are referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency to investigate allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

There is evidence of the Alexander JDC's Detention Director obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding from Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. to provide confidential emotional support to residents who are victims of sexual abuse at the detention facility. Wake Forest Baptist Hospital provides the emergency and forensic medical examinations at no financial cost to the victim. Documentation was provided that the medical examiners at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital are SAFE certified. Additionally, the Office of PREA Administration sent a directive to all facilities to establish a standardized role of the PREA Support Person (PSP) that will serve as an advocate to link services (community based advocates or mental health professionals) and support to residents who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by another resident, staff member, contractor or volunteer. The Detention Director has designated eight (8) staff for this role and completed the required form (OPA-A18). These individuals are screened for appropriateness to serve as a victim advocate and receive specialized training. Staff interviews and training documentation confirmed the new role of the PSP individuals in the detention facility.

Standard 115.322 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.11 (Allegation of Juvenile Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment at Former Center) requires an administrative and/or criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All staff are required to report all allegations, knowledge and suspicions of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, staff neglect and/or violations of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All staff are required to refer all alleged incidents of sexual abuse, harassment or misconduct to Department of Social Services (DSS) for investigation and determination of child abuse and Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) for the determination of criminal charges. Staff refer all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment to the Central Office and the Office of PREA Administration for completion of an administrative investigation. The appropriate information will be entered into their internal TROI system. The PREA policy can be found at the North Carolina state's website and information can be found in their PREA pamphlet (Expect Respect: Your Safety in Juvenile Justice) that is available in English and Spanish. The parent/guardian is provided with an information packet identifying the zero tolerance to sexual abuse or sexual harassment and the hotline information on how to report. This information is also available in Spanish.

Alexander JDC has three (3) allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment resulting in a criminal investigation and/or an administrative investigation. All staff interviews reflected and confirmed their knowledge on the reporting and referral process and policy's requirements but did not know the agency who conducts the administrative and criminal investigation in response to an allegation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. After the on-site visit, all staff were re-trained on who conducts the administrative and criminal investigations in response to an allegation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. The facility's PREA Compliance PREA Audit Report

Manager sent the documentation to this auditor. The information was reviewed by this auditor and the facility is in compliance with this standard.

Standard 115.331 Employee training

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.4 (Employee Training) requires an indepth PREA Training upon initially becoming an employee (entry level training) as well as refresher training annually. All the PREA training provided to employees statewide contains all eleven (11) topics consistent with this standard's requirements and is tailored to all facilities with the gender of their resident populations. The staff training documentation and staff interviews confirmed staff receives PREA training during initial training and during refresher training. All employees are trained as new hires regardless of their previous experience. All new employees receive the NCDPS Employee PREA brochure and sign the PREA Acknowledgement Form indicating they received the training and understand their responsibilities for all the different training modules and tested upon completion of the initial PREA training. A review of all staff and training education forms as well as staff interviews confirmed that staff are receiving their required PREA training. Staff interviews confirmed their comprehension of the PREA training and their obligation to report any allegation of the sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. Additionally, all employees receive training during monthly staff meetings. Employee training records are maintained electronically and certain training documents (NCDPS Human Resources On Boarding Checklist form and PREA Acknowledgement Form) are maintained in their personnel file.

Standard 115.332 Volunteer and contractor training

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.5 (Training for Volunteers, Custodial Agents, Contractors, and Other Persons Providing Services to Residents) requires volunteers, interns and contractors who have contact with residents to receive indepth PREA training. All volunteers, interns and contractors receive the PREA training, PREA Volunteer brochure and sign the PREA Acknowledgement Form upon completion of the PREA training they received. Documentation confirmed they are aware of the detention facility's requirement for confidentiality and their duty to report any incidents of sexual abuse and or sexual harassment. Interview with two (2) teachers confirmed their knowledge of the PREA training.

Standard 115.333 Resident education

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.6 (Resident Education) requires residents to receive comprehensive age appropriate education information regarding safety, their rights to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, reporting and the agency's response to allegations within 10 days upon arrival. However, the intake staff provides the residents with this information immediately upon arrival during their initial intake and orientation process. During the initial intake, the assigned staff utilizes the Juvenile Educator Manual and reviews this detailed information verbally with the resident and the resident signs the "Juvenile PREA Education Acknowledgement" form verifying receipt for all information regarding orientation to the detention facility. Documentation of resident's signatures were reviewed and confirmed during resident interviews. Residents are provided a NCDPS brochure which includes information on prevention/intervention, self-protection, reporting and treatment/counseling and is available in Spanish. Most residents interviewed stated they received this information the same day they arrived at the detention facility and identified the receipt of the pamphlet. Staff presents PREA information in a manner that is accessible to all residents and provides education on an ongoing basis.

Standard 115.334 Specialized training: Investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 2.3 (Investigations) requires an administrative and/or criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and requires staff to refer all alleged incidents of sexual abuse, harassment or misconduct to Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) for criminal investigations and the Office of PREA Administration and Department of Social Services (DSS) for administrative investigations. All investigators under go an extensive training prior to conducting criminal and administrative investigations which includes the NCDPS PREA Specialized Training: Investigating Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. The detention facility does not conduct administrative or criminal investigations, however, assigned personnel conduct fact finding investigations. There are three (3) staff at the detention facility who have completed the NCDPS PREA Specialized Training: Investigating Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. Documentation was reviewed and in compliance with the PREA requirements for specialized training for investigators who investigate allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.

Standard 115.335 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.7 (Specialized Medical/Mental Health Provider Training) requires PREA training and specialized training for medical and mental health staff. It was evident through the medical and mental health staff interviews they had received the basic PREA training provided to all staff and the specialized training offered by NCDPS (Preventing, Detecting, and Responding to Sexual Abuse of Youth in Confinement: The Role of the Mental Health Clinician). All medical and mental health staff sign the “Medical & Mental Health Care PREA Training Acknowledgement” form to acknowledge they received the training and understand their responsibilities in the event of an incident. The medical staff do not conduct forensic examinations.

Standard 115.341 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions) requires prior to placement as part of the screening process each resident is screened upon admission with an objective screening instrument for risk of victimization and sexual abusiveness within 72 hours. All residents are screened within twenty-four hours upon arrival at the detention facility to determine placement and their special needs. Those residents who score vulnerable to victim or sexually aggressive are included into their alert system, as well as receiving further assessments, as identified. NCDPS “Admission and Placement Screening” form, medical and mental health assessment and various other forms are used in combination with information about personal history, medical and mental health screenings, conversations, classification assessments as well as reviewed court records and case files. Residents are reassessed within several days of their arrival and throughout their stay at the detention facility. The detention facility's policies limits staff access to this information on a “need to know basis”. Staff interviews and the documentation review confirmed a screening is completed on each resident upon admission to the detention facility. Residents reporting prior victimization, according to staff, are referred immediately for a follow-up with medical or mental health personnel. Although there have been no transgender or intersex residents admitted to the facility within the past year, staff were aware of giving consideration for the resident's own views of their safety in placement and programming assignments. Most residents were able to identify the questions during the admission process on whether they had been sexually abused, identified with being gay, bisexual or transgender, whether they had any disabilities and/or whether they think they might be in danger of sexual abuse at the detention facility.

Standard 115.342 Use of screening information

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions); NCDPS Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Detention Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved in July 2012 – Section 3.3 (Admissions) and NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 2 (R&P/YC 2: YDC Admissions and Assessments) and NCDPS DJJ and Delinquency Prevention Policy dated 4/15/07 – Section PS/YC 3.0 (Behavior Expectations) prohibits gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex residents being placed in a dorm area, bed or other assignments based solely on their identification or status. In addition, the policy describes the screening and assessment process and how that information, along with information derived from medical and mental health screening and assessments, records reviews, database checks, conversations and observations, is used to determine a resident's appropriate placement, housing and bed assignments, as well as work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse. The intake staff utilize various forms, the Admission and Placement Screening, Room Assignment to name a few and any other pertinent information during the resident's admission process. Also, the staff determine placement of residents in a specific sleeping assignment according to their risk level (low, medium or high). Staff interviews described how information is derived from the various forms and the initial medical and mental health/substance abuse screening forms to determine placement and risk level. There are two (2) living quarters called A-Wing & B-Wing with ten (10) single bedrooms located in each wing. Also, there are four (4) holding cells in the detention facility. Isolation is not utilized at the detention facility as a means of protective custody.

Standard 115.351 Resident reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 2.1 (Reporting Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) and NCDPS DJJ and Delinquency Prevention Abuse and Neglect Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 1.7 (Availability for Reporting Mechanisms in a Facility) provides multiple internal ways for residents to report sexual abuse and harassment retaliation, staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Residents are informed verbally and in writing on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. These various ways of reporting include advising an administrator, a staff member, telephoning the hotline number, placing a written complaint in the grievance box and third party. Additionally, residents are provided a "Student PREA & Grievance Tool Kit" that contains grievance forms, notebook paper, envelopes addressed to (DSS, PREA office, Detention Director & Director of Facility Operations), blank envelopes, pencil and a list of addresses for reporting. While touring the entire detention facility, there were postings of the PREA information (Bulletin Board & Expect Respect; Your Safety in Juvenile Justice) and Reporting Resources.

The postings were observed in the secure lobby and administrative area, intake area, dining/classroom area, visitation/classroom area and living areas of the detention facility. Reporting procedures are provided to residents through the “Student PREA & Grievance Tool Kit” and pamphlet. Resident interviews indicated several ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by telephoning the hotline, speak with a staff they trust or third party. Some residents identified the grievance box as a means to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Most resident and staff interviews along with the resident’s pamphlet and supporting documentation verified compliance with this standard.

Standard 115.352 Exhaustion of administrative remedies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.16 (Grievance Process) and NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 6 (R&P/YD 6: Non-Disciplinary, Internal Grievance Process) describes the orientation residents receive explaining how to use the grievance process to report allegations of abuse and has administrative procedures/appeal process for dealing with resident’s grievances regarding sexual abuse or harassment. Residents may place a written grievance or complaint in the locked grievance boxes located in the living quarters of the detention facility. The detention facility has a multi-layered grievance process enabling timely response and layers of review. The policies and procedures describe an unimpeded process. Residents are not required to utilize an informal process for reporting allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment nor are they required to submit it to the staff member involved in the allegation. Some resident interviews and documentation confirmed there is a grievance process relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment and a written complaint can be placed in the grievance box. Residents indicated they would contact a trusted staff or telephone the hotline in relation to sexual abuse or sexual harassment complaints. There have been no grievances relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment received in the past 12 months at the detention facility.

Standard 115.353 Resident access to outside confidential support services

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor’s analysis and reasoning, and the auditor’s conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 1.8 (Victim Support); NCDPS Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Detention Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved in July 2012 – Section 2.7 (Telephone and Mail) and Section 2.8 (Visitation) and NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 4.4 (Visitation) and Section 4 (R&P/YD 4: Legal Representation) ensures that residents are provided access to outside confidential support services, legal counsel and parent/guardian. NCDPS continues to collaborate with NCCASA (North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Abuse) to establish advocacy services, education

and training statewide. There is evidence of Alexander JDC's Detention Director obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding from Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. to provide confidential emotional support to residents who are victims of sexual abuse at the detention facility. Wake Forest Baptist Hospital provides the emergency and forensic medical examinations at no financial cost to the victim. Documentation was provided that the medical examiners at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital are SAFE certified. There have been no calls from residents to outside services in the past 12 months. Resident interviews confirmed they have reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys and reasonable access to their parent/guardian either through visitation, correspondence or by telephone. The detention facility provides weekly calls to parents/legal guardians, provides for the toll free hotline to report sexual abuse, permits parental/legal guardians visitation, and letter writing to parents/legal guardians. The detention facility's postings contained information of the outside services. Resident interviews revealed knowledge of how to access outside services but limited knowledge of what kind of services are provided to them. Additional education has been provided to the residents on victim advocate services. Since the initial review and on-site visit, the documentation was received prior to the submission of this report. The information was reviewed by this auditor and the detention facility is in full compliance with this standard.

Standard 115.354 Third-party reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in June 2013 – Section 2.1 (Reporting Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) identifies the Department's third party reporting process and instruct staff to accept third party reports. NCDPS website provides the public with information regarding third-party reporting of sexual abuse or sexual harassment on behalf of a resident. In addition, the Department has established a confidential webpage for employees to report allegations fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct or mismanagement in the department and these concerns may be reported anonymously. The staff provides the parent/guardian with a packet containing varied forms, victim advocate services and third-party reporting information. Resident interviews confirmed their awareness of reporting sexual abuse or harassment to others outside of the detention facility including access to their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and attorney. Additionally, they are instructed to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to a trusted adult, parent/legal guardian, and/or attorney. All staff interviews were able to describe how reports may be made by third parties.

Standard 115.361 Staff and agency reporting duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 - Section 2.1 (Reporting Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment)

and NCDPS DJJ and Delinquency Prevention Abuse and Neglect Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 1.7 (Availability for Reporting Mechanisms in a Facility) identified the reporting process for all staff to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion or information they receive regarding sexual abuse and harassment, retaliation against residents or staff who report any incidents or any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. All staff are mandated reporters and random staff interviews confirmed the detention facility’s compliance with this standard. All staff receive information on clear steps on how to report sexual misconduct and to maintain confidentiality through the detention facility protocol and/or training. The staff would complete a incident report with the details of any incidents that would occur in the detention facility in compliance with this standard. Additionally, interviews with medical and mental health staff confirmed their responsibility to inform residents under 18 years old of their duty to report and limitations of confidentiality.

Standard 115.362 Agency protection duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 - Section 3.1 (First Response to Concerns of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Voyeurism) and NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 6 (R&P/YD 6: Non-Disciplinary, Internal Grievance Process) requires that immediate action to be taken upon learning that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. There were no residents determined to be subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse in the past 12 months at the detention facility. Documentation and interviews with the Detention Director and other random selected staff were able to articulate, without hesitation, the expectations and requirements of the policies and PREA Standards, upon becoming aware that a resident may be subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse. Staff indicated if a resident was in danger of sexual abuse or at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, they would act immediately to ensure the safety of the resident, separate from the alleged perpetrator and contact their immediate supervisor. Additionally, the resident would be referred for mental health services. All resident interviews reported they feel safe at this detention facility and none had ever reported to staff that they were at substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

Standard 115.363 Reporting to other confinement facilities

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor’s analysis and reasoning, and the auditor’s conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 - Section 1.11 (Allegation of Juvenile Sexual Abuse or Sexual

Harassment at Former Center) requires the Facility/Detention Director, upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, to notify the head of the other facility where the alleged abuse occurred and to report it in accordance with NCDPS policies and procedures. The Detention Director has received no allegations that a resident was abused while confined at another facility nor were there any allegations received from another facility during the past 12 months.

Standard 115.364 Staff first responder duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 - Section 3.1 (First Response to Concerns of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Voyeurism); NCDPS Sexual Abuse Incident Response Checklist for First Responder and Stonewall Jackson YDC Response Plan for Juvenile Sexual Abuse Reporting requires staff to take specific steps to respond to a report of sexual abuse including; separating the alleged victim from the abuser; preserving any crime scene within a period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence; request that the alleged victim not take any action that could destroy physical evidence; and ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any action to destroy physical evidence, if the abuse took place within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence. There has been one (1) allegation of sexual abuse during the past 12 months. First responder interview validated his technical knowledge of actions to be taken upon learning that a resident was sexually abused, however most staff interviews had difficulty in providing the action steps, had limited knowledge of their responsibilities as first responders and unaware of why they do these duties. There was a discussion to re-train staff on first responder duties. Since the initial review and on-site visit, the Detention Director sent the documentation to this auditor prior to the submission of this report. The information was reviewed by this auditor and the detention facility is in full compliance with this standard.

Standard 115.365 Coordinated response

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 - Section 3 (Youth Development Center and Detention Center Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Policy); NCDPS Sexual Abuse & Harassment Coordinated Response Overview and Alexander JDC's Sexual Abuse Institutional Response Plan provides a written coordinated response system to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual assault among staff first responders, administration, executive staff and contacting medical and mental health outside sources. Alexander JDC's staff have a system in place providing the staff with clear actions to be taken by each discipline for accessing,

contacting administrative staff, medical and mental health staff, contacting DSS and law enforcement, victim advocate services, & parent/guardian and a number of other individuals. Interviews with the Detention Director and other staff validated their technical knowledgeable of their duties in response to a sexual assault.

Standard 115.366 Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) does not engage in the collective bargaining process regarding any violation of departmental policy regarding PREA, therefore this standard is not applicable.

Standard 115.367 Agency protection against retaliation

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.8 (Victim Support) and Section 1.15 (Retaliation) requires the protection and monitoring of residents and staff who have reported sexual abuse and sexual harassment or who have cooperated in a sexual abuse or harassment investigation. NCDPS policies and procedures prohibits retaliation against any staff or resident for making a report of sexual abuse as well as retaliation against a victim who has suffered from abuse. The monitoring at a minimum will take place for a period of 90 days or longer, as needed. This monitoring would include resident disciplinary reports, bedroom and program changes, negative performance reports as well as reassignments of staff. The Detention Director is responsible with overseeing the monitoring of the conduct or treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to determine if changes that may suggest possible retaliation exist. She is responsible for assigning a PREA Support Person (PSP) that will serve as an advocate to link services (community based advocates or mental health professionals) and support to residents who report sexual abuse and sexual harassment by another resident, staff member, contractor or volunteer. The Detention Director has designated several staff for this role and completed the required form (OPA-A18). These individuals are screened for appropriateness to serve as a victim advocate and receive specialized training. Staff interviews and training documentation confirmed the new role of the PSP individuals in the detention facility. The PSP individuals will be completing several forms depending on whether it is a staff or resident retaliation monitoring. Upon completion of the investigation, a PSP individual will complete a "PREA Sexual Abuse and Harassment Retaliation Report" form [Staff (OPA-I22) or Resident (OPA-I24)]. There were no incidents of retaliation in the past 12 months at the detention facility.

Standard 115.368 Post-allegation protective custody

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 2.2 (Response) & Section PS/YC 3.0 (Behavior Expectations) and NCDPS Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Detention Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved in July 2012 – Section 2.3.13 (Temporary Confinement) contained information on post-allegation protective custody or guidelines for moving a resident to another facility as a last measure to keep residents who alleged sexual abuse safe and only until an alternative means for keeping the resident safe can be arranged. The detention facility restricts any isolation placement, however, Alexander JDC has the capabilities to provide isolation for a resident as a last resort. No residents who have alleged sexual abuse in the past 12 months were secluded or isolated from the other residents. The residents would be placed in another living area or staff would be placed on "no contact with resident."

Standard 115.371 Criminal and administrative agency investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 2.3 (Investigations) and NCDPS Sexual Abuse & Harassment Coordinated Response Overview require staff to refer all alleged incidents of sexual abuse, harassment or misconduct to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for investigation and determination of child abuse and Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) for the determination of criminal charges. Staff refer all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment to the Central Office and the Office of PREA Administration for completion of an administrative investigation. There have been no reported investigations that appeared to be criminal and referred for prosecution of alleged staff's or residents inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this detention facility in the past 12 months. It was evident, the staff reported incidents as required and reports are maintained for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the facility, plus 5 years unless the abuse was committed by a juvenile and applicable laws require a shorter period of retention.

Standard 115.372 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 2.3 (Investigations) contains all the elements of the standard. Department of Social Services (DSS) and Office of PREA Administration investigates the allegation and indicates a standard of a preponderance of the evidence or a lower standard of proof for determining if allegations are substantiated. An interview with the Detention Director indicated that they conduct fact finding investigations, make conclusions following the investigation and provide the information to the detention facility and to the Central Office and the Office of PREA Administration for consultation with legal and human resources to determine disciplinary actions.

Standard 115.373 Reporting to residents

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 2.3 (Investigations) and Section 1.8 (Victim Support) requires that any resident who makes an allegation that he suffered sexual abuse is informed in writing contains the process for notifying residents whether the allegation proves substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded following an investigation. Office of PREA Administration has a process to notify the resident. The policies further requires that following a resident's allegation that a staff member who has committed sexual abuse against the resident, the detention facility informs the resident unless the allegations are "unfounded" whenever the staff member is no longer posted within the resident's living area; the staff member is no longer employed at the detention facility; Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) learns that the staff member has been indicted or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the detention facility. With regard to investigations involving resident-on-resident allegations of sexual abuse, Alexander County Sheriff's Department (ACSD) notifies the Detention Director who will then inform the resident whenever the detention facility learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the detention facility. There have been three (3) reported investigations of alleged staff or resident's inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this detention facility during the past 12 months. The Detention Director validated her technical knowledge of the reporting process during her interview.

Standard 115.376 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.14 (Discipline) disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating the facility's sexual abuse or harassment policies. The policy also mandates that the violation be reported to the Office of PREA Administration and law enforcement. All disciplinary sanctions are maintained in the employees HR file in accordance with NCDPS policy and procedures. Termination is the presumptive sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse. Additionally staff may not escape sanctions by resigning. Staff who resign because they would have been terminated, are reported to the local law enforcement, unless the activities were not clearly criminal. There have been no employees terminated in the past 12 months for violation of the detention facility's sexual abuse or harassment policies. The Detention Director interview validated her technical knowledge of the reporting process was consistent with NCDPS policy and procedures.

Standard 115.377 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.14 (Discipline) requires that volunteers and contractors in violation of the detention facility's policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and harassment of residents will be reported to DSS, Office of PREA Administration, and local law enforcement unless the activity was clearly not criminal and to relevant licensing bodies. Additionally, the policies requires the detention staff to take remedial measures and prohibit future contact with residents in the case of any violation of the detention facility's sexual abuse and harassment policies by contractors or volunteers. This was verified during an interview with the Detention Director. There have been no volunteers or contractors reported in the past 12 months for engaging in sexual abuse or harassment of a resident at the detention facility.

Standard 115.378 Disciplinary sanctions for residents

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.14 (Discipline); NCDPS Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Detention Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved in July 2012 – Section 2.3 (Rules and Discipline); NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R & P) Document – Section 2 (R&P/YC 2: YDC Admission and Assessments) and NCDPS DJJ and Delinquency Prevention Abuse and Neglect Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section PS/YC 3.0 (Behavior Expectations) any resident found to have violated any of the agency’s sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies will be subject to sanctions pursuant to the behavior management program. Alexander JDC’s staff provides each resident with information that includes their rights and responsibilities, a disciplinary list of violations, disciplinary procedures and transfers. Residents will be offered therapy, counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlining reasons for their conduct. There has been one (1) administrative or criminal findings of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse that have occurred at the detention facility in the past 12 months. The Detention Director indicated that residents may also be referred for prosecution if the allegations were criminal.

Standard 115.381 Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions) and NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 1.4 (Mental Health Services) require medical and mental health evaluations and as appropriate, treatment is offered to all residents victimized by sexual abuse and ensure confidentiality of information. Residents who report prior sexual victimization or disclose prior incidents of perpetrating sexual abuse, either in an institution or in the community, are required to be offered a follow-up with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of admission/screening. Medical and mental health staff complete various admission screening forms (i.e. Admission and Placement Screening; MAYSI; Admission History and Physical Examination, Medical Screening, Suicide Risk Screening, and Mental Health Tracking form) during the initial intake process including informed consent disclosures. There were no residents who disclosed prior victimization during their initial screening process. Medical and mental health staff interviews confirmed that although there were no disclosures, all residents were offered follow-up meetings with medical and mental health providers.

Standard 115.382 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions); Section 3.1 (First Response to Concerns of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Voyeurism); NCDPS DJJ Youth Development Center Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document – Section 1.4 (Mental Health Services) and NC General Statute Chapter 15B (Victims Compensation Article 1 Crime Victim’s Compensation Act) requires resident victims of sexual abuse are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted disease prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services. The medical staff have a protocol in place to assist in expediting a resident to the emergency room with specific documentation (Juvenile Health Visit) for the direct care staff. Additionally, documentation provided confirmed treatment services are provided to every victim without financial cost. Rape Crisis Center of Catawba County, Inc. is the program identified to provide the victim advocacy services for the residents at the detention facility. Wake Forest Baptist Hospital provides the emergency and forensic medical examinations.

Standard 115.383 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 3.2 (Medical Evaluation and Forensic Mental Health Evaluation Following Allegations of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment and/or Voyeurism) and Section 3.3 (Support of the Resident Post-Evaluation for Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment and/or Voyeurism) requires ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers. Additionally, the policy requires the detention facility to offer medical and mental health evaluations and appropriate follow-up treatment. Victims of sexual abuse will be transported Wake Forest Baptist Hospital where they will receive treatment and where physical evidence can be gathered by a certified SAFE medical examiner. There has been one (1) investigation of alleged resident’s inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this detention facility in the past 12 months. There is a process in place to ensure staff track on-going medical and mental health services for victims who may have been sexually abused. The medical and mental health staff have a protocol in place to assist residents and their families upon discharge from the detention facility to continue services if needed.

Standard 115.386 Sexual abuse incident reviews

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.9 [PREA Compliance Manager (PCM)] and Section 2.3 (Investigations) and NCDPS Sexual Abuse & Harassment Coordinated Response Overview requires a PREA Post Incident Review of every sexual abuse allegation at the conclusion of all investigations, except those determined to be unfounded within thirty (30) days. Alexander JDC’s Sexual Abuse Team consists of the Detention Director, Shift Supervisors, medical and mental health representatives. There have been three (3) investigations of alleged staff or resident’s inappropriate sexual behavior that occurred in this facility in the past 12 months. Staff interviews confirmed they would document their review on the PREA Post Incident Review form that captures all aspects of an incident.

Standard 115.387 Data collection

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions) requires the collection of accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual assault. The Detention Director inputs information into the TROI system and the NCDPS PREA Coordinator obtains the data from this system relating to PREA. The NCDPS PREA Coordinator has a data collection instrument to answer all questions for the U.S. Department of Justice Survey of Sexual Abuse Violence. A review of the 2015 annual report revealed it was completed and in accordance with this standard.

Standard 115.388 Data review for corrective action

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions) requires the review of data for corrective action to improve the effectiveness of its prevention, protection and response policies, practices and training. A review of the 2015 Annual Report indicated compliance with the standard and included all of the required elements. The NCDPS 2015 Annual Report is posted on the NCDPS Website for public review. The Detention Director monitors collected data to determine and assess the need for any corrective actions. The 2015 annual report was readily available on the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) website.

Standard 115.389 Data storage, publication, and destruction

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The initial review of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons (NCDPS) Juvenile Justice Facilities Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and Requirements and Procedures (R&P) Document reviewed and approved by both the Director of Juvenile Facility Operations and Commissioner of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in September 2013 – Section 1.10 (General Provisions) requires that data is collected and securely retained for 10 years. The aggregated sexual abuse data was reviewed and all personal identifiers are removed.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and
- I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

Dorothy Xanos

October 8, 2016

Auditor Signature

Date