

**Dakota County Annual Report on  
PREA Implementation in the Juvenile Services Center (JSC) -**

**Date of review:** 02/05/2026

**Names of individuals participating in review:** Bauer, Adams, Albrecht, Gustafson, King, Roman, Riley

**Information reviewed (check all that apply to PREA reports for the year):**

- Exigent circumstances reports on staffing requirement non-compliance –
- PREA reports and actions taken
- Protective custody incidents
- Monitoring for retaliation and actions taken
- Safety Based Separation records and actions taken
- AIRS reports on holds, other incidents and actions taken
- Complaints from residents, staff and actions taken
- Unannounced rounds and actions taken
- Blind spots in the facility identified (not viewable with surveillance system) and actions taken
- Other (specify) Cross gender pat search protocol and review a resident search policy

**Findings**

1. Number of sexual abuse<sup>1</sup> incidents reported for 2025:   1  
  - There was 1 report of resident-on-resident sexual abuse investigated by the Dakota County Sheriffs Office. The one allegation was found to be Unsubstantiated.
2. Number of sexual harassments<sup>2</sup> incidents reported for 2025:   3  
  - All 3 reports of sexual harassment were investigated and found to be Unfounded.

**Recommendations**


1. Request to move New Chance Program cameras to the JSC pods to add additional camera coverage.
2. Train all staff on cross-gender pat down searches and the resident search policy

**Actions taken by Facility Superintendent in response (check all that apply):**

- Accept recommendation(s) (specify which, when to implement):
- Reject recommendation(s) (specify which, why rejected):
- Other (describe):
- No action


**Facility Superintendent comments:** We continue our goals of having a safe facility for staff and residents that is free of sexual misconduct. Safety remains our top priority for residents and staff. The youth are regularly educated on their rights to be free from sexual harassment and sexual abuse. They are aware of how to report allegations of such. All allegations are referred for official investigation. All JSC staff received our PREA training in 2025. We will continue to evaluate for ways we can increase safety in our facility for all.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by PREA Juvenile Facility Standards, USDOJ 5/17/2012. <https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/content/preafinalstandardstype-juveniles.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid