



Annual PREA Data Report MPA Hampton & Campton Shelter Care Programs Calendar Year 2022

Mount Prospect Academy's Shelter Care Stabilization Treatment Program is designed for New Hampshire DHHS placed students who need a temporary place to stay while other permanency plans or treatment facility options are explored. The two shelter care facilities, one in Hampton, New Hampshire and one in Campton, New Hampshire can accommodate up to a total of 16 youth between the ages of 11-18, but the census averages a total of 7 youth a day: in calendar year 2022 Hampton averaged 2.3 youth per day and Campton averaged 4.15 youth per day, consistent with the two previous years.

Students placed at the Shelter Care program commonly remain in the program for 60 days or less. During this time, the students engage in clinical services with an assigned Milieu Clinician through individual and group therapy. They attend academic programming at a local MPA Academic Program that works closely with each youth's sending school district to support basic skills development, course credit recovery, and advancement toward the student's graduation requirements. A strong internship component is embedded within the academic programs, as many of our students benefit from hands-on learning and healthy energy release.

MPA Shelter Care is owned and operated by a private non-for-profit agency, Mount Prospect Academic, Inc. Because, on average, more than 50% of the population are under a court order, this shelter care program must comply with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA"), Juvenile Facility Standards. That being said, it is vital to note that MPA Shelter Care is not a secure detention program: doors are not locked. Youth have confidential access to their attorneys, the Office of the Child Advocate, the Disabilities Rights Center, their NH DHHS worker and external crisis programs. Contact information for these entities are provided to youth upon admission and posted in common areas of the building. In addition, MPA encourages communication with family, caregivers and friends via telephone, letter or in person: students have an approved contact list outlining all appropriate contacts. In addition, written documentation of any critical incidents are reported to multiple sources, including the State of New Hampshire and legal guardians.

PREA requires, and MPA collects, accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at its shelter care facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual misconduct prevention, detection, and response; also, policies, practices, and training at MPA pursuant to §115.387 and §115.388 of the national PREA standards. Therein, MPA is required to:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual misconduct data annually to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response as well as policies, practices, and training to include: a. Identifying problem areas; b. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and c. Preparing an annual report of its findings

2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual misconduct.

3. Publish an annual report on the MPA website of its findings and corrective actions for the agency as a whole.

As required by PREA, the incident-based data MPA collects includes, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Victimization conducted by the Department of Justice.

https://bjs.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh236/files/media/survey/2021_ssv6_collection_508_0.pdf This report answers those questions.

General Information about the number of youth served, and some demographics.

In each of the following years, PREA requires MPA Shelter Care to collect and share the following data points:

MPA Shelter Care at Hampton					
Year	Total Number of Youth Admitted.	Age range in these categories: * 17 and under * 18-20 * Age 21 and older	# Males & Females ¹	Total number of youth discharged	Average daily census
2020	31	17 and under 31 18-20: 0 21 and older: 0	31 F, 0 M	32	2.0 youth
2021	26	26 and under 17 18-20: 0 21 and older: 0	29 F, 0 M	22	1.6 youth
2022	17	17 and under 17 18-20: 0 21 and older: 0	31 F, 0 M	18	2.3 youth

MPA Shelter Care at Campton					
Year	Total number of youth admitted.	Age range in these categories: * 17 and under * 18-20 * Age 21 and older	# Males & Females	Total number of youth discharged	Average Daily Census
2020	60	60, 0 & 0	60 M, 0 F	63	4.62 youth
2021	52	52, 0 & 0	52 M, 0 F	55	4.95 youth

¹ MPA ShelterCare serves transgender youth. The data required to be collected by the federal government is reflected in this document.

2022	54	54, 0 & 0	54 M, 0 F	54	4.15 youth
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Data Specific to Sexual Abuse

Mount Prospect Academy Shelter Care maintains, reviews, and collects data relating to sexual abuse (as that term is defined by PREA for this report) as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. It includes investigation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, resident-on-resident sexual abuse and staff-on-resident sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The data in this section contains aggregated data from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. All allegations are entered and tracked through a secure database. The following graphs depicts a breakdown of allegations.

Hampton Shelter Care PREA Allegations – Conduct by Youth Against Another Youth

Allegations by year	Unfounded Allegation	Unsubstantiated Allegation	Substantiated Allegation	Ongoing Investigation	Total
2020	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	2	0	2
2022	0	0	0	0	0

Campton Shelter Care PREA Allegations – Conduct by Youth Against Another Youth

Allegations by year	Unfounded Allegation	Unsubstantiated Allegation	Substantiated Allegation	Ongoing Investigation	Total
2020	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0

Hampton Shelter Care PREA Allegations – Conduct by a Faculty Member Against A Youth

Allegations by year	Unfounded Allegation	Unsubstantiated Allegation	Substantiated Allegation	Ongoing Investigation	Total
2020	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0

Campton Shelter Care PREA Allegations – Conduct by a Faculty Member Against A Youth

Allegations by year	Unfounded Allegation	Unsubstantiated Allegation	Substantiated Allegation	Ongoing Investigation	Total
2020	1 (recanted)	0	0	0	1
2021	0	0	0	0	0
2022	1* (sexual harassment)	0	0	0	1

MPA Annual PREA Findings and Analysis

MPA continues to maintain a Zero Tolerance Policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

In calendar year 2022, MPA' shelter care program had zero incidents of sexual abuse between (a) residents and (b) faculty and residents. There was an allegation of sexual harassment between a staff and a student that was fully investigated. The youth was leaving for court to be discharged from shelter care the day the youth made the allegation.

Our faculty are trained extensively in child abuse and neglect reporting, maintaining appropriate and professional relationships, behavior management, ethical issues and more to ensure this standard is continuously met. It is worth noting, as cited in the "Department of Justice National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape Executive Summary":

"An increase in incidents reported to facility administrators might reflect increased abuse, or it might just reflect inmates' increased willingness to report abuse, due to the facility's success at assuring inmates that reporting will yield positive outcomes and not result in retaliation. Likewise, an increase in substantiated incidents could mean either that a facility is failing to protect inmates, or simply that it has improved its effectiveness at investigating allegations. For these reasons, the standards generally aim to inculcate policies and procedures that will reduce and ameliorate bad outcomes, recognizing that one possible consequence of improved performance is that evidence of more incidents will come to light."

Problem areas:

No problem areas were identified, although continuous quality improvement is resulting in two projects relating to data collection and video surveillance:

Data Collection: MPA has always tracked the data for "Non-Consensual Sex Acts" and "Abusive Sexual Conduct", as those terms are defined by PREA. PREA defines sexual harassment as follows:

"Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another. Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures."

MPA is vigilant for any form of bullying and any inappropriate verbal comments and works hard to address such inappropriate comments as part of treatment. Repeated verbal comments that can be taken as targeting are reviewed by leadership and necessary steps are taken to protect our youth from derogatory verbal comments. In 2023, MPA is moving to new software that will offer enhanced abilities to track any comments of a sexual nature. MPA Hampton and Campton will transition to this new software in April of 2023.

Video Surveillance: MPA recently installed cameras in the Campton common areas of the shelter care program (hallways, living rooms). The dining room areas already had cameras installed. Hampton already had cameras installed throughout the building, but MPA identified and remedied some "blind spots".

2023 Initiatives

For Calendar year 2023 MPA will continue to enhance its culture of safety and prevention of sexual abuse.


- The PREA Coordinator will continue to utilize the PREA Resource Center to keep abreast of standards, updates, and PREA-related materials
- The PREA teams from Campton and Hampton will meet jointly to formally evaluate the investigations of any PREA allegations, using enhanced documentation/forms
- The Human Resources Program will evaluate and improve PREA training efforts
- MPA will continue to review and revise policy as appropriate/as needed, as MPA is committed to continual and progressive quality improvement.
- MPA will continue to implement the requirements of the PREA standards and adjust on an ongoing basis.

Summary

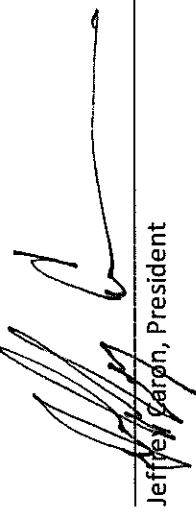
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