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BACKGROUND

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse that occurs in confinement settings, including juvenile correctional programs. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission developed national standards for reducing prison rape. These standards became final on June 20, 2012 when they were published in the Federal Register by the Department of Justice (DOJ). PREA applies to adult prisons and jails, juvenile confinement facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities. Juvenile facilities, whether a locked secure facility or a community-based facility, are required to meet the same Juvenile Facility Standards.

Data Collection

In compliance with PREA Juvenile Standard 115.387 related to required annual reporting of sexual victimization data this report describes the data that will be submitted to the U.S. Department Of Justice Bureau Of Justice Statistics for use in the annual *Survey of Sexual Victimization*.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION			
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Number of Residents December 31 2018		22 males	
On December 31, 2018:	Number of Residents Age 17 or younger		18
	Number of Residents Age 18 to 20		4
	Number of Residents Age 21 or older		0
	Total		22
Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 how many persons were admitted or discharged from this facility?	Total number admitted		35
	Total number discharged		39
2. YOUTH ON YOUTH SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION			
Does your facility record allegations of youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS?			Yes, all reported occurrences
Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, how many allegations of youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS were reported?			0
Does your facility record allegations of youth-on-youth ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT?			Yes, all reported allegations
Can these be counted separately from allegations of NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS			Yes
Between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, how many allegations of youth-on-youth ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT were reported?			0

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Does your facility record allegations of youth-on-youth SEXUAL HARASSMENT?	Yes, all reported allegations
Between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, how many allegations of youth-on-youth SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?	0
3. STAFF ON YOUTH SEXUAL ABUSE	
Does your facility record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?	Yes, all reported occurrences
Between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT were reported?	0
Does your facility record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT?	Yes, all reported occurrences
Can these allegations be counted separately from allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?	Yes
Between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?	0
4. TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION	
What is the total number of substantiated incidents reported for 2018	0

Reports of Allegations of Sexual Abuse/Harassment and Indicated Findings at Ocean Tides School						
Year	Youth-to-Youth Sexual Harassment		Youth to Youth Sexual Assault₁		Staff to Youth Sexual Abuse/Assault₂	
Year	Allegations	Indicated	Allegations	Indicated	Allegations	Indicated
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary

Ocean Tides School is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for the youth in its care, free from sexual assault and sexual harassment. The program has made investments into the facility with the full upgrade of its 70 camera digital video surveillance system. In a continued partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) and the Thomas C. Slater Training School for Youth (RITS) Ocean Tides consulted Bernadette Brown, an expert on LGBTQ individuals within correctional facilities, through the PREA

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Resource Center in early 2018. Based on her recommendation's changes were made to the Victim Aggressor assessment process and the training curriculum to be more sensitive and current with the needs of the LGBTQ population. Ocean Tides remains committed to providing its staff with the necessary training, supervision, and professional development to maintain a safe caring atmosphere for the treatment of adolescent youth.