

## Dismas Charities, Inc. 2023 PREA Annual Report.



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During the Reporting year ending December 31, 2023 Dismas Charities, Inc. had 15 locations complete a Department of Justice PREA compliance audit. They were Diersen (Louisville, KY), Louisville facility (Louisville, KY), Portland (Louisville, KY) St. Patrick (Louisville, KY), Owensboro KY, Lexington, KY, Augusta GA, Atlanta GA, Charlotte NC, Montgomery AL, Savannah GA, Albuquerque NM, Hattiesburg MS, Jackson MS, and Laredo TX. Each program passed with 100% compliance and no corrective action required.

In addition, Dismas Charities, Inc. had seven locations complete an annual Kentucky Department of Corrections PREA compliance audit. The Diersen, Louisville, Portland, St. Ann and St. Patrick centers in Louisville KY, the Lexington KY center, and The Owensboro KY center completed and passed the audit.

For this reporting period, Dismas' 38 programs registered 30 allegations of sexual related incidents: Of these, eight were unfounded, 21 unsubstantiated, and one substantiated. Dismas Charities has opened two additional facilities this reporting period and now serves over 8000 residents annually and 3300 daily. Thus, compared to the previous reporting period, there is a slight increase in allegations; however, the substantiated cases still number the same. Dismas' staff commitment to training on Sexual Abuse prevention ensures the work continues to provide a safe environment for all of its residents.

Dismas Charities employs 20-trained PREA investigators, along with OIG and KYDOC investigation partners, in order to better support the residents, the centers and its AHJ to ensure timely and quality responses to all allegations.

Dismas Charities continues to employ a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and strives to maintain a culture of secure reporting for both staff and residents. While not all investigations fall within PREA standard definitions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, all complaints are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. We continue to make every effort to reduce and eliminate instances of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within our centers.

Approved by:

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Ellen Donnarumma, President/CEO