

Dismas Charities, Inc. 2021 PREA Annual Report.



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During the Reporting year ending December 31, 2021 Dismas Charities, Inc. had 19 locations complete a Department of Justice PREA compliance audit. They were Savannah GA, Augusta GA, Atlanta GA, El-Paso TX, Del-Rio TX, Laredo TX, Albuquerque NM, Las Cruces NM, Omaha NE, Nashville TN, Montgomery AL, Jackson MS, Hattiesburg MS, Lexington KY, Manchester KY, Owensboro KY, and the Portland, St. Patrick, and St. Ann centers in Louisville KY. Each program passed with 100% compliance and no corrective action required.

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

For this reporting period, Dismas' 35 programs registered 29 allegations of sexual related incidents: Of these six were unfounded, 15 unsubstantiated and six substantiated with one prosecuted and two of the allegations still under investigation by outside authorities. This is a reduction from last year's number of 48 allegations. Dismas' staff continues to work diligently to provide a safe environment for all of its residents.

During 2021, Dismas expanded the number of trained PREA investigators from nine to fourteen 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, 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond J. Weis".

Raymond J. Weis, President/CEO