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## DYS PREA Annual Report Findings and Corrective Actions 2025

The agency received twenty-one reports of sexual abuse/inappropriate sexual contact during the calendar year 2025. Nineteen reports were against a youth by a staff member and two reports were youth against another youth. Twelve were reported to have occurred at moderate care facilities, nine were reported to have occurred at secure care facilities and none were reported to have occurred at a group care facility. Below is a summary of the reports, the findings and corrective actions.

**Report 1: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA and Program Supervision. Training staff in program standards, positioning structure and awareness of the youth.

**Report 2: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding professional boundaries.

**Report 3: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA. Improve staff communications. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

**Report 4: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries. A DYS staff member resigned.

**Report 5: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision. Improve staff communications.



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**Report 6: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries.

**Report 7: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries, and safety.

**Report 8: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks.

**Report 9: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

**Report 10: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, engaged supervision and professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

**Report 11: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, engaged supervision and professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

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**Report 12: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, Program Supervision and professional boundaries. Training staff in program standards. A DYS staff member resigned.

**Report 13: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks. A DYS staff member resigned.

**Report 14: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries, and aftercare youth contacts. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

**Report 15: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks

**Report 16: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, engaged supervision and professional boundaries. A DYS staff member resigned.

**Report 17: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, engaged supervision and professional boundaries. A DYS staff member resigned.

**Report 18: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

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**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, engaged supervision and professional boundaries.

**Report 19: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding PREA, engaged supervision and professional boundaries. A DYS staff member resigned.

**Report 20: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding professional boundaries and aftercare youth contacts.

**Report 21: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident is an on-going investigation.

**Corrective Actions:**

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