

PREA AUDIT: AUDITOR'S SUMMARY REPORT

ADULT PRISONS & JAILS



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Facility Information			
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Whitworth Women's Facility is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit		
Facility Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison	
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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE:

The audit of Whitworth Women's Facility was conducted on July 7, 2015 by Katherine Brown, Certified PREA auditor. The areas toured were a total of 7 housing units. There are 7 general population units and 6 administrative detention/segregation cells. I toured each housing unit plus the kitchen, laundry, programs area, and work areas.

An entrance meeting was held with facility staff. The following people were in attendance: Mark Martin Deputy Warden Security; Sheila Bracewell, Deputy Warden Care & Treatment/PREA Compliance Manager; Charles Oliver, Deputy Warden Administration; Gary Albin, Nurse Manager; Mark Cornman, Mental Health Counselor/SART Leader; David Little, Captain/Chief of Security; Melanie Moorehead, Intake Officer; Julie Yeargin, Counselor/Retaliation Monitor; Tina Shehee, Registered Nurse; Ted Hilley, Personne Representative; Kathy Hiott, Warden's Secretary.

Following the entrance meeting I toured the facility from 08:45 to 09:45. On the tour with me was: Mark Martin Deputy Warden Security; Sheila Bracewell, Deputy Warden Care & Treatment/PREA Compliance Manager; Charles Oliver, Deputy Warden Administration; David Little, Captain/Chief of Security; Julie Yeargin, Counselor.

I asked for a housing listing of all inmates housed at Whitworth Women's Facility and randomly selected 15 inmates, as well as any inmates who were limited English speaking or had hearing/vision impairment to be interviewed. There were no hearing/vision impairment inmates, I did interview one limited English speaking inmate. I also asked for any inmate who was transgender/intersex. There were no transgender/intersex inmates, I did interview 2 Lesbian inmates and 2 that disclosed sexual victimization during intake. I also asked for a shift roster and randomly selected 9 staff to interview. The officers work 12 hour shifts and there are a total of 12 officers working housing.

There were 10 sexual assault/harassment allegation cases, all relatively recent (within the past year) 6 were substantiated; 1 was unsubstantiated and 3 are open. The 3 that are open involve staff and Office of Investigative Compliance is conducting the investigation. In two of the cases the officer involved was the same person and he has recently been fired. Whitworth Women's Facility is just waiting on the final report from OIC on that case.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS:

The Whitworth Women's Facility is a Level 2 facility, located at 414 Valley Hart Road, Hartwell, GA 30643, which is approximately 100 miles east of Atlanta. The design capacity is 442 inmates, the count the day of the audit was 394 with 70 on outside details.

There are 7 open dorms: 4 – 50 bed dorms; 1-68 bed dorm and 2-84 bed dorms with 6 ISO/SEG cells. There is one officer assigned to the control and one officer assigned to the floor who conducts rounds through the housing units. "A" building has the dining hall and medical and mental health area. Medical staff work 6 am to 6 pm, seven days a week. After hours if medical care is required the inmates are taken to Sacred Heart General Hospital which is in Lavonia, Ga. which is approximately 30 minutes away from the facility.

The Mission of Whitworth Women's Facility is to "create a safer Georgia by effectively managing offenders and providing opportunities for positive change.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS:

Number of standards exceeded:

Number of standards met: 41

Number of standards not met:

Number of standards not applicable: 2

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**§115.11 - Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA
coordinator**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A.1; GDOC Organizational Chart; WWF Organizational Chart. Based on interviews with PREA Coordinator and PREA compliance manager

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlines Georgia Dept. of Corrections' approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections employs or designates an upper-level, agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections operates more than one facility; each facility has designated a PREA compliance manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate Whitworth Women's Facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards

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115.12 Contracting with other agencies for confinement of inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A.2. Based on interview with agency's contract compliance manager

Whitworth Women's Facility does not contract for the confinement of their inmate's.

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115.13 Supervision and monitoring

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A. 3; staffing plan; annual review of staffing plan. Based on interview with Warden, PREA Compliance Manager and PREA Coordinator.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has developed, documented, and made its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and uses video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse.

In circumstances where the staffing plan was not complied with, Whitworth Women's Facility documented and justified all deviations from the plan.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections completes an annual review, in consultation with the PREA coordinator required by § 115.11, to assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed.

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115.14 Youthful inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)
- Not applicable standard

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Whitworth Women's Facility does not house youthful offenders.

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115.15 Limits to cross gender viewing and searches

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A. 5. (a-g); SOP IIB01-0013 Searches; lesson plans and PowerPoint.

Whitworth Women’s Facility does not conduct cross-gender pat/ strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches

Whitworth Women’s Facility has policies and procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Such policies and procedures require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit.

Whitworth Women’s Facility does not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate’s genital status. If the inmate’s genital status is unknown, it is determined during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections trains security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex inmates, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs.

Standard number here	115.16 Inmates with disabilities and limited English speaking
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A. 6 (a & b); memo regarding inmates with disabilities and memo regarding staff interpreter. Based on random inmate and staff interviews and based on interview with limited English speaking inmates.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections takes appropriate steps to ensure inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech disabilities), have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of Georgia Dept. of Corrections' efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections does not rely on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety.

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115.17 Hiring and promotion decisions

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A. 7 (a-d); GCIC for staff; PREA Acknowledgement Statement. Based on interview with Human Resource representative and review of personnel files.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates, and does not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates, who has engaged in sexual abuse in any criminal justice facility, has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections considers any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates.

Whitworth Women's Facility performs a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates. Whitworth Women's Facility performs a records check annually on certified staff and at least every five years on current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates. This process is tracked via a spreadsheet.

Standard number here	115.18 Upgrades to facilities and technology
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV A. 8; Facility diagram camera locations. Based on interview of agency head and warden.

When installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, Georgia Dept. of Corrections considers how such technology may enhance Georgia Dept. of Corrections' ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse. There have been no substantial expansion or modifications to existing facilities.

Standard number here	115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical exams
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV B. 1 (a-f); SANE Nurse on Call schedule; Sexual Abuse Response Checklist. Based on interview with PREA compliance manager.

To the extent Georgia Dept. of Corrections is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse; Georgia Dept. of Corrections follows a uniform evidence protocol that

maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions

Georgia Dept. of Corrections offers all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, through Global Diagnostic who comes to Whitworth Women's Facility to conduct the exam, without financial cost, where evidentiary or medically appropriate. Such examinations are performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs). If a SANE nurse cannot get to the facility within 72 hours the inmate is transported to Sacred Heart Memorial Hospital in Lavonia, GA to have the exam performed. Whitworth Women's Facility has not had a sexual assault case.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections makes available to the victim a victim advocate from the Harmony House in Royston Ga.

As requested by the victim, a victim advocate, accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provides emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.

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115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV B. 1; SOP IK01-0006 Investigations. Based on interview with agency head and investigative staff.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has a policy that ensures allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. Georgia Dept. of Corrections publishes such policy on its website. Georgia Dept. of Corrections documents all such referrals.

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115.31 Employee training

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV C. 2; PREA acknowledgement Form; pamphlet; PowerPoint; lesson plan; Sign in Sheets. Based on interview with random staff.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections trains all employees who have contact with inmates on:

- (1) Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (2) How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;
- (3) Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (4) The right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (5) The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement;
- (6) The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;
- (7) How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;
- (8) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates;
- (9) How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates; and
- (10) How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

The training is tailored to the gender of the inmates at Whitworth Women's Facility. The employees receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa. The Moss Group provided training to the facility staff when they transitioned from a male facility to a female facility.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections documents, through employee signature, those employees understand the training they have received.

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115.32 Volunteer and contractors training

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV C. 3 (a-c) Acknowledgement Statement; PREA Information Sheet; Volunteer Training Spreadsheet. Reviewed training records and signed sheet. Based on interview with volunteer and contractors.

Whitworth Women’s Facility ensures all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under Georgia Dept. of Corrections’ sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures.

The level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates are notified of Georgia Dept. of Corrections’ zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and are informed how to report such incidents.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received.

Standard number here	115.33 Inmate education
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV C. 4. Reviewed Handbook; Pamphlet English/Spanish; Offender Orientation Checklist; posters; Language Line Services. Based on interview with random inmates and intake staff.

During the intake process, inmates receive information explaining Georgia Dept. of Corrections’ zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Within 30 days of intake, Georgia Dept. of Corrections provides a comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections provides inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills. There is documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions.

Standard number here	115.34 Specialized training: Investigators
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV C. 5. In house investigator received training on Investigating Sexual Misconduct and Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting. Based on interview with investigative staff.

In addition to the general training provided to all employees Georgia Dept. of Corrections ensures that the in house investigators have received training in conducting investigations in confinement settings.

Specialized training includes techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. Georgia Dept. of Corrections maintains documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations.

Substantiated investigations are investigated by Office of Professional Standards.

Standard number here	115.35 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed NIC PREA Certificate Behavioral Care for Sexual Assault Victims in a Confinement Setting; Nursing Assessment Form; Mental Health referral; PREA Sexual Victim/Sexual Aggressor Classification Screening. All RN, LPN, and Medical staff on list.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections ensures that all full and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to: detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse; respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections maintains documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training.

Medical and mental health care practitioners also receive the training mandated for employees, contractors and volunteers.

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115.41 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV D. 1 (a-h). Reviewed PREA Sexual Victim/Sexual Aggressor Classification Screening. Based on interview with random inmates and intake staff responsible for screening. Only limited staff has access to the risk screening form only Medical, Mental Health and Warden as well as PREA Manager.

All inmates are assessed during intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates. Inmates are assessed initially at Lee Arrendale State Prison and then again upon arrival to Whitworth Women's Facility.

Intake screenings take place usually within 48 hours of arrival at Whitworth Women's Facility.

Whitworth Women's Facility uses an objective screening instrument.

The intake screening considers, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization:

- (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability;

- (2) The age of the inmate;
- (3) The physical build of the inmate;
- (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated;
- (5) Whether the inmate’s criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;
- (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child;
- (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming;
- (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization;
- (9) The inmate’s own perception of vulnerability; and
- (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes.

The initial screening considers prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to Georgia Dept. of Corrections, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive.

Within 30 days from the inmate’s arrival at Whitworth Women’s Facility, Whitworth Women’s Facility reassesses the inmate’s risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by Whitworth Women’s Facility since the intake screening.

An inmate’s risk level is reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate’s risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.

Inmates are not disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections implements appropriate controls on the dissemination within Whitworth Women’s Facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate’s detriment by staff or other inmates.

Standard number here 115.42 Use of screening information

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV D. 2 (a-d). Based on interview with PREA compliance manager and staff responsible for risk screening.

Whitworth Women’s Facility uses information from the risk screening to decide housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

Whitworth Women’s Facility makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate.

In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, Georgia Dept. of Corrections considers on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate’s health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.

Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate is reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate.

A transgender or intersex inmate’s own views with respect to her own safety are given serious consideration.

Transgender and intersex inmates are given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such inmates.

Standard number here	115.43 Protective custody
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV D. 3. (a-d); SOP IIB09-0001 Administrative Segregation. Reviewed Case History Notes. Based on interview with warden, staff who supervise segregated inmates.

No inmate at Whitworth Women’s Facility has been placed in involuntary segregation.

Policies are in place to ensure:

Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization are not placed in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers.

Inmates placed in segregated housing for this purpose have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible. If Whitworth Women's Facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, Whitworth Women's Facility documents the opportunities that have been limited, the duration of the limitation; and the reasons for such limitations.

Whitworth Women's Facility assigns such inmates to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment does not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days. If involuntary segregated housing assignment is made Whitworth Women's Facility clearly documents the basis for Whitworth Women's Facility's concern for the inmate's safety; and the reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged. Every 30 days a review is performed to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

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115.51 Inmate reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV E. 1. (a-e); reviewed Inmate Handbook; pamphlet. Based on interviews with random staff and inmates.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections provides multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents. Inmates can contact the hotline number by dialing *7732; write the Ombudsmen Office; tell staff.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections provides at least one way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of Georgia Dept. of Corrections, and that is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the inmate to remain anonymous upon request. Inmates can dial *7732 to call the hotline.

Staff accepts reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and promptly document any verbal reports.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections provides a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.

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115.52 exhaustion of administrative remedies

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed SOP 208.06 IV E.2.; SOP IIB05-0001.

No inmate has filed a PREA related Grievances.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections does not impose a time limit on when an inmate may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections does not require an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections ensures that an inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections issues a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance.

Third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, are permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and are also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance when the inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, Georgia Dept. of Corrections immediately forwards the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action is taken, and provides an initial response within 48 hours, and issues a final agency decision within 5 calendar days. The initial response and final agency decision documents Georgia Dept. of Corrections' determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections may discipline an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only where Georgia Dept. of Corrections demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith.

Standard number here	115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Based on interview with random inmates and inmates who reported sexual assault.

Whitworth Women's Facility provides inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations. Whitworth Women's Facility enables reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.

Whitworth Women's Facility informs inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections maintains an agreement with Harmony House in Royston GA to provide victim advocacy services.

Standard number here	115.54 Third party reporting
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV E. 4.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse/harassment and distributes publicly, information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate.

Standard number here	115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV F. 1. (g-i). Based on interviews with random staff; warden and medical/mental health staff.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of Georgia Dept. of Corrections; retaliation against inmates or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff does not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.

If the alleged victim is a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable person’s statute, Georgia Dept. of Corrections reports the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws.

Whitworth Women's Facility reports all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to Whitworth Women's Facility's designated investigators.

Standard number here	115.62 Agency protection duties
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed 208.06 IV. F. 2. Based on interviews with random staff, and warden.

Immediate action is taken to protect inmates when Whitworth Women's Facility learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

Standard number here	115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV F. 3 (a-d). Based on interview with agency head and warden.

Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of Whitworth Women's Facility that received the allegation notifies the head of the facility or appropriate office of Georgia Dept. of Corrections where the alleged abuse occurred. Such notification is provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation, and all actions are thoroughly documented.

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115.64 Staff first responder duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV F. 4. Based on interview with security staff who are first responders and random staff.

No inmate has been sexually abused while at Whitworth Women's Facility.

Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond separates the alleged victim and abuser; preserves and protects any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence; and if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating; and if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating.

If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder requests that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff.

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115.65 Coordinated response

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV F.5; WWF – Local PREA Directive; Coordinated Response Plan. Based on interview with warden.

Whitworth Women’s Facility has a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.

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115.66 Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)
- Not applicable standard

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

GDOC does not have Collective Bargaining.

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115.67 Agency protection against retaliation

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV F. 6 (a-e). Based on interview with agency head, warden, and designated staff member responsible for monitoring retaliation.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff, and designate which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections has multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers

from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff that fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations.

For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, Georgia Dept. of Corrections monitors the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff, and act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. There is periodic status checks performed. Items Georgia Dept. of Corrections should monitor include any inmate disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. Georgia Dept. of Corrections continues such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.

If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, Georgia Dept. of Corrections takes appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.

Currently there are three females being monitored for retaliation.

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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Based on interview with warden.

No inmate at Whitworth Women’s Facility has been placed in segregation due to a PREA incident.

Any use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse receives all the same rights and privileges as general population inmates.

Standard number here	115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigation
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV G. 3. Based on interview with investigative staff.

When Georgia Dept. of Corrections conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it does so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.

Where sexual abuse is alleged, Georgia Dept. of Corrections uses investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations.

Investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.

When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, Georgia Dept. of Corrections conducts compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.

The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness is assessed on an individual basis and is not determined by the person's status as inmate or staff. No agency requires an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.

Administrative investigations include efforts to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse; and are documented in written reports that include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.

Criminal investigations are documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.

Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal are referred to the Office of Investigative Compliance for criminal prosecution.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections retains all written reports for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by Georgia Dept. of Corrections, plus five years.

The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of Whitworth Women's Facility or agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.

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115.72 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigation

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV G. 14. Based on interview with investigative staff.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections imposes no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

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115.73 Reporting to inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV G. 15. Based on interview with warden and investigative staff.

Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that they suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, Georgia Dept. of Corrections informs the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.

If Georgia Dept. of Corrections did not conduct the investigation, it requests the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate.

Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, Georgia Dept. of Corrections subsequently informs the inmate (unless Georgia Dept. of Corrections has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever the staff

member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit; the staff member is no longer employed at Whitworth Women's Facility; Georgia Dept. of Corrections learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Whitworth Women's Facility; or Georgia Dept. of Corrections learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Whitworth Women's Facility.

Following an inmate's allegation that they had been sexually abused by another inmate, Georgia Dept. of Corrections subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever Georgia Dept. of Corrections learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Whitworth Women's Facility; or Georgia Dept. of Corrections learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Whitworth Women's Facility.

All such notifications or attempted notifications are documented.

An agency's obligation to report under this standard is terminated if the inmate is released from Georgia Dept. of Corrections' custody.

Standard number here	115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV H. Reviewed Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct Acknowledgment Statement and staff discipline letter.

Staff is subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. Termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who has engaged in sexual abuse.

Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.

All terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.

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115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV H. 2. Based on interview with warden.

No volunteer or contractor has engaged in sexual abuse/harassment.

Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse is prohibited from contact with inmates and are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.

Whitworth Women's Facility takes appropriate remedial measures, and considers whether to prohibit further contact with inmates, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

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115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV H.3; Inmate Handbook. Based on interview with medical/mental health staff.

Inmates are subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse.

Sanctions are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories.

The disciplinary process considers whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.

Whitworth Women's Facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse. Whitworth Women's Facility has two mental health counselor, a psychologist, a tele psychiatrist and a Mental Health Nurse. They offer individual counseling, group anger management, trauma therapy and have a pet assisted trauma therapy also.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections disciplines an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

A report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred does not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections prohibits all sexual activity between inmates and may discipline inmates for such activity.

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115.81 Medical and Mental health screening; history of sexual abuse

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

SOP VG30-0001 B & C. Based on interview with staff responsible for risk screening and medical/mental health staff.

If the screening indicates that an inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.

If the screening indicates that an inmate has previously perpetrated sexual abuse/prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community,

staff ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.

Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting is strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law.

Medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting.

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115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed SOP IIA21-0001; SOP IIA21-0001. Reviewed SANE nurse Call Roster and nursing assessment form. Based on interview with medical and mental health staff and inmates who reported sexual abuse.

Inmate victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment.

If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim and immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.

Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

Treatment services are provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

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115.83 ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed SOP VH81-0001 C & D. Based on interview with medical/mental health staff.

Whitworth Women’s Facility offers medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility.

The evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody.

Whitworth Women’s Facility provides such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.

Inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated are offered pregnancy tests. If pregnancy results victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.

Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Treatment services are provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

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115.86 Sexual abuse incident reviews

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV J. and incident review. Based on interview with warden, PREA compliance manager; incident review team.

Whitworth Women’s Facility conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. This review occurs within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The review team includes upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.

The review team considers whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse; whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at Whitworth Women’s Facility; and they examine the area in Whitworth Women’s Facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts; assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff.

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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Georgia Dept. of Corrections collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions, and aggregates the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.

The incident-based data collected is based on the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections obtains incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates.

Upon request, Georgia Dept. of Corrections provides all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Based on interview with PREA coordinator.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections reviews data collected to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including identifying problem areas; taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as Georgia Dept. of Corrections as a whole.

Such reports includes a comparison of the current year’s data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of Georgia Dept. of Corrections’ progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Georgia Dept. of Corrections’ report is approved by Georgia Dept. of Corrections head and made readily available to the public through its website <http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/pdf/GDC-Annual-PREA-Report-CY2013.pdf>

Standard number here	115.89 Data storage, publication and destruction
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Georgia Dept. of Corrections makes all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website <http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/pdf/GDC-Annual-PREA-Report-CY2013.pdf>

All reports are securely retained and maintained for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION:

The auditor certifies that the contents of the report are accurate to the best of her knowledge and no conflict of interest exists with respect to his or her ability to conduct an audit of Georgia Dept. of Corrections under review.

Katherine Brown

July 10, 2015

Auditor Signature

Date