



2025 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report

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Introduction

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted in 2003 to eliminate sexual abuse and harassment in confinement settings. PREA's implementing regulations, the "Final National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape," were published by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and became effective on June 20, 2012. This federal act mandated compliance for juvenile programs starting August 20, 2012.

VisionQuest is committed to full compliance with PREA standards to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth in our care. Historically, VisionQuest has reported and maintained records of all abuse allegations, exercising many PREA practices prior to its federal mandate. This proactive approach has facilitated the gathering and assessment of data as prescribed by PREA standards.

Agency Description

VisionQuest offers residential, community, and in-home programs to youth and their families in Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Texas. These programs serve youth and their families in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, including youth with mental health and substance abuse diagnoses.

For the 2025 reporting period, VisionQuest Delaware operated two 10-bed Residential Alternative to Detention (RAD) programs serving male and female youth from January 1 through November 21. After the Milford program closed, Delaware continued operations with a single RAD program located in Newark. To maintain compliance with PREA requirements, juvenile residential facilities such as those run by VisionQuest undergo audits every three years. The Milford RAD received its most recent PREA audit in 2025, while the Newark RAD last completed its audit in 2024.

In addition, VisionQuest operated Morning Star Youth Academy, located in Maryland which is a 24 bed facility that provides 6-9 month residential programming. Youth receive substance abuse treatment services, relapse prevention, mental health and individual therapy, family counseling, health and wellness and medication management. The target population is young men ages 14-18 years old, who may also exhibit behavioral and psychosocial concerns. Morning Star Youth Academy will be undergoing its PREA audit and is scheduled to be completed in March of 2026.

Data Collection and Review

VisionQuest collects data on every allegation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, regardless of the outcome of the investigation. Each allegation is reported to the respective state's child abuse hotline and law enforcement agencies. Upon completion of investigations, a review is conducted by facility administration and corporate members to identify and implement any necessary changes to policies or practices to prevent future



incidents. A report with findings and recommendations is produced and maintained on file.

Definitions

(As prescribed by PREA and the Survey for Sexual Victims)

- **Youth-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct (Consensual Sexual Acts):** Sexual contact where one or more youth engage in or attempt to engage in consensual sexual acts with another youth.
- **Youth-on-Youth Non-Consensual Sexual Acts:** Sexual contact without consent, including penetration or contact between genitalia, mouth, or anal areas.
- **Youth-on-Youth Abusive Sexual Contact:** Intentional touching without consent of intimate body parts, excluding incidental contact during physical altercations.
- **Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment:** Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or derogatory comments of a sexual nature.
- **Staff Sexual Misconduct:** Any sexual behavior directed toward a youth by staff, including romantic relationships or inappropriate touching.
- **Staff Sexual Harassment:** Repeated verbal statements or gestures of a sexual nature by staff toward a youth.
- **Substantiated Allegation:** An allegation investigated and determined to have occurred.
- **Unsubstantiated Allegation:** An allegation investigated with insufficient evidence to make a final determination.
- **Unfounded Allegation:** An allegation investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Facility Statistics

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

VisionQuest Program	# In Care on 1/1/24	# Admissions	# Discharges	# In Care on 12/31/24	Total Number Served
RAD-Newark	13	173	167	5	173
MSYA	8	18	19	7	26
Total	21	191	186	12	199

Demographics

VisionQuest Program	Males	Females	Other	LGBTQI+	Age 14 & Under	Age 15-18
RAD-Newark	156	17	0	9	26	150



MSYA	26	0	0	0	0	26
Total	182	17	0	9	26	176

Comparison of Allegations: 2024 vs. 2025

Staff-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct

Year	Total Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
RAD- Newark 2024	1	0	1	0	0
RAD- Newark 2025	1	0	1	0	0
MSYA 2024	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2025	1	0	0	0	0

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct

Year	Total Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
RAD-Newark 2024	1	0	1	0	0
RA- Newark 2025	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2024	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2025	0	0	0	0	0

Youth-on-Youth Non-Consensual Sexual Acts



Year	Total Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
RA- Newark 2024	0	0	0	0	0
RAD- Newark 2025	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2024	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2025	0	0	0	0	0

Youth-on-Youth Abusive Sexual Contact

Year	Total Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
RAD-Newark 2024	0	0	0	0	0
RAD- Newark 2025	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2024	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2025	0	0	0	0	0

Youth-on-Youth Sexual Harassment

Year	Total Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
RAD- Newark 2024	0	0	0	0	0
RAD- Newark 2025	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2024	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2025	0	0	0	0	0



Staff Sexual Harassment

Year	Total Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
RAD- Newark 2024	0	0	0	0	0
RAD-Newark 2025	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2024	0	0	0	0	0
MSYA 2025	0	0	0	0	0

Analysis

- **Staff-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct RAD-Newark:** In 2025, there was one unfounded allegation of staff-on-youth sexual misconduct at RAD-Newark. This reflects no increase in allegations compared to 2024 as there was also one unfounded allegation reported.
- **Youth-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct RAD Newark:** In 2025, there were no allegations of youth-on-youth sexual misconduct.. This is a decrease from 2024, where there was 1 allegation.
- **Staff-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct MSYA:** In 2025, there was one allegation of staff-on-youth sexual misconduct at MSYA. Although there was an increase by one allegation since 2024, the program followed appropriate procedures and did not receive a report of a substantiated allegation.
- **Youth-on-Youth Sexual Misconduct MSYA:** In 2025, there were no allegations of youth-on-youth sexual misconduct.. This remained consistent with 2024, as no allegations were reported.
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Corrective Actions and Recommendations for Improvement

No Corrective Actions Needed.

Conclusion

VisionQuest remains dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents. The decrease and maintenance in allegations reflects our ongoing commitment to vigilance, staff training, and proactive prevention measures.

We will continue to uphold the highest standards by thoroughly reporting and investigating all allegations



while striving for continuous improvement in meeting and exceeding PREA requirements. Our commitment to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and harassment remains a top priority, reinforcing a safe and supportive environment within our facilities.

Reporting Mechanisms

Anyone who suspects a resident placed with VisionQuest is being sexually abused or sexually harassed is urged to contact one of the following entities (if it is an emergency and a child is in imminent danger, contact 9-1-1):

- **Delaware:**
 - Child Abuse Hotline: **1-800-292-9582**
 - https://kids.delaware.gov/fs/fs_can_report.shtml
 - Delaware State Police: <https://dsp.delaware.gov/locations/>
- **Pennsylvania:**
 - ChildLine (Child Abuse Hotline): **1-800-932-0313**
 - www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home
 - Pennsylvania State Police: <http://www.psp.pa.gov/contact/Pages/Station-Directory.aspx>
- **Maryland:**
 - Child Abuse Hotline: **1-800-917-7383**
 - <https://dhs.maryland.gov/child-protective-services/>
 - Maryland State Police: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>
- **VisionQuest Hotline:**
 - Third-party grievances can be filed through the company website (www.vq.com) using the **VQ Report It** link or by contacting the program PREA Compliance Manager.

Any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) within VisionQuest programs should be directed to the agency PREA Coordinator at **936-241-1674**.

Approval

This report has been reviewed and approved for public release by the agency PREA Coordinator.



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