

17th Court Services Unit
Arlington County/City of Falls Church
ANNUAL PREA REPORT

The 17th Court Services Unit oversees two juvenile residential facilities that fall under the Prison Rape Elimination Act as Juvenile Facilities. The Aurora House is owned and operated by the City of Falls Church and Andrew B Ferrari Argus House is owned and operated by Arlington County. Both programs fully embrace the principles associated with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). This report provides information about the Aurora House.

With the implementation of PREA, the Aurora House has updated its procedures and implemented changes to ensure compliance with the PREA standards. The Aurora House has created a risk assessment tool to identify youth who may be vulnerable to victimization and to identify youth who may exhibit at risk behaviors, along with enhanced training and professional development to include all staff, youth, and volunteers, have been essential in working toward safety goals. These trainings include a focus on education everyone in PREA regulations, policies, and procedures, and an enhanced knowledge base and service delivery using evidenced based practices and techniques.

Among the requirements of PREA is the publishing of an annual report to include a summary of PREA incidents, corrective actions taken, and the results of PREA Compliance Audits.

Below is a summary of reported incidents, along with our findings and corrective action(s) taken pursuant to section 115.387, which shall be considered our Annual Report and posted for the public on the City of Falls Church website.

Summary and Findings

The Court Services Unit had the following Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reports at Aurora House in 2020.

Youth on Youth Non-Consensual Sexual Acts	0
Staff Sexual Misconduct with Youth	0
Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact	0
Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment	0
Staff Sexual Harassment of Youth	0

Corrective Actions

There were no PREA violations or corrective action needed. Aurora House and the Court Services Unit is committed to providing a safe environment and protecting youth against sexual victimization. Aurora House has zero tolerance for sexual contact of any kind with juveniles, including sexual conduct, assault, contact and/or harassment, by youth, staff, contractors, volunteers, or others.

PREA Compliance Audits

Aurora House is currently under audit and awaiting the results.