

**17<sup>th</sup> Court Services Unit  
Arlington County/City of Falls Church  
ANNUAL PREA REPORT 2022**

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

With the implementation of PREA, the Argus House has updated its procedures and implemented changes to ensure compliance with the PREA standards. The Argus 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 our safety goals. These trainings include a focus on educating everyone on 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 **Arlington, Virginia public website**.

**Summary and Findings**

The Court Services Unit had the following Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reports at Argus House in 2022:

<b>PREA Offenses</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Youth on Youth Non-Consensual Sexual Acts	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Misconduct with Youth	0	0	0
Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0
Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment of Youth	0	0	0

**Corrective Actions**

There were no PREA violations or corrective action needed. Argus House and the Court Services Unit is committed to providing a safe environment and protecting youth against sexual victimization. Argus 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**

The Andrew B. Ferrari Argus House had its first Audit in July of 2017 and was found in full compliance with the PREA Regulations. The audit completed in August of 2020 was also in full compliance and the results are posted on the website. The next scheduled audit is in September 2023.