

PREA Facility Audit Report: Final

Name of Facility: Spring Mountain Youth Camp

Facility Type: Juvenile

Date Interim Report Submitted: 06/06/2017

Date Final Report Submitted: 03/06/2018

Auditor Certification	
The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.	X
No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.	X
I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any inmate/resident/detainee or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.	X
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FACILITY INFORMATION	
Facility name:	Spring Mountain Youth Camp
Facility physical address:	2400 Angel Peak Place, Las Vegas, Nevada - 89124
Facility Phone	702 455-5555
Facility mailing address:	
The facility is:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> County <input type="radio"/> Municipal <input type="radio"/> State <input type="radio"/> Private for profit <input type="radio"/> Private not for profit
Facility Type:	<input type="radio"/> Detention <input checked="" type="radio"/> Correction <input type="radio"/> Intake <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="text"/>

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Facility Characteristics	
Designed facility capacity:	100
Current population of facility:	96
Age range of population:	13-18 years
Facility security level:	SMYC is considered a "staff secure" facility, there are no fences or locked rooms
Resident custody level:	adjudicated youth
Number of staff currently employed at the facility who may have contact with residents:	70

AGENCY INFORMATION	
Name of agency:	Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Governing authority or parent agency (if applicable):	
Physical Address:	601 No. Pecos Rd, Las Vegas, Nevada - 89101
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Agency Chief Executive Officer Information:			
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AUDIT FINDINGS

Narrative:

The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-audit, on-site audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.

Two months before the site visit, a notice was posted, and staff and residents educated about their right to contact this auditor confidentially. Audit instructions were sent, to Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC), and documentation requested for each standard and sub part. SMYC uploaded documentation.

Prior to the site visit, uploaded written policies, procedures, and documentation, were reviewed, and additional documents requested.

A site visit was conducted on April 5,6,7, 2017, and an additional site visit on November 28, 29 2017 Following the entrance meeting, a comprehensive tour of the facility was provided--allowing for assessment of facility, posters, flyers, audit notice, staff/resident interactions, site evaluation, and dialog with staff and residents.

After completing the tour, interviews began and continued throughout the subsequent three days, and additional two days in November. 12 Staff Interviewees were selected randomly, by this auditor--from schedules of staff members on duty, covering all shifts at Spring Mountain Youth Camp.

In addition, 15 specialty-staff-including the PREA staff, superintendent, management/supervisors, medical and mental health, intake, education, contractors, volunteers, an advocate, Human Resources, and hospital (SANE) staff, and others, were interviewed, according to the PREA audit guidelines.

17 Residents, between the two site visits, from all units were randomly selected, by this auditor, and interviewed from a list of all youth currently in the facility. There were no residents who identified as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, and no youth with limited English proficiency or literacy skills at the time of the audit, to be interviewed.

Both on-site visits, of this audit, allowed for review of additional documentation, practice, training, and culture at SMYC.

The exit meetings, for both site visits, were held the final day of the audit and many good practices were complimented. SMYC and this auditor talked about what the evaluation process would be and about putting together an aggressive corrective action plan to assist with PREA compliance--this would include reviewing the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, the supporting documents, my observations from the facility tour, site visits, and information derived from interviews.

Following the first on-site visit, an extensive review of all information provided-including the first site interviews, facility tour, observations, paperwork, documentation, and practice, was completed for this interim report. Included in the Interim Audit Findings were each standard sub part evaluated for compliance, and a narrative explanation of the rationale for each compliance or noncompliance determination. This interim report included a summary of the number of standards that were met, not met, exempt, or not applicable, and recommendations for achieving compliance with any standard to assist in completing the corrective action plan (CAP)

During the corrective action period, many changes took place at SMYC. With the PREA Coordinator retiring and changes in management, the work of compliance slowed, but did not stop. Toward the end of the corrective action period, this auditor made a return trip to interview 6 additional staff and 7 additional residents, as well as review of documentation, observation of all facility and unit daily activities, and meeting with management.

At the end of the corrective action period, Spring Mountain Youth Camp and DJJS continue to work towards compliance, and this auditor spent time on the second PREA audit visit talking through the ongoing compliance needs of the facility.

SMYC embraced the work that needs to be done and is focusing on ensuring they complete the necessary work, in order to schedule another audit and meet their expected status of PREA compliance.

AUDIT FINDINGS

Facility Characteristics:

The auditor's description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the inmate or resident population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.

SMYC is located at Angels Peak in the Mt. Charleston Recreational/Toiyabe National Forest Area. It sits at an elevation of 8,470 feet and has a capacity of 100 youth. The average length of stay is approximately six months and the average age is 15 1/2 years.

Spring Mountain School is operated by the Clark County School District. All residents are required to attend structured educational programming while at SMYC. Spring Mountain athletic teams compete against other schools of similar size. The "Spring Mountain Golden Eagles" participate in baseball, football, wrestling, track & field and basketball.

Youth placed at SMYC participate in a variety of programs, such as substance abuse, parenting and social skill development. The DJJS Mental Health Treatment Team provides group, individual and specialized counseling sessions.

The Mental Health Treatment Team offers educational classes in substance abuse through the Images in Truth project. Some of these young men have also had the opportunity to receive instruction in creative movement and learn various circus acts through a partnership with Cirque de Monde, which is an offshoot of Cirque de Soleil.

Spring Mountain Youth Camp, also known as SMYC, is a division of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services, which is a part of the government of Clark County in Nevada. It is a juvenile facility that houses male youths between the ages of 12 and 18.

There are five dorms, each housing 20 young men. Each resident has a semi-private personal space, and these spaces are on 2 levels on the perimeter of the dorm, with a central staff location. Each individual space has a bed, locker, desk and window, and there are shower stalls on each level. The laundry room and supply room in each dorm are locked so only staff have access.

The county-run camp operates by "line-of-sight supervision," meaning there's no barbed wire or individual jail cells. The teens live in dormitory-style housing staffed around the clock by probation officers.

Residents at SMYC have the opportunity to work towards weekend passes in the community and travel with their sports teams to other high schools in the state. Many sports accomplishment banners hang from the ceiling of their cafeteria, including some state championships.

AUDIT FINDINGS

Summary of Audit Findings:

The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met, along with a list of each of the standards in each category. If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.

Auditor Note: No standard should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA". A compliance determination must be made for each standard.

Number of standards exceeded:	1
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Number of standards met:	22
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Number of standards not met:	20
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The following report reflects compliance per standard and sub-standard. Included are evaluated documents, first and second site visits, and interviews compiled into a compliance determination.

Spring Mountain Youth Camp continues to work diligently to become PREA Compliant and is heavily invested in resident safety and changing lives. Residents are taught independent living skills, attend school, have daily chores that must be completed, and are provided counseling and other services as needed.

One of the most important steps SMYC is working on is a SMYC Standard Operating Procedure, A facility PREA "Standard Operating Procedure" (SOP) is the plan of action, steps by step sequence of activities, or course of action, that must be followed to implement the DJJS PREA policy. Spring Mountain has the agency DJJS PREA policy; however, the SOP, or procedure describing who, what, where, when, why, and by what means (how) the facility accomplishes compliance with the PREA Policy, is still in progress.

Interviews with management and staff indicated a profound investment in completing their mission, "To teach youth skills and behaviors that will enable them to successfully solve problems and understand the basics of building positive relationships while deterring further delinquent behavior. To motivate youth to make positive changes in their behavior and lifestyle so they can be successful in the community and an asset to their families." Included in this commitment is the philosophy of this SMYC,

"We help boys help themselves!"

"Firm, Fair, consistent" are the watchwords SMYC lives by, and, with the high standards set, and the diligence by which they live out those high standards, their continued work towards PREA Compliance will be accomplished.

This final report contains some insight on compliance work still to be completed; however, the heart and determination provided by the staff and management of SMYC and DJJS, will see this through to their goal of compliance.

Standards

Auditor Overall Determination Definitions

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

Auditor Discussion Instructions

Auditor discussion, including the evidence relied upon in making the compliance or non-compliance determination, the auditor's analysis and reasoning, and the auditor's conclusions. This discussion must also include corrective action recommendations where the facility does not meet standard. These recommendations must be included in the Final Report, accompanied by information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.