

Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF)

Timeline



DATE	KDOC Action Taken
June 2002	Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) issues Internal Management Policy and Procedure (IMPP) 10-103, "Programs and Services: Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Program" to establish a "zero tolerance" policy towards all forms of inmate sexual abuse and creates procedures for program coordination, prevention, screening, staff training, inmate education, reporting of sexual abuse/assault, intervention, response and providing services
June 2005	KDOC establishes a Sexual Assault Hotline as part of the KDOC's Sexual Assault Prevention/Intervention Program
November 2007	TCF officials notified by an anonymous note of allegations of staff sexual abuse by a TCF maintenance contract staff member resulting in an inmate becoming pregnant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDOC investigative staff begins and completes thorough investigation of reported incident • KDOC turns over case to Topeka Police Department for investigation and Shawnee County District Attorney for prosecution for sexual relations with an inmate and trafficking contraband into a correctional facility
June 2008	The TCF maintenance contract staff member enters a guilty plea
October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDOC requests National Institute of Corrections (NIC) audit of TCF • Governor Mark Parkinson requests Kansas Legislative Post Audit (LPA) to review allegations of staff misconduct in the KDOC
December 2009	NIC and LPA conduct separate audits
January 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIC and LPA issue audit findings • A comprehensive review of TCF's key control is conducted and changes implemented to restrict access in an effort to reduce opportunities for undue familiarity and sexual abuse
March 2010	An Intelligence Analyst is assigned to the Enforcement, Apprehensions and Investigations (EAI) Unit to review video and incoming intelligence reports and to disseminate to staff as appropriate
May 2010	Governor Mark Parkinson signs into law bill raising the punishment for unlawful sexual relations in state prisons (KSA 21-3520)
July 2010	KDOC begins implementing Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training
August 2010	NIC trains TCF employees on appropriate management of women's prisons
December 2010	KDOC issues final report to Governor Mark Parkinson regarding the KDOC's completed and ongoing efforts to implement NIC and LPA audit findings.
January 2011	Governor Sam Brownback names Ray Roberts as his Secretary of Corrections
February 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary Roberts conducts an internal audit of TCF and issues a report to Governor Sam Brownback • U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons conducts full monitoring at TCF and cites "no deficiencies" during inspection
April 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division notifies Governor's Office of its intent to conduct an investigation of TCF • KDOC staff increase visibility and availability of the PREA Hot Line through posters, flyers and inmate orientation
May 2011	U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division conducts three-day review at TCF
June 2011	EAI publishes an "Investigations Protocol Manual" that includes a chapter dedicated to sexual assault investigations and a listing of PREA standards.
July 2011	TCF installs DVRs with the capability to retain camera footage for 120 days, rather than the previous 30 day storage, to further update its monitoring systems that now includes a total of 357 cameras, an increase of 110 cameras since the NIC review
August 2011	Secretary Roberts names Hope Cooper, then director of Community Corrections, as TCF warden
September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDOC earns PREA grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of

	<p>Justice Assistance, for approximately \$600,000 over a 3-year period, to aid the KDOC in its effort to further establish its “Zero Tolerance Culture for Sexual Assault Program”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Enforcement, Apprehensions and Investigations (EAI) Case Log is developed and refined to incorporate specific required fields to identify incidents of PREA allegations and alleged staff misconduct. Data has been made available to administrative staff to aid in decision making for inmate classifications, employment and housing considerations.
January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDOC hires full-time PREA Coordinator to ensure compliance Department wide with PREA standards • EAI field agents given access to draw case numbers for staff investigations that have been assigned. In the past, only agents working in facilities could use the system to track investigations. • Prisoner-on-Prisoner Sexual Violence Task Force established at TCF and is led by TCF staff, PREA Coordinator and Victim Services staff.
February 2012	U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons conducts second full monitoring at TCF and reports no problem with facility while stating. TCF”...is operating satisfactorily. Any improvement needed would be minor”.
July 2012	EAI investigations begin receiving mandatory sexual assault investigations training prepared by the KDOC's PREA Coordinator
August 2012	KDOC requests a second NIC audit to review progress in implementing suggested changes
September 2012	U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division releases its audit findings