

Nueces County JUVENILE PROBATION PREA 2015 Annual Report

Background

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment that occurs in confinement settings. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission developed national standards which apply to adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities.

PREA Statistics

Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center (NCJJC) collects data in accordance with §115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. The information collected regarding PREA will be used to identify problem areas and to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

During the calendar year 2015, there were 558 new admissions into facilities operated by NCJJC. Of the new admissions, 72% were male, and 28% were female. The average daily population was 20.

Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center Zero-Tolerance Policy

Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center has zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within its facilities and will prevent, detect, and respond to such activity. BCJP will immediately respond to allegations, fully investigate reported alleged incidents, pursue disciplinary action based upon the outcome of the investigations and in accordance with the PREA standards, and refer for prosecution those who perpetrate prohibited conduct.

NCJJC has a designated agency-wide PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Managers. NCJJC has revised existing policies and established new policies in accordance with the PREA standards. Other efforts to comply with the PREA standards include, but not limited to:

- Training for staff, volunteers and contractors;
- Collaboration with the Rape Crisis Center;
- Implementation of internal confidential reporting hotline;
- Implementation of confidential support services hotline to the Rape Crisis Center;
- Developed education material to be provided to inmates;
- Developed assessment for risk of victimization during initial intake; and
- Specialized Investigative training.

Between January 1, 2015, and July 30, 2016, how many allegations of

youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS were reported? 0

Founded	0
Unfounded	0
Investigation ongoing	0
Total	0

youth-on-youth ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT were reported? 1

Founded	
Unfounded	1
Investigation ongoing	0
Total	0

youth-on-youth SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported? 1

Founded	0
Unfounded	1
Investigation ongoing	0
Total	0

STAFF* SEXUAL MISCONDUCT DIRECTED TOWARD A CHILD were reported? 0

Founded	0
Unfounded	0
Investigation ongoing	0
Total	0

STAFF* SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF A CHILD were reported? 0

Founded	1
Unfounded	0
Investigation ongoing	0
Total	0