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**City of Newport News**

**Department of Juvenile Services**

This report represents collective data to meet the mandates of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). The official data and statistics used to assemble this report was collected and monitored weekly for the City of Newport News Department of Juvenile Services.



# PREA RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

## About

### *Background*

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003. The act is a national effort to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment that occurs in confinement settings. During this session, The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission was established and charged with drafting national standards which applies to adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities. In June 2009 the standards were published and submitted to the Department of Justice for final passage. The final ruling of the standards became effective in August 2012.

### *Purpose*

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires that each agency shall collect accurate and uniform data of every allegation of sexual abuse or harassment for each facility under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions and shall aggregate the incident based sexual abuse data at least annually as written in the §115.387.

This overview is intended to:

- Identify areas of concerns on an ongoing basis of the agency and facility
- Identify corrective actions taken on an ongoing basis
- Compare and contrast the current year's corrective actions and preventions with previous years
- Access the agency's and facility's progress of addressing sexual abuse and harassment

## NNJDC Policy



The Newport News Department of Juvenile Services is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all staff, visitors and our juvenile residents. Juvenile Services has a ZERO TOLERANCE for sexual misconduct of any kind and will impose discipline for such misconduct, up to and including dismissal for staff and serious sanctions for residents who victimize other residents. Incidents of sexual misconduct committed by visitors, professionals and/or contractors/vendors, against our residents, shall also be referred to law enforcement for investigation and prosecution, when applicable.



### **Department's Mission:**

#### **Committed to Our Youth**

Our mission is to empower youth, families, and communities by providing structure, guidance, and support for positive youth development.

#### **Our Services**

We provide comprehensive strength-based juvenile and community services including:

- Educational programming
- Medical and mental health services
- Recreation and enrichment activities
- Safety and security, through the use of a continuum of sanctions

### **Our Department's Vision:**

Primarily serving the Cities of Newport News and Hampton by professionally managing a safe and secure detention facility and offering programs and services to pretrial and adjudicated juveniles which support successful re-entry to the community.

The Department of Juvenile Services accomplishes our vision through;

- Training of staff in current correctional philosophy and techniques
- Promulgation of policies reflecting recognized standards in the management of staff and offender population
- Careful adherence to security principles
- Maintaining clean, safe facilities
- Providing medical and mental health care services
- Offering services to residents to aid in their successful re-entry to the community.



## PREA AUDIT 2016

### **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.

**Number of standards exceeded: 1**

**Number of standards met: 41**

**Number of standards not met: 1**

The Newport News Department of Juvenile Services was able to provide the auditor with documentation and verified processes demonstrating compliance with 39 of the Federal standards. Three of the standards did not apply to this facility and standard 115.401 was not met because the agency did not undergo a PREA audit during the first audit cycle which closed August 2016. All noted, with the exception of standard 115.401, no other deficiencies were received during the audit and all other applicable standards were met by the agency.

### **38 Standards Met:**

115.311, 115.313, 115.315, 115.316, 115.317, 115.318, 115.321, 115.322, 115.331, 115.332, 115.333,  
115.335, 115.342, 115.351, 115.352, 115.353, 225.354, 115.361  
115.362, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365, 115.367, 115.368, 115.371, 115.372, 115.373, 115.376, 115.377,  
115.378, 115.381, 115.382, 115.383, 115.386, 115.387, 115.388  
115.389, 115.403



**01 Standard Exceeded:**

115.341

**03 Standards Not Applicable:**

115.312, 115.334, 115.366

**01 Standard Not Met:**

115.401

Standard 115.401 was not met because the facility was not audited during the three year period starting August 20, 2013. The auditor is in communication with the PREA Resource Center to determine the appropriate corrective action related to this standard. Because the first audit cycle has closed, there is no corrective action to be taken regarding this deficiency. This finding is final.

## IMPLEMENTATION TIME LINE

### 2015

- The Director of Newport News Juvenile Services appointed a PREA Manager in September 2015.
- Mandated PREA training curriculum was develop for direct-care staff.
- Director of NNJDC established PREA policy and procedure manual to manage sexual assault incidents based on the juvenile standards of PREA.
- All employees completed mandatory PR EA training with PREA Manager. Training on PREA is conducted annually and during initial employee orientation.
- Resident education to include handbooks and pamphlets were created using the English and Spanish languages.
- Gender specific posters and flyers were displayed throughout housing units, the visitation room, main lobby and other specific areas traveled by residents, employees, contractors and visitors.
- Area specific training for Intake and Main Control room staff as it relates to PREA safety and security. Training surrounded the why and why nots of using professional communications and the importance of confidentiality and unannounced rounds.
- Included newly design PREA educational PowerPoint for residents.
- Attended PREA implementation training at the 2015 CAMA Conference
- An internal PREA pre-audit was conducted to evaluate compliance with PREA standards.
- Signed MOU's with the Newport News Police Department, Riverside Regional Hospital and the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors.

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- A security assessment was conducted and it was determined that new cameras were needed to resolve blind spots and to upgrade software. 360 cameras were installed on all 11 housing units, the school area, dining hall, gym, visitation, main hallways, and activity areas.
- Training for teachers, the medical unit, visitors and contractors was implemented.
- PREA Policy and Procedure manuals placed on the housing units for staff.

### 2016

- Educational material and group topics placed on housing units for ongoing resident training.
- Special Victim and Crime Scene Preservation training was facilitated for all direct-care staff.
- Training for volunteers, contractors and professionals was produced and implemented.
- Planning for the first cycle audit began.
- Revised Pat-down and Search policy.
- First Audit for Newport News Juvenile Services.

### 2017

- Mandated refresher training was conducted.
- PREA Manager updated Sexual Misconduct Incident Review documents and data gathering process.
- Representative from the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors facilitated training for direct-care staff. The training covered the agency's mission, how to report abuse and how to support or manage stress during a sexual assault crisis.
- Security Cameras updated and Digital Recording System was replaced
- Monthly reports were implemented
- Monitored Vulnerability of current and new residents
- Updated resident's education
- Provided training to intake staff

### 2018

- Annual refresher training was conducted for the month of March
- Facilitated ongoing training for new hires
- Monthly reports were prepared
- Conducted monthly PREA wellness checks with residents
- Participated in the Survey of Sexual Victimization
- Monitored Vulnerability of current and new residents
- Conduct groups for male residents
- On July 26, 2018, PREA Manager participated in the Power Hour: Chat with a PREA Expert webinar. The discussion was on PREA Standard 115.15- Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches.
- Started preparedness for three year audit cycle



- In September, PREA Manager viewed the PREA Resource Center pre-recorded webinar on how to create and implement education programs for the residents.
- Recapped purposes for unannounced rounds to supervisors and mid-level management
- Participated in a live webinar in reference to Supervision and Monitoring
- Participated in live PREA Power Hour: Chat with an Expert on PREA Standard 115.71

## Data Collection

### Resident-on-Resident Sexual Victimization

<b>Non-Consensual Acts</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018
Allegations of Non-Consensual Acts	0	0	1	0
Allegation of Non-Consensual Acts Reported	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	1	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0

<b>Abusive-Sexual Contact</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018
Allegations of Abusive-Sexual Contacts	0	0	1	1
Allegation of Abusive-Sexual Contacts Reported	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	1	1
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0

<b>Sexual Harassment</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018
Allegations of Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	1
Allegation of Sexual Harassment Reported	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0

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Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	1
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0

**Staff-on-Resident Sexual Victimization**

<b>Staff Misconduct</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018
Allegations of Staff Misconduct	0	0	0	0
Allegation of Staff Misconduct Reported	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0

<b>Staff Sexual Harassment</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018
Allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	1
Allegation of Staff Sexual Harassment Reported	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	1
Ongoing Investigation	0	0	0	0