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What is the Prison Rape Elimination Act (P.R.E.A.)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) is the first United States federal law passed dealing with the sexual assault of prisoners. The bill was signed into law on September 4, 2003. PREA covers all adult as well as juvenile detention facilities and establishes a zero-tolerance standard against sexual assaults and rapes of incarcerated persons of any age. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) is committed to protecting the resident's right to be safe from sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our facilities. The Tulsa County Juvenile Detention Center (TCJDC), is required to be licensed by OJA and is also committed to provide an environment free of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and to provide supportive resources to any juvenile in need of assistance.

For PREA purposes, the term "Juvenile facility" means a facility primarily used for the confinement of juveniles pursuant to the juvenile justice system or criminal justice system. The term "resident" means any person confined or detained in a juvenile facility or in a community confinement facility. Our TCJDC has chosen to engage in PREA compliance efforts to ensure the best welfare, safety and security for our residents and staff.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How does PREA impact our TCJDC facility?

PREA addresses the detection, elimination and prevention of sexual assault in OJA facilities across Oklahoma.

PREA funds the development of national standards of compliance and accountability for juveniles in our custody.

PREA directs the collection and dissemination of information on the incidence of youth-on-youth sexual violence as well as staff sexual misconduct with youth in OJA custody.

2. How do I report Incidents of Sexual Assault or Sexual Abuse?

TCJDC will accept reports of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of OJA residents from third parties (i.e., family, legal guardian, friend, etc.). All allegations will be investigated. To make a report:

- 1. Tell any TCJDH facility staff member.
- 2. Tell a trusted family member or adult.
- 3. Call the DVIS Hotline at 1-800-CALLRAPE
- 4. Call the DHS Hotline at 1-800-522-3511
- 5. Write a confidential grievance.
- 6. Send a confidential email to prea.complaint@oja.ok.gov

3. Does TCJDH have a zero tolerance for sexual assault and sexual abuse?

YES! TCJDC has Zero-Tolerance for any instances of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment is Never OK. Never.

How were PREA Juvenile Facility Standards Created?

PREA established a National Prison Rape Elimination Commission (NPREC) with nine members appointed by both the President and Congress. The NPREC studies all types of sexual abuse affecting persons of any age who are in confinement in the United States. The Commission's primary mission is to carry out a comprehensive legal and factual study of the impact of prison rape in the United States. The Commission is charged with studying federal, state and local government policies and practices related to the prevention, detection, response and monitoring of sexual abuse in correction and detention facilities in the United States

TCJDC Training

All staff, volunteers, interns and contractors who serve at the TCJDC are required to attend annual training on the following:

TCJDC PREA Policy 005

https://www.tulsacountv.org/documents/prea/PREAPolicv005

PREA Staff, Volunteer and Contractor Handbook

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/PREAStaffVolunteerandContractorHandbook

PREA Resident Handbook

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/PREAResidentHandbook

PREA Resident Handbook- Spanish

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/PREAResidentHandbookSpanish

Helpful Information on PREA

PREA Audit 2016:

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/PREAAudit2016.pdf

PREA Audit 2020:

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/preaAUDIT2020.pdf

OJA PREA link:

http://oja.publishpath.com/preaditional Resources

Federal BJA link:

https://bja.ojp.gov/program/prison-rape-elimination-act-prea/overview

PREA Juvenile Standards link:

https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/PREA-Juvenile-Facility-Standards.pdf

TCJDC Aggregated Data

2016-2017

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/2016_2017

2017-2018

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/2017_2018

2018-2019

https://www.tulsacounty.org/documents/prea/2018_2019

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