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**Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)  
Annual Report 2015**

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“Rape should never be part  
of the punishment”

-Just Detention International

## *Facility*

The Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center was dedicated and opened in 1999, and sets the standard for detaining juveniles in a secure, rehabilitating environment. The Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center is a 36,000 square foot single story brick building with a total of 63 individual sleeping rooms and 10 individual security rooms. The facility is composed of three 21-bed living units, education, medical, mental, physical recreation, intake, and administration areas. The facility provides secure detention services for both male and female juveniles (ages 10-21) who have been accused of serious crimes, or who have been sentenced to the facility for a period to not exceed 30 days.

This modern facility emphasizes access to education, physical and mental health care, recreation and religious services bringing all the components necessary to serve the many needs of the juvenile population. Focus is placed on intensive and ongoing staff training to better serve the residents of the facility. Policies reflect statutory regulations as well as the expectation and standards of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act and the American Correctional Association.

## *Facility Mission*

The mission of The Peoria County Juvenile Detention center is to further justice by providing a safe, caring environment that guides youth in our care towards productive lives and enhances community safety and wellbeing.

## *Facility PREA Mission*

To achieve compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) by developing guidelines and policies for preventing, detecting, responding, monitoring and eradicating all sexual abuse and harassment within the Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center.

Purpose:

## *Purpose*

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that prohibits sexual misconduct within correctional settings, including juvenile detention centers. PREA promotes best practice for prevention, detection and response to sexual misconduct within the facility.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires that our facility collects and analyzes data... “in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices and training.” (Standard 115.388)

This report is completed in order to identify problem areas in order to take corrective action, compare data with proceeding years and to assess our facility’s progress in addressing sexual misconduct. (Standard 115.388)

This report is intended to provide information for calendar years 2014 and 2015.

## *Facility Achievements in 2015*

- All facility policy and procedures related to PREA were reviewed and revised to meet the Federal PREA standards.
- A resident Vulnerability Screening Assessment was created and implemented.
- Contractor/Volunteer PREA Orientation was created and implemented.
- Resident PREA Orientation was created and implemented.
- Staff received extensive PREA training in additional to annual training.
- Specialized training for investigators, medical and mental health staff was provided.
- Audit preparation was completed with anticipation of June 2016 Audit.
- Revised facility strip search policy to eliminate indiscriminate strip searches
- Revised facility supervision policy to ensure PDJDC staff supervision for all residents at courthouse

## *Facility Sexual Abuse Data*

PCJDC Sexual Abuse Data						
Year	Substantiated		Unsubstantiated		Unfounded	
	<i>Res-Res</i>	<i>Staff-Res</i>	<i>Res-Res</i>	<i>Staff-Res</i>	<i>Res-Res</i>	<i>Staff-Res</i>
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	1	0

\*Res- Resident

## *Corrective Actions*

Although the facility has no substantiated or unsubstantiated reports of sexual abuse, it is understood that corrective actions could be made to further our efforts in prevention and detection.

The following corrective actions were completed in 2015:

- Provided further training for facility staff on PREA
- Conducted an ongoing review of facility and operational structure to improve sexual abuse prevention
- Implemented changes to strip search process as well as supervision process while at courthouse

The following corrective actions are recommended for progress in preventing and addressing sexual abuse:

- Increase facility staffing
- Adding cameras in facility laundry room and kitchen

## *Definitions*

### Resident-on-Resident Sexual Abuse:

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation

### Staff-on-Resident Sexual Abuse:

Sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (5) of this section;
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.
  - Voyeurism Defined as: an invasion of privacy of a resident unrelated to official duties, such as peering at a resident using a toilet or requiring a resident to expose their genitals.

Substantiated:

An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated:

An allegation that was investigated and produced insufficient evidence to make final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded:

An allegation that was investigated and determined to not have occurred.