



Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department

Prison Rape Elimination Act 2020-2021 Annual Report

The Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department (BCJJD) is dedicated to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 and the department seeks to improve and continually refine safety and security practices for all BCJJD detainees as a result thereof. This report is a summary of the agency's efforts in PREA compliance. By compiling, reviewing and implementing corrective actions based on agency data relating to sexual abuse and sexual harassment the BCJJD seeks to increase the effectiveness of sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, response, investigations, monitoring technology, area examinations, staffing levels, trainings, policies and procedures.





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JUNE 30, 2021

Mission Statement:
"Working together to transform and habilitate juveniles, strengthen families, protect the community and develop responsible citizens."

Purpose:

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response while examining policies, practices, systems and training in the Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department (BCJJD), pursuant to §115.388 and §115.389 of the national PREA standards. Therein, BCJJD is required to:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually in order to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training to include:
 - a. Identifying problem areas;
 - b. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis; and
 - c. Preparing an annual report of its findings
2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior year's and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. Publish the annual report on the Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department website of its findings and corrective actions for the agency as a whole.

Aggregated Data:

The Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department collects data from both incidents and investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the following categories: youth-on-youth, youth-on-staff and staff-on-youth. The data in the section below contains aggregated data from CY2020 and CY2021 (Calendar Year = CY) through June 2021.

All sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations are compiled, reviewed, documented and stored in a secured area. All incidents of abuse are reported to the following agencies: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Juvenile Justice Department and local law enforcement authorities. The following table below depicts a breakdown of our 2020-2021 sexual abuse and sexual harassment data as of June 2021 in the following categories: youth-on-youth, youth-on-staff, and staff-on-youth. The data below includes all sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations from the Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department.



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JUNE 23, 2021

| Pre/Post and JJAEP | Sexual Abuse | Sexual Harassment | Youth on Youth | Youth on Staff | Staff on Youth | Date of Incident | County Case ID | TJJD Incident # (if known) | Disposition |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| POST | X | | X | | | 4/19/2021 | 01-0421 | SI-21-0340 | Substantiated |
| POST | | X | | | X | 2/21/2021 | 01-0221 | ANE-21-0118 | Substantiated |
| POST | X | | | | X | 9/25/2020 | 02-0920 | ANE-21-0020 | Substantiated |
| POST | X | | X | | | 9/6/2020 | 01-0920 | SI-21-0017 | Substantiated |
| PRE | X | | X | | | 9/18/2019 | 02-0917 | SI-20-0022 | Substantiated |
| JJAEP | X | | X | | | 9/3/2019 | 01-0919 | SE-20-0009 | Substantiated |

Corrective Areas and Corrective Actions Taken

Upon aggregating the data of CY2020-CY2021 there were not any corrective areas that needed to be addressed. All forms created during the CY2015-CY2016 audit cycle are fully integrated into the department and being utilized to meet PREA standards. The departments staffing plan has been updated to display changes within the agency. BCJJD is continuously updating our PREA training curriculum for staff and residents to ensure a clear understanding of sexual safety in the department. There were upgrades in technology including the installation of a more advanced DVR Camera System enabling BCJJD to continue to provide sexual safety to all youth we serve. No corrective actions were needed towards any BCJJD physical plant areas during CY2020-CY2021. During the CY2019, the PREA audit was conducted by a Department of Justice Certified Auditor and a report was issued with meeting all standards and achieving "exceeds standards" in eighteen of those standards which is very rare.

The following enhanced measures are implemented at the Agency Level:

- Commissioner's Court approved budgeting for modern and updated video cameras and Digital Video recording devices for the Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department;
- Audio/visual cameras provided given to each shift leader for recording serious and PREA related incidents;
- Revised Detention/Residential Orientation Rules and Regulations;
- Updates to PREA Training for staff and residents.;
- Enhanced yearly report to reflect statistics from available years (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020).


The BCJJD continues to implement best practices to meet and exceed the requirements of the PREA standards in order to address allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for residents and staff. All BCJJD administrative members are committed to providing continual monitoring while implementing corrective actions in order to reach full PREA compliance. Above all, the BCJJD

administrative members aspire to maximize the sexual safety for all residents in our custody. Overall, the BCJJD is progressively making strides in the right direction geared toward exceeding the intent of the PREA standards.


Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Aggregate Data
*** 2019 numbers reported after July 2020 Annual Report**

| Substantiated Allegations | 2018 | *2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|-------|------|------|
| Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Youth on Staff Sexual Abuse Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Staff Sexual Harassment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unsubstantiated Allegations | 2018 | *2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Staff Sexual Abuse Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Staff Sexual Harassment Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unfounded Allegations | 2018 | *2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Staff Sexual Abuse Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Staff Sexual Harassment Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |


 Kyle Teaf, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer


 Date


 Upendra Katragadda, Facility Administrator


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