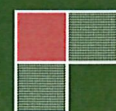




Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department

Prison Rape Elimination Act 2021-2022 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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SEPTEMBER 6,
2022

**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 CY2021 and CY2022 (Calendar Year = CY) through June 2022.

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 2021-2022 sexual abuse and sexual harassment data as of June 2022 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.



Prison Rape Elimination Act: 2021-2022 Annual Report Aggregated Data and Corrective Actions

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Pre/Post and JJAEP	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Youth on Youth	Youth on Staff	Staff on Youth	Date of Incident	County Case ID	TJJJD Incident # (if known)	Disposition
POST		X			X	2/18/2021	01-0221	ANE-21-0118	Substantiated
POST	X		X			4/19/2021	01-0421	SI-21-0340	Substantiated
PRE	X		X			8/28/2021	02-0821	G-21-2286	Substantiated
POST	X		X			9/26/2021	02-0921	SI-22-0242	Substantiated

Corrective Areas and Corrective Actions Taken

Upon aggregating the data of CY2021-CY2022 there were not any corrective areas that needed to be addressed. Those forms created during the CY2021-CY2022 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 CY2021-CY2022. During the year of 2022, 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 eight of those standards.

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 (2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022).

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

Substantiated Allegations	2019	2020	2021	2022
Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	1	0	0
Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	0	1	0
Youth on Staff Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	0	0	0
Youth on Staff Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse	2	1	3	0
Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated Allegations	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
Unfounded Allegations	2019	2020	2021	2022
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 Teat, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

 Date

 Upendra Katragadda, Facility Administrator

 Date