



# Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department

## Prison Rape Elimination Act 2022-2023 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 22, 2023

**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 CY2022 and CY2023 (Calendar Year = CY) through June 2023.

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 2022-2023 sexual abuse and sexual harassment data as of June 2023 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: 2022-2023 Annual Report Aggregated Data and Corrective Actions

JUNE 22, 2023

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
PRE	X				X	3/28/2023	01-0323		Unfounded

## Corrective Areas and Corrective Actions Taken

No corrective actions were needed, nor recommended, toward any BCJJD physical plant areas, policies, procedures and best practices during CY2022-CY2023.

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 maintain 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	1
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  
Kyle Teat, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

6/23/2023  
Date

U. Katragadda  
Upendra Katragadda, Facility Administrator

06/23/2023  
Date

**Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department**  
**Aggregate Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Data**  
**From Contract Placements FY2022**

Placement	Year	Sexual Abuse	Substantiated	Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
Everyday Life	2022	0	0	0	0
Grayson County	2022	4	0	0	0
Pegasus Schools, Inc.	2022	6	1	7	0



# Grayson County Department of Juvenile Services Sexual Abuse & Sexual Harassment Aggregate Data

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Substantiated Allegations</b>									
Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	2	0	0	5	4	0	0	
<b>Unsubstantiated Allegations</b>									
Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	
<b>Unfounded Allegations</b>									
Staff on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	
Staff on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Youth on Youth Sexual Abuse Allegations	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	
Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment Allegations	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	

## 2022 Annual Facility PREA Report

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**In 2022, 145 juveniles were admitted to Pegasus. During this period there were 13 reports received:**

- 1 Substantiated incident
- 12 Unsubstantiated incidents
- 0 Unfounded incidents
- 0 Incidents reported which were not PREA (investigated & ruled out)
- 0 Incidents reported which were determined to constitute non-abusive contact

**In 2021, 148 juveniles were admitted to Pegasus. During this period there were 5 reports received:**

- 1 Substantiated incident
- 4 Unsubstantiated incidents
- 0 Unfounded incidents
- 0 Incidents reported which were not PREA (investigated & ruled out)
- 0 Incidents reported which were determined to constitute non-abusive contact

**In 2020, 137 juveniles were admitted to Pegasus. During this period there were 5 reports received:**

- 0 Substantiated incidents
- 3 Unsubstantiated incidents
- 2 Unfounded incidents
- 0 Incidents reported which were not PREA (investigated & ruled out)
- 0 Incidents reported which were determined to constitute non-abusive contact

**In 2019, 186 juveniles were admitted to Pegasus. During this period there were 11 reports received:**

- 1 Substantiated incident
- 5 Unsubstantiated incidents
- 4 Unfounded incidents
- 1 Incident reported which was not PREA (investigated & ruled out)
- 0 Incidents reported which were determined to constitute non-abusive contact

**There were 12 unsubstantiated incidents in 2022:**

There were twelve unsubstantiated incidents in 2022. Although unsubstantiated, corrective actions were taken that included additional training regarding blind spots, reminding staff to remain fully alert and attentive during duty hours, and additional cameras in multiple buildings. However, all staff were reminded regularly about the rights of children in care.

**There was 1 substantiated incident in 2022:**

There was 1 substantiated incident in 2022, and one corrective action as a result. The corrective action was additional emphasis on employees remaining alert and attentive during duty hours.

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## 2022 Annual Facility PREA Report

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**Corrective action plans occur following every substantiated incident, and some unsubstantiated incidents where measures can be taken that can improve safety. Typical corrective action plans include:**

- Additional training on visual supervision practices, or a change in supervision practices, to include increased supervision efforts particularly in regard to blind spots
- Identification of barriers to adequate supervision and strategies to mitigate
- Safety Contracts for the juveniles
- Sanctions for juveniles identified to have engaged in sexual misconduct
- If appropriate, contact with law enforcement and/or human resources

**Actions to improve outcomes during 2022:**

Pegasus continues to make the safety of residents and staff a priority. In-depth PREA training, including responsibilities and support options, is required for every new employee and resident with refresher training provided regularly. Fourteen (14) additional cameras were installed in multiple buildings to reduce blind spots and improve supervision capabilities.

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