

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION, INFORMATION HANDOUTS, AND STAFF CHECKLIST

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MINNEHAHA COUNTY REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER Policy Manual

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I. Policy

Statement of Policy:

The Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center has zero tolerance for any form of sexual abuse/assault/misconduct or rape and the failure of “duty to report” such incidents of youth who are placed in our care and housed in the juvenile detention facility. This policy sets forth standards for reporting and investigating alleged sexual abuse of youth within the JDC. This policy also addresses the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and how its standards will be implemented at JDC to maintain a safe environment for youth detained in the facility. JDC will designate one administrative staff to serve as the Center’s PREA coordinator. This staff will work to ensure that JDC is in compliance with PREA standards. (115.311)

II. Definitions

Sexual Abuse: Sexual abuse of a juvenile by another juvenile, staff member, contractor, or volunteer, 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:

- Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument
- 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 or, in the case of staff, that is unrelated to official duties such as searches

- Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of a juvenile
- Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor or volunteer

Voyeurism: An invasion of privacy of a juvenile by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at a juvenile who is using the toilet in his/her room; requiring a juvenile to expose his/her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of a juveniles naked body or of a juvenile performing bodily functions.

Sexual Harassment: Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by another juvenile, staff member, contractor, or volunteer. Also, repeated verbal comments demeaning to another gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

III. Procedures A.

General Provisions

1. It is the policy of JDC to ensure that any form of sexual activity between youth or between youth and staff/volunteers/outside professionals, regardless of consensual status, is strictly prohibited. Such conduct is subject to administrative disciplinary sanctions and may result in criminal prosecution.
2. Youth being held in the JDC cannot give consent to engage in behavior defined as sexual abuse under this policy, regardless of the youth's age.
3. All allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment will be investigated either by JDC or by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office
4. Retaliation against any youth or employee who reports or assists in the investigation of alleged sexual abuse is strictly prohibited and is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.
5. The Director of the JDC is responsible for the implementation of this policy. The Director may choose to delegate certain duties and authorizations to the JDC PREA coordinator.

B. Reporting Methods

1. JDC will accept: **(115.351)**
 - a. Written reports
 - b. Verbal reports
 - c. Anonymous reports
 - d. Third party reports (fellow juveniles, staff members, family members, attorneys, or outside advocates)

2. All verbal reports will be immediately documented via a JDC Incident Report by the staff member receiving the report, or e-mailed to the Director to maintain confidentiality **(115.351)**
3. Juveniles will be provided access to the tools necessary to make a written report if requested, including, but not limited to, a writing utensil, paper, and envelope. **(115.351)**
4. JDC will provide and maintain multiple internal ways for juveniles to privately report physical abuse, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, retaliation by other juveniles or staff for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of duties that may have contributed to such incidents, including, but not limited to: **(115.351)**
 - a. Reporting to staff members
 - b. Reporting to administrative staff
 - c. Reporting to the Compass Center (by phone in the conference room)
 - d. Reporting via the grievance box which will be checked every business day by the Director or another designee.
5. JDC may discipline a juvenile for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only where JDC demonstrates that the juvenile filed the grievance in bad faith **(115.352)**
6. JDC has a memorandum of understanding with the Compass Center to provide counseling and victim advocacy for juveniles. Juveniles will be given access to these services via phone, in private, or in person at JDC. If the Compass Center is not available juveniles will be offered counseling with a QMHP. **(115.353)**
7. JDC will establish a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and will distribute, publicly, information on how to make such reports on behalf of a juvenile. **(115.354)**
8. JDC will not rely on other juveniles as interpreters in order to communicate PREA information except in situations where a delay in obtaining an interpreter may compromise the juvenile's safety, the ability of a first responder to perform their duties, or the investigation of a juvenile's allegations. Instead JDC staff will utilize the Language Line as the preferred method for interpreting for juveniles. **(115.316)**

C. Official Response Following a Resident Report

1. JDC requires all staff to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion, or information they receive regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment; retaliation against a juvenile or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. **(115.361)**
 - a. Apart from reporting to a Supervisor, administrative staff, law enforcement, or the Department of Social Services, staff are prohibited from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone.
 - b. JDC nursing staff and contracted qualified mental health professionals will also be required to report any allegation pursuant to paragraph (1.) to either a supervisor or administrative staff. JDC nursing staff and

contracted QMHP's will inform juveniles at the initiation of services of their duty to report and the limitations of confidentiality

- c. Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, the JDC Director will promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's parents and/or guardians (including DSS workers, JCA's, or legal representatives appointed by the court) unless there is legal reason as to why the guardian should not be notified.
 - d. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third party and anonymous reports, will be reported to one of JDC's designated investigators
2. If JDC learns that a juvenile is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse it will take immediate action to protect that juvenile **(115.362)**
 3. Upon receiving an allegation that a juvenile was sexually abused while in another facility the JDC Director will notify the other facilities director or appropriate office of the facility where the abuse is alleged to have occurred and any relevant investigation agencies if necessary **(115.363)**
 - a. Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation
 - b. JDC will document that it has provided notification
 - c. If JDC receives such an allegation it will be investigated in accordance with this policy
 4. Upon learning of an allegation that a juvenile was sexually abused, the first staff member to respond to the report will: **(115.364)**
 - a. Separate the alleged victim and abuser
 - b. Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence
 - c. If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, drinking, or eating.
 5. JDC Shift Supervisors will be responsible for monitoring retaliation against any juveniles or staff who report or cooperate with the investigation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Caseworkers will also periodically monitor the conduct of any juveniles who have reported or cooperated in an investigation into sexual abuse or sexual harassment in an effort to detect any signs of retaliation. **(115.367)**
 - a. JDC will take measures to protect staff and juveniles against retaliation if any is reported.
 6. If the first staff member to respond is not a JDC security staff they will request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence and immediately notify the Shift Supervisor.
 7. JDC will develop a written instructional plan for staff to follow in regards to responding and reporting sexual abuse/harassment. **(115.365)**

D. Investigations

1. When JDC conducts investigations into allegations it will be done in a prompt, thorough, and objective manner, including allegations made by third party and anonymous sources. **(115.321)**
2. JDC will designate multiple staff to serve as PREA investigators. These investigators will receive special training in accordance with PREA standards.
 - a. Investigator duties include, but are not limited to: **(115.334)**
 - i. Collecting physical evidence
 - ii. Conducting interviews of juveniles and staff (victims, alleged perpetrators, and witnesses), including proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings
 - iii. Gather and review any electronic monitoring data
 - iv. Criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral
 - b. This training will be documented
3. JDC will not terminate an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation. **(115.371)**
4. If, at any time, the allegations appear to be criminal in nature, JDC will immediately contact the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department to proceed with the investigation and document that they have been contacted **(115.322)**
5. The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness will be assessed on an individual basis and will not be determined by the person's status as a juvenile or staff. Juveniles who make an allegation will not be asked to submit to a polygraph examination as a condition for proceeding with the investigation. **(115.371)**
6. JDC will make an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse. **(115.371)**
7. All investigation findings will be documented in a written report which will include, but is not limited to: a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and all other facts and findings. **(115.371)**
 - a. JDC will retain all written reports referenced in section (a) for as long as the alleged abuser is detained or employed by JDC, plus five years, or until the juvenile turns 21. **(115.371)**
8. The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or custody of JDC will not provide a basis for terminating an investigation. **(115.371)**
9. Any State entity or Department of Justice component that conducts such investigations shall do so pursuant to the above requirements. **(115.371)**
10. When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, JDC will cooperate with the agency and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. It is the expectation that outside agencies will adhere to the standards set forth in this policy when conducting investigations. **(115.371)**

11. JDC will impose no higher standard than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated. **(115.372)**
12. Following an investigation into a juvenile's allegation of sexual abuse suffered in JDC, JDC will inform the juvenile as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. **(115.373)**
13. Following a juvenile's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the juvenile, JDC will subsequently inform the juvenile (unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded) whenever: **(115.373)**
 - a. The staff member is no longer posted on duties that would allow them contact with the victim
 - b. The staff member is no longer employed
 - c. JDC learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within JDC or,
 - d. JDC learns that the staff member involved has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within JDC
 - e. All of these notifications will be documented.
14. Following a juvenile's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another juvenile, JDC will subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: **(115.373)**
 - a. JDC learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within JDC; or
 - b. JDC learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within JDC.
 - c. All such notifications will be documented
 - d. JDC's obligation to report under this policy will terminate if the juvenile is released from JDC's custody.
15. Within 30 days of the conclusion of any investigation, even if an allegation has not been substantiated, a review team of JDC will conduct a sexual abuse incident review. The review team will consist of the PREA Coordinator, the Assistant Director, a Supervisor, and medical staff. This team may also ask for assistance from investigating entities (i.e. Sheriff's Office).
 - a. The review team will make recommendations for any improvements which could be made to better handle a sexual abuse situation in the future. If the recommendations are not implemented the reasons for not doing so will be documented. The review team shall also: **(115.386)**
 - i. Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse.
 - ii. Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification status; or, gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility
 - iii. Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse

- iv. Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during the shift
- v. Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff
- vi. Prepare a report or its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (1.) (a.) (i-v) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager

E. Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness

1. During the admission process JDC still will utilize an objective screening instrument to obtain information which may indicate a heightened need for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other juveniles. **(115.341)**
 - a. This information will be kept confidential from other juvenile's and placed into the juvenile's file
2. Group assignments will be made based on information gathered during this process. A juvenile's status as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex will not be the sole basis for determining group assignments. **(115.342)**
 - a. JDC will not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex juvenile for the sole purpose of determining the juvenile's genital status. If the juvenile's genital status is unknown, it may be determined through conversations with the juvenile, by reviewing medical records, or by talking to the juvenile's parents or guardians.
3. Group assignments for any transgender or intersex juveniles will be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the juveniles. **(115.342)**
 - a. Transgender and intersex juvenile's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration in determining their group assignment
 - b. Transgender and intersex juveniles will be given the opportunity to shower separately from other juveniles

F. Hiring and Promoting

1. JDC will not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with juveniles, and shall not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with the juveniles who: **(115.317)**
 - a. Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution.
 - b. Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse;
 - c. Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above (1.(b)).
- d. JDC shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the service of any contractor, who may have contact with juveniles.

2. In conjunction with the Minnehaha County Human Resources department the following steps will be taken before any new employee will have contact with juveniles:
 - a. Perform a criminal background check
 - b. Consult the state child abuse registry where the new employee worked
 - c. Make best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse.
 - d. A background check will be completed on all employees and contractors at least every 5 years.
 - e. Applicants and employees who may have contact with juveniles directly will be asked about previous misconduct described previously in section c in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees.
 - f. Material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.
 - g. In accordance with South Dakota law, JDC will provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work.

G. Medical and Mental Health Care

1. If the initial screening during admission indicates that a juvenile has experienced prior sexual victimization or has been the perpetrator of sexual abuse, whether or not it occurred in another facility, they will be offered a follow-up meeting with either a QMHP or someone from the Compass Center within 14 days of admission to JDC. **(115.381)**
2. Juveniles who are the victim of sexual abuse will receive unimpeded access to emergency medical and mental health services. If the JDC nurse is not on duty at the time JDC will make arrangements for the juvenile to be transported to a medical facility for services. **(115.381)**
 - a. If the abuse occurred in JDC there will be no financial cost to the victim for medical services
 - b. Follow-up services will be made available to victims of sexual abuse, including, but not limited to: STD information/testing, pregnancy testing (when applicable), mental health services.
 - c. If pregnancy results from sexual abuse the victim will receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy related medical services
3. All juveniles who experience sexual abuse will be given the opportunity to receive a forensic medical examination at no cost. When possible, this examination will be performed by a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). If one is not available JDC will document that it made its' best effort to provide one. **(115.383)**
(115.321)
 - a. At the victim's request, a victim advocate will be present through this process.

4. JDC will attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known juvenile-on-juvenile abusers within 60 days of learning such abuse history **(115.383)**
5. JDC will provide on-going medical and mental health care for any juveniles who have been the victims of sexual abuse in a previous facility. **(115.383)**

H. Discipline

1. Staff shall be subjected to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. **(115.376)**
2. All disciplinary action will be in accordance to Minnehaha County Human Resources guidelines. **(115.376)**
3. Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse will be reported to law enforcement, unless the activity was clearly not criminal in nature. **(115.377)**
 - a. Any contractor or volunteer who is alleged to have committed sexual abuse or sexual harassment will be prohibited from entering JDC pending the results of an investigation.
4. Any discipline action taken against juveniles who violate this policy will follow the standards set forth in JDC policy 13.3 (Juvenile Consequences) **(115.378)**
 - a. A juvenile will not receive a consequence if a report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment is made in good faith. Even if the claim is investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. **(115.378)**
 - i. Residents who engage in consensual sexual activity will not be subjected to sexual abuse allegations unless dictated by State laws.

I. Training and Education

1. Each juvenile will receive PREA information, including but not limited to: the JDC zero-tolerance policy and how to report any instances of sexual harassment or sexual abuse, upon admission to JDC as part of the admission process. **(115.333)**
 - a. Within 10 days of being admitted to JDC each juvenile will receive additional comprehensive PREA education including:
 - i. Their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment
 - ii. Their right to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment
 - iii. Policies and procedures for responding to such incidents
 - b. All juvenile education will be documented
2. All contractors and volunteers who will regularly work directly with juveniles will receive training on JDC's policies regarding PREA and their responsibilities regarding prevention, detection, and reporting incidents. **(115.332)**
3. All JDC staff will receive the following training: **(115.331)**
 - a. JDC's zero-tolerance policy

- b. Responsibilities as mandatory reporters of sexual abuse or harassment and JDC procedures on reporting such incidents.
 - c. Juvenile's right to be free from sexual harassment and sexual abuse
 - d. The right of juvenile's to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
 - e. The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities
 - f. The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
 - g. How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse and how to distinguish between consensual sexual contact and sexual abuse between juveniles.
 - h. How to avoid inappropriate relationships with juveniles.
 - i. How to communicate effectively and professionally with juveniles, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming juveniles.
4. All training will be documented and required at least every two years
(115.331)
5. JDC will designate a number of staff to receive specialized investigation training. **(115.331)**
6. JDC will ensure that our facility nurse has received the following trainings:
(115.335)
- a. How to detect signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment
 - b. How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse
 - c. How to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment
 - d. How to and whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
 - e. Documentation of this training will be made available upon request by JDC to the contractor.

J. Data Collection

1. JDC will collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse using the latest version of the Department of Justice Survey of Sexual Victimization. This information will be aggregated yearly. **(115.387)**
2. The PREA coordinator will be responsible for the collecting of this data and preparing an annual report to address any corrective action needed to take place. **(115.388)**
 - a. This report will compare previous year's data and address JDC's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. This data will be securely retained for at least 10 years after the initial collection. It will be made available to the public via JDC's website.
 - b. JDC will remove any personal identifiers prior to making the information publicly available.

IV. Attachments

Attachment #1: Juvenile Instructional Pamphlet

Attachment #2: Volunteer Instructional Pamphlet

Attachment #3: Staff Checklist

Attachment #4: Intake Assessment Form

Attachment #5: Juvenile Sign off at Intake

Attachment #6: Juvenile Sign-off For Additional Training

Attachment #7: Contractor/Volunteer Training Sign-off

V. Related Directives & References

VI. Revision Log

March, 2015: Added data collection information and images of the forms used.

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Approved: _____

James Gravett, Director

Date

Attachment #1: Juvenile Instructional Pamphlet

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault can be described as any of the following: intimate knowledge, oral sodomy, sexual assault with an object, or intentional sexual fondling of a person, forcibly or against that person's will.

Sexual assault includes incidents where a person is unable to give consent because of his or her youth, or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Additionally, when a sexual assault is threatened or accomplished through fear or threat of bodily harm, that is considered a sexual assault or rape.

Sexual assault is a crime of violence, power, and control; NOT passion or sexual desire. The offender uses sex as a weapon to assault the body, the mind, the psyche, and the spirit.

JDC HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS ANY FORM OF SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT/MISCONDUCT OR RAPE.

What can I do to avoid Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is an issue that can affect persons of any gender, age, race, or ethnic group. To prevent this from ever happening you must always be aware of your surroundings and situations.

- Trust your instincts. If a situation feels wrong, leave the area and get help.
- Don't worry about being polite. Yell "STOP", "NO", or "HELP". Keeping yourself safe is the first priority.
- Look confident and strong. Many rapists choose victims they think won't or can't fight back.
- Avoid casual nudity or talking about sex. These things may be considered an invitation or an expression of interest in a sexual relationship.
- Report your suspicions. If you are being pressured for sex or if you witness such an event, tell JDC staff immediately.

What should I do if I am Sexually Assaulted?

1. Get to a safe place
2. Report the Incident IMMEDIATELY (if you wait, evidence may be lost and your ability to provide details may diminish)
3. Request immediate medical attention (There may be injuries you are not aware of and there is a danger of sexually transmitted disease.)
4. Do not shower, brush your teeth, use the rest room, or change your clothes. (This may destroy critical evidence)



How can I Report a Sexual Assault?

REMEMBER, you are the VICTIM. It is NOT your fault!

You can report to a JDC staff member that you trust. They are trained to take appropriate steps after the incident.

If you do not feel comfortable telling a staff you have several options:

- You can privately tell a staff you would like to make a call to the Compass Center. The Compass Center has staff that are trained to take your report.
- You may leave a note or message in the grievance box. The Director checks that box Monday-Friday. Your message will be secure and the Director will be the only one who will see it.

What happens after I report a Sexual Assault?

- You will be immediately separated from any alleged attackers. This does NOT mean that you will be placed on confinement.
- JDC staff will arrange to get you to a medical facility for an immediate physical examination to check for injury or infection.
- Confidentiality will be maintained
- Law Enforcement will be contacted to complete an investigation
- You will be offered the services of a Victim Advocate, who will assist you through the process.
- A Qualified Mental Health Professional will be contacted to talk to you and offer counseling services as needed.

Contact Information:

Compass Center: 605-339-0116
or 1-877-IN-CRISIS

PREA Coordinator: JDC Training and Compliance Officer Steve Ruter

JDC Director: Jamie Gravett

JDC Assistant Director: Nate Ellens
605-367-4313

*If you want information on additional resources please talk to your caseworker



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JDC PREA COORDINATOR

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Compass Center

1800 W. 12th St. Suite 100 Sioux Falls, SD 57104

605-339-0116

Department of Social Services: Child Protection Services

811 E. 10th St. Sioux Falls, SD 57103

1-800-244-0864

Sioux Falls Police Department (non-emergency)

605-367-7212



What is PREA?

PREA stands for the Prison Rape Elimination act. JDC has a Zero Tolerance policy which specifically forbids any activity associated with or that promotes acts of sexual conduct, including sexual harassment between youth and staff. In this definition, staff includes contractors, volunteers, or anyone else who may work in a one on one setting with juveniles. A juvenile is defined as any youth placed in JDC's custody.

Zero Tolerance Policy:

The Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center has zero tolerance for any form of sexual abuse/assault/misconduct or rape and the failure of "duty to report" such incidents of youth who are placed in our care and housed in the juvenile detention facility.

Sexual misconduct can be defined as behavior of a sexual nature. The result is a breach of the professional relationship that exists between staff and a juvenile. Sexual misconduct distinctly alters the boundary between professional roles and personal relationships. Forms of sexual misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Attempts to engage in a sexual act with any juvenile's genitalia, inner thigh, breast and/or buttocks with the

intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, arouse, or gratify the sexual desire of another person.

- Any solicitation of sexual activity through promises of favors and/or threatening a juvenile for refusing sexual advances.
- Invasion of privacy beyond what is reasonably necessary for safety and security, including disrespectful, unduly familiar, or threatening comments made to juveniles.

Boundaries

Boundaries in relationships can be difficult. If you question your professional boundaries with a juvenile or feel uncomfortable with his/her actions or advances toward you, talk to a staff member you respect or bring the matter to the Shift Supervisor.

Amorous or sexual relationships are inappropriate and illegal when they occur between a juvenile and any staff member, contractor, or volunteer. Juveniles depend upon staff to provide for their safety and security, health needs, and be positive role models. Because of the difference in power between juveniles and staff there can never be a consensual relationship between the two. Here are some factors to consider.

Some juveniles have a history of victimization, particularly in their formative

years, which may make them specifically vulnerable to the sexual advances of a person in authority. Their perception of affection/love may be skewed by this history of abuse, making it impossible for them to refuse the advances of a staff member.

Juveniles may also use sex to improve his/her standing or circumstances (e.g., avoid consequence, gain special privileges, etc.) However, as the person in authority it is the staff member's responsibility to discourage and refuse any advances made by a juvenile and maintain professional boundaries at all times.

Any effort to prevent a person from reporting an incident or retaliation by any staff or juvenile against any person reporting such activity will be dealt with through the disciplinary process.

How do you report?

JDC has multiple ways of reporting incidents of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or staff sexual misconduct, which are listed on the back of this brochure.

Not matter what the situation, if you have a feeling something is wrong please **REPORT.**

PREA INFORMATION

I, _____, have been given
PREA information by staff member _____,
and know that I can report an incident by:

- Telling Staff
- Telling my Caseworker
- Calling the Compass Center
- Dropping a note in the Grievance Box

Juvenile Signature _____

I also understand that the Juvenile Detention Center has a zero tolerance policy
for any forms of sexual harassment/abuse/assault or misconduct. I know JDC will
provide additional comprehensive information on PREA within 10 days of my
admission.

Juvenile Signature _____

Date _____

Staff Signature _____

Date _____

Additional PREA information

I, _____, have received and understand the additional PREA information that has been provided by JDC. If I have any questions or concerns I know that I can talk to staff, caseworkers, or administrative staff.

Juvenile Signature _____

Date: _____

PREA INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS OR VOLUNTEERS

I, _____, have been given PREA information by staff member _____, and know how to report an incident.

I also understand that the Juvenile Detention Center has a zero tolerance policy for any forms of sexual harassment/abuse/assault or misconduct.

Signature _____ Date _____