

# JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

## 16<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DETENTION PROGRAM

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/PREA COORDINATOR



## PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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## **Facility Introduction**

**The Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) is a detention facility for juveniles between the ages of 10 through 20. The facility was opened in 1997 and has a rated capacity of 80 beds. The facility was constructed to allow for a future expansion of 80 additional beds. The Kane County JJC is a regional detention facility and currently has intergovernmental agreements with the seven counties of DeKalb, DuPage, Kendall, McHenry, Ogle, Lee and Stephenson. The facility is composed of four living units, educational classrooms, a medical unit, indoor and outdoor physical recreation, intake and administration areas. The facility provides secure detention services for both male and female juveniles who have been accused of serious crimes or who have been sentenced to the facility for a period of time.**

**The function of the JJC is to provide safe, humane and secure temporary custody for juveniles pending court proceedings or those who have been adjudicated on delinquent charges. Juveniles are detained through court orders, warrants and at the request of local police departments if deemed appropriate via a screening tool.**

**JJC Youth Counselors are court-appointed officers with a minimum of a bachelor's degree. They are responsible for maintaining the security of the facility and ensuring the safe and secure custody of each resident. Youth Counselors also monitor the behavior of residents and provide for their physical and emotional well-being.**

**The JJC uses a Cognitive Behavioral Training (CBT) program which is an evidence-based model for describing, understanding and changing behavior. It operates on the fundamental assumption that thinking and attitudes influence our behavior and therefore, we can change behavior by changing thought patterns and attitudes.**

## **Facility Mission**

**The mission of the Kane County JJC is to provide an educationally conducive environment, which is secure, based on legal standards and community values.**

## **Facility PREA Mission**

**The Prison Rape Elimination Act of September 4, 2003, requires all confinement institutions to create safer environments for all persons in confinement. The final National Standards to prevent, detect, and respond to prison rape were released by the United States Department of Justice on May 17, 2012.**

**The Kane County JJC has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual misconduct involving residents and seeks to provide a safe, humane, secure environment, free from sexual violence, misconduct harassment or retaliation. The JJC is committed to responding to all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Newly admitted residents are provided with information about PREA, including several different ways to report abuse and harassment. Sexual misconduct is prohibited and subject to administrative discipline and/or criminal sanctions. The JJC's policy is intended to prevent, detect and respond to allegations in a thorough and timely manner. The JJC will protect all residents, employees and third parties who report sexual abuse or harassment from retaliation by other inmates or employees.**

### **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 practices for prevention, detection and response to sexual misconduct within the facility. The PREA Act 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 preceding years and to assess our facility's progress in addressing sexual misconduct. (Standard 115.388)**

### **Resident Reporting**

**Residents may report sexual abuse or sexual harassment in several ways while in the JJC's custody:**

- 1. Tell any staff member, contractor or volunteer**
- 2. Submit a grievance or emergency grievance to management**
- 3. Use the PREA phone to call the Community Crisis Center**
- 4. Tell a parent, guardian, attorney, caseworker or probation officer**

### **Third-Party Reporting (note: All contact numbers are posted in all housing units)**

- 1. Call the DCFS hotline at 1-800-25ABUSE**
- 2. Call the Kane County Sheriff at 630-232-6840 or 911**
- 3. Call the Community Crisis Center at 847-697-2380**
- 4. Submit a report through the [illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org](http://illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org) website**

**The Kane County Sheriff's Office investigates all allegations of sexual abuse.**

### **Victim Services**

**Any resident who has been a victim of sexual abuse or sexual harassment may use the PREA phone located in the Medical Unit, or they may notify any staff member to receive crisis counseling services from a therapist at the Community Crisis Center. In addition, there is a Mental Health Coordinator and two full time mental health clinicians at the JJC.**

**This report is intended to provide information for calendar year 2022.**

### **Facility Achievements in 2022**

- **Kane County JJC continues to use the Relias online training platform that contains numerous training opportunities, including PREA training. We also continue in-house training for all staff members including volunteers and contractors.**
- **Kane County JJC conducted a reorganization what was approved by the AOIC and Assistant Superintendent Amy Sierra became the PREA Coordinator with the Mental Health Coordinator providing PREA assistance when Ms. Sierra is unavailable.**
- **The JJC continues to contract with the Community Crisis Center to provide residents with access to outside victim advocates to make third-party reports and/or receive emotional support services.**
- **The JJC continues to contract with the Kane County Sheriff's Office to conduct criminal investigations if an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual assault is made.**
- **The JJC continues to contract with Northwestern Delnor Hospital to provide SANE exams as needed.**

<b>2016 Facility Sexual Abuse Data</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Substantiated</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	1	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>2017 Facility Sexual Abuse Data</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Substantiate</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	9	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>2018 Facility Sexual Abuse Data</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Substantiate</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	7	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>2019 Facility Sexual Abuse Data</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Substantiate</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	10	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

2020 Facility Sexual Abuse Data				
Category	Substantiate	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Pending
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2021 Facility Sexual Abuse Data				
Category	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Pending
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	4	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2022 Facility Sexual Abuse Data				
Category	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Pending
Resident-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0
Resident-Resident Sexual Harassment	1	0	0	0
Staff-Resident Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### **Definition of Findings**

**Substantiated:** Allegation was investigated and the result indicated that the alleged event DID occur.

**Unsubstantiated:** Allegation was investigated and the result indicated there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

**Unfounded:** Allegation was investigated and the result indicated that the alleged event DID NOT occur.

**PREA Incident Reviews**

A PREA Review Committee was established in 2016 and is tasked with reviewing substantiated or unsubstantiated allegations of sexual abuse as required by PREA standard 115.386. The committee is composed of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent/PREA Coordinator, Mental Health Coordinator, Operations Manager, Supervisors, Mental Health Clinicians and medical staff. The committee shall:

- a) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect or respond to sexual abuse;
- b) Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status or perceived status, or gang affiliation or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility;
- c) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;
- d) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;
- e) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and
- f) Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations of the above review criteria and any recommendations for improvements and submit such report to the facility head.


There was one substantiated report during 2022 of a case involving resident-on-resident sexual harassment.

**Analysis/ Corrective Action**

In 2022, there was one substantiated report for resident-on-resident sexual harassment. Corrective action included providing PREA coaching to a new staff member who was present when the incident occurred as to how she could have provided more effective supervision and stopped the inappropriate resident behavior.

  
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PREA Coordinator

  
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Superintendent

  
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