

	JUSTICE CABINET DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES	REFERENCES: 505 KAR 1:170 4-JCF-3D-05, 09, 10 4-JCF-3D-04, 08, 09 3-JTS-3D-06-4, 06-9, 06-10 3-JCRF-3D-04-4, 04-9, 04-10 1-JBC-3D-06-3, 06-8, 06-9
CHAPTER: Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)		AUTHORITY: KRS 15A.065; 28 CFR 115; 28 CFR 115.351; 28 CFR 115.361; 28 CFR 115.367
SUBJECT: Reporting and Investigating PREA Violations		
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I. POLICY

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) shall utilize the Internal Investigations Branch (IIB), within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, to conduct administrative investigations regarding allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment between juveniles and staff, sexual contact, or any type of sexual misconduct directed toward juveniles who are in the custody, care, or supervision of DJJ.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to all DJJ staff, volunteers, interns, and contractors.

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 900.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. DJJ staff, volunteers, interns, contractors, juveniles, and the general public shall have direct access to the IIB hotline at all times.

1. Investigations regarding allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment between juveniles and staff, sexual contact, or any sexual misconduct shall be conducted and documented by IIB in accordance with 500 KAR 13:020.

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2. An investigator with IIB shall complete Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and sexual abuse investigations training prior to conducting investigations as required by 28 C.F.R. 115.334.
 3. The DJJ Ombudsman shall investigate cases of juvenile-on-juvenile sexual harassment.
 4. DJJ shall cooperate and provide support for the prosecution of all substantiated PREA cases.
 5. The Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) Post-Disposition Branch or the Louisville Metro Public Defenders office shall be notified by the Agency PREA Compliance Officer whenever law enforcement is contacted to conduct an investigation to ensure that the youth's legal rights are protected.
- B. DJJ staff, volunteers, interns, and contractors shall be responsible for being alert to signs of situations in which sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual contact, or any sexual misconduct may occur.
 - C. DJJ staff, volunteers, interns, and contractors who witness, suspect, or receive a report that a juvenile has been a victim of sexual abuse, sexual contact, or any sexual misconduct, while in a residential or detention facility, shall immediately report it to the IIB hotline, their direct supervisor, the Superintendent and the Facility PREA Coordinator. The facility Superintendent shall be responsible for notification to the Facilities Regional Administrator (FRA), the Regional Director, Agency PREA Compliance Officer, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Commissioner.
 - D. DJJ staff, volunteers, interns, or contractors who have reason to suspect that a juvenile has been a victim of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual contact, or any sexual misconduct, while on furlough from a facility or in the community, shall immediately report it to the IIB hotline, their direct supervisor, and the Superintendent or Director of Community and Mental Health Services, and the Facility PREA Coordinator or the Community PREA Coordinator. The Superintendent shall be responsible for notification to the FRA, the Regional Director, Director of Community and Mental Health Services, Agency PREA Compliance Officer, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Commissioner. The Director of Community and Mental Health Services shall be responsible for notification to the Superintendent, if applicable, the Regional Director, Agency PREA Compliance Officer, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Commissioner.
 - E. Juveniles shall have the right to report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual contact, or any sexual misconduct to a staff member or the IIB hotline.
 - F. If a juvenile submits a grievance, regarding sexual abuse, sexual contact, or sexual misconduct, staff shall immediately report the alleged details of the allegations to their direct supervisor, the Superintendent, the Facility PREA

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- Coordinator, and the IIB hotline. The Superintendent shall be responsible for notification to the FRA, the Regional Director, Agency PREA Compliance Officer, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Commissioner. A grievance regarding PREA allegations shall not be processed as a grievance and shall immediately be forwarded to IIB.
- G. DJJ staff shall not retaliate against staff or a juvenile for reporting a PREA violation. Staff who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
- H. A report made by a staff or a juvenile regarding a sexual incident that is made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, if the investigation does not establish evidence to substantiate the allegation.
- I. A staff or a juvenile, who makes a report which is investigated and it is established by IIB that the staff or juvenile knowingly made a false report, shall be subject to program sanctions or staff disciplinary action up to and including termination or dismissal.
- J. The Department shall inform the resident in writing as to whether an allegation has been substantiated, not substantiated, unfounded, or exonerated. If the agency did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency to inform the resident. All notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented in the youth's individual client record (ICR).
1. If the alleged abuser is a staff member, the Department shall inform the resident victim (unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded) when:
 - a. The staff member is no longer posted within the residents unit;
 - b. The staff member is no longer employed at the facility; or
 - c. The Department learns that the staff member has been indicted or convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
 2. If the alleged abuser is another resident, the Department shall inform the resident victim when:
 - a. The Department learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility;
 - b. The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
 - c. The abuser has been moved to another program or facility.
- K. All case records associated with claims of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual contact, or any sexual misconduct, including incident reports, investigative reports, juvenile information, case disposition, medical and

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counseling evaluation findings, and recommendations for post-release treatment and counseling shall be retained in accordance with the records retention schedule.

- L. DJJ shall provide the general public with information regarding PREA audits, the Department's annual PREA report, PREA policies, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics annual survey report on the official DJJ website.
- M. DJJ shall provide a third party reporting mechanism for the public on the DJJ website and through the IIB hotline.
- N. DJJ shall provide general information regarding PREA pursuant with the Kentucky Open Records Act.
- O. Any PREA violation, that is criminal in nature, shall be referred to the Kentucky State Police (KSP) unless the facility is located in Lexington or Louisville, Kentucky. For those facilities, potentially criminal violations shall be referred to local law enforcement.

V. STAFF TRAINING

- A. The Agency PREA Compliance Officer or designee shall train the Facility, Classification, and Community PREA Coordinators regarding this policy.
- B. The PREA Coordinators shall train all DJJ staff in their respective facility or office.

VI. MONITORING MECHANISM

The Agency PREA Compliance Officer or designee shall conduct an annual audit to verify that DJJ staff are being trained regarding the policy.