

SPOKANE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SERVICES
PREA REPORT

PREA standards released in June 2012 set forth strict requirements for facilities to make sure every effort is in place to safeguard those housed in prisons, jails, and juvenile detention and corrections centers. Spokane County Juvenile Court Services managers, supervisors, and line staff have long embraced the principles recently supported by the PREA. Years before PREA was passed SCJCS was involved in the following juvenile justice reform efforts:

- Sexual Abuse and Harassment training is provided by our County Human Resources as part of a new hire orientation;
- Extensive internal policy and procedure review that is reflected in each staff's annual evaluation;
- Annual all staff meetings to address training needs and provide legislative updates on Juvenile Justice issues;
- Immediate investigation of staff and youth complaints. We have a Zero Tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Results of investigations are shared with appropriate parties and examined to determine needed modifications of policy, standards, training, youth programming and staffing.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) reform efforts, begun in 2005, expanded our community-based Detention Alternative Programs. Lower risk youth are diverted from Detention and successfully attend school and jobs in our community, resulting in a 40% reduction of the average daily population (ADP). Lowering the ADP means high risk youth are held in single-bunked cells, thereby increasing the safety of all detained youth.
- MacArthur Foundation Models for Change reform efforts, begun in 2007, created community alternatives to detention for Truant and At-risk youth;
- Three comprehensive Environmental Assessments of the Detention facility in the last six years. Findings, identified by community stakeholders, are promptly addressed by the Detention Manager.
- 2012 Remodel of the Detention Center Control booth and monitoring technology to enhance the safety of detained youth and corrections staff.
- Creating links to our PREA work on the SCJCS website:
<http://www.spokanecounty.org/juvenilecourt/>

Reports of sexual abuse in the Detention Center are extremely low, with no substantiated incidents within the facility in several years. One unfounded allegation was reported in 2014. Review the sexual abuse data at <http://www.spokanecounty.org/loaddoc.aspx?docid=10905>.

High levels of supervision and single cell occupancy will continue to be the main tools to prevent sexual abuse, physical abuse, bullying and other incidents. Corrections Staff, trained in PREA and Zero Tolerance, disallow, respond to and report any and all instances of harassment and abuse.

In 2013 Bonnie Bush, Juvenile Court Administrator, along with Mark Lewis, Detention Manager, Theresa Stewart, Business Manager, Rand Trevey PREA Site Coordinator, and Michelle Perrine, Detention Shift Supervisor became the PREA Review Team. This team was responsible for the preparation of the federally sanctioned PREA Audit. In January 2015 the Spokane County Juvenile Court's Detention Facility became the first in the State of Washington to be audited.

The formal audit report will be published on this website as soon as the Corrective action Period is final and compliance it certified by the auditor.