

District I Juvenile Detention Center PREA Report – March, 2025

The District 1 Juvenile Detention Center fully embraces and supports the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. Staff and residents receive training and practice preventative protocols on an ongoing basis to ensure the safest possible environment.

In 2024, there were 2 allegations of resident/resident sexual harassment and 1 allegation of resident/resident sexual abuse. In the allegation of sexual abuse law enforcement investigated and determined that a crime did not take place. We take all reports seriously, and ensured the situations were closely monitored immediately after they were reported. The PREA coordinator periodically followed up with the juveniles who reported, and confirmed there was no harassment or retaliation at any time following the reports.

Our facility maintains excellent relationships with local law enforcement, Prosecutor's Office, and Safe Passages (our community-based crisis center). These relationships ensure a prompt response in the case of an abuse allegation, meeting the critical needs of potential victims, while guaranteeing thorough investigations and prosecution.

Beginning in 2012, when PREA Standards were promulgated for Juvenile facilities, all facility staff received comprehensive PREA training. Additionally, staff receive annual PREA training to ensure they are up to date with current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. Furthermore, all residents, educational staff, and community volunteers have all received appropriate levels of education to detect, respond, report and protect youth. This facility will continue to review policies and procedures, physical plant, characteristics, staffing patterns, shifts, personnel assignments and supervision.

Highly trained professional staff provide exceptional levels of supervision while maintaining PREA standards, preventing sexual abuse/harassment, physical abuse, bullying, and other unacceptable behaviors at the Center.

As the facility Coordinator, Jeremy Roth will continue to work hand and hand with the management team, and other State/County partners to develop and implement policies and practices for our facility. Statewide PREA posters and a PREA training video were developed to provide PREA education in an effort to prevent sexual abuse in Detention facilities.

Jeremy Roth has been the PREA Coordinator for the last 3 year audit cycle. After the PREA audit in May of 2025 Lauren Gibson, Training Supervisor, will take over the PREA Coordinator position for the next 3 year audit cycle.

District I Juvenile Detention Center received its third triennial PREA audit on August of 2022. The results are published on our website. Our next PREA audit is in May 2025. We are committed to protecting and serving the needs of youth. Click here to visit the [PREA Resource Center](#) for up-to-date PREA resources and standards.