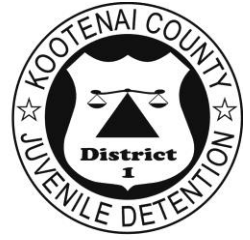




KOOTENAI COUNTY

DISTRICT 1 JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER



District I Juvenile Detention Center PREA REPORT—January 7, 2019

Report Year: 2018

The District I Juvenile Detention Center fully embraces and supports the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). For a significant period, we have trained staff and residents on prohibited contact and inappropriate relationships, to prevent incidents of sexual abuse within the facility.

There was one allegation of staff /resident abusive sexual contact. The Coeur d'Alene Police Department promptly investigated the allegation and determined it to be unfounded. Although this facility possesses the necessary surveillance equipment to protect youth in any and all areas, we are currently updating and enhancing the existing video equipment and software to ensure future viability. This facility recognizes the importance of continued efforts to prevent sexual abuse and will tirelessly promote a "Zero Tolerance" environment with regard to abuse of any kind.

Our facility maintains excellent partnerships with the Coeur d' Alene Police Department, Prosecutor's Office and the local Crisis Center, ensuring the prevention, detection, abuse reporting, and investigations.

Throughout 2014-2018, all facility staff received many hours of specialized training. In addition, all residents, educational staff and Community Volunteers have all received appropriate levels of education to detect, 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 will 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, Eric Sheffield has worked 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.

District I Juvenile Detention Center participated in its first PREA audit in February of 2016. The results are published on our website. Our next PREA audit is in April of 2019. I look forward to sharing the audit results with our state/local partners and the community. We are committed to protecting and serving the needs of youth.