

RICHMOND JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report for July of 2022

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires us, as a juvenile detention facility, to collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at our facility using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. This information shall be reported at least annually. The data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.

The report is approved by the Superintendent and made readily available to the public through our website. There may be some information that is redacted when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

The Richmond Juvenile Detention Center (RJDC) will maintain sexual abuse data for at least 10 years after the date of its initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise. The report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions and shall provide an assessment of RJDC's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Findings

RJDC received no allegations of sexual assault, staff sexual misconduct, or harassment towards residents from FY15 to FY22. RJDC implemented PREA in 2015, and since this time, remained in compliance as defined by Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003.

RJDC most recent PREA audit was completed in October of 2021, by a U. S. Department of Justice-certified PREA auditor; where RJDC met all required standards. The report can be found on the City of Richmond website. RJDC is scheduled for its next PREA audit in October of 2024.

The Richmond Juvenile Detention Center strives for a standing zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Our staff is trained in child abuse and neglect reporting, maintaining professional relationships/boundaries, behavior management, code of ethics and more. We are always striving to make our program better and more responsive to our diverse population of residents.