

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2003 (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) is the first United States federal law passed dealing with the sexual assault of prisoners. The bill was signed into law on September 4, 2003. PREA covers all adult as well as juvenile detention facilities. The Act supports the elimination, reduction, and prevention of sexual assault and rape within corrections systems; mandates national data collection efforts; provides funding for program development and research; creates a national commission to develop standards and accountability measures; and applies to all federal, state and local prisons, jails, police lockups, juvenile detention facilities, private facilities and community settings such as residential facilities.

The Placer County Probation Department is committed to providing a safe, humane, secure environment, free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This shall be accomplished by maintaining a program to address education, prevention, detection, response, investigation, and tracking of sexual misconduct and to address successful community re-entry of the victim. The Placer County Probation Department shall maintain a zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) and for all juvenile facilities it contracts with for the confinement for juveniles. All sexual misconduct is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action (up to and including termination for employee misconduct) and/or a referral to the Placer County Sheriff's Department and the Placer County District Attorney for filing of criminal charges. This policy applies to all residents of the JDF and persons employed by the Placer County Probation Department, including volunteers, collaborative agency staff, and independent contractors.

The Probation Department shall ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to the Placer County Sheriff's Department which has the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior.

Retaliatory measures against employees or residents who report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment shall not be tolerated and shall result in disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. Retaliatory measures include, but are not limited to, coercion, threats of punishment, or any other activities intended to discourage or prevent an employee or resident from reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Third Party Reporting

Anyone may report an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred at the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility or any other agency that the Probation Department contracts with for the confinement of Juvenile Offenders.

You may report acts of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at the following Probation Offices:

Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility
11260 "B" Ave., Auburn, CA

(530) 886-4864

Jeffrey Cann, Superintendent

jcann@placer.ca.gov

Auburn Justice Center

2929 Richardson Dr., Ste. B, Auburn, CA

(530) 889-7900

South Placer Justice Center

10810 Justice Center Dr., Ste. 170, Roseville, CA

(916) 543-7400