



**JEFFERSON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
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Information for Parents, Guardians and Custodians regarding:
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

PREA is a law supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of sexual assault and rape within juvenile detention facilities. Jefferson County Juvenile Probation Department (JCJPD) maintains a zero tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and sexual harassment of the juveniles we serve in accordance with PREA standards. The zero tolerance policy applies to all employees, contractors, interns, and volunteers who work in any capacity for JCJPD, who provide services to juveniles who are in our care, custody, or control, or who may come into close contact with them.

☑ All residents will receive an age-appropriate comprehensive education explaining our zero tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and sexual harassment and their right to be free from these, including retaliation for reporting such incidents.

☑ Residents will be educated on how they can report incidents (or suspicions) of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, and JCJPD policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.

☑ Information obtained from juveniles during initial assessments will be used to make appropriate decisions regarding housing, bed, program, education, and work assignments with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse.

☑ **Third parties (parents, attorneys, counselors, etc.) have the right to report incidents (or suspicions) of sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of residents of the Jefferson County Juvenile Probation Department (JCJPD). Third party reports can be made to JCJPD staff, to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, or to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. (see Third Party Contact Information below)**

☑ All alleged incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the JCJPD will be criminally investigated by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and administratively by JCJPD and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

THIRD PARTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

JCJPD Detention Superintendent or Casework Supervisors - Detention 409-722-7474

Texas Juvenile Justice Department (Austin, Texas) 877-786-7263 (toll free)

abuseneglect@tjjd.texas.gov (877-STOP-ANE)

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department 409-835-8411