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PREA Annual Report

PREA Standard 115.289

This annual report is in response to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003. This is a Federal law established by the Department of Justice to support the elimination and prevention of sexual assault, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment in the correctional system. CJSD has a ZERO Tolerance policy for any type of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Harassment. Any and all reports will be investigated in a complete and thorough manner which may include turning reports over to the Grand Junction Police Department for criminal complaints. All reports will be tracked and documented to include the nature of the conduct and the outcomes. Below are the definitions used for tracking, outcomes and general statements of efforts taken by CJSD to be in compliance with all aspects of PREA.

Types of Behavior investigated are grouped as follows:

Sexual Assault:

Sexual Assault is rape. It is defined as the act or attempted act of sexual intrusion, sexual contact or sexual penetration by any person on another force, threat, coercion or intimidation. This includes when a client does not consent or is mentally incapable of consent or when the perpetrator is an employee, contractor, or volunteer, unless the act is part of a lawful pat search.

Sexual Abuse:

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed towards a person that does not or cannot consent, or is coerced, to include but is not limited to;

- Any other intentional contact or invasion of privacy with the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire.
- Contact can be with an object and with or without clothing being worn by one or both parties.
- Sexual or romantic relationships between employees, contractors or volunteers and clients are prohibited.
- Sexual or romantic relationships between clients and clients are prohibited.

Sexual Harassment:

Any non-contact behavior or act that subjects another person to verbal or written statements or gestures of a sexual or romantic nature to include but is not limited to;

- Any sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, obscene or profane language or verbal comments or actions of a derogatory nature.
- Any threat of physical force or pressure for sexual acts or requests for sexual acts,
- Masturbating in the presence or direct vision of another person.
- Demeaning references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing.
- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

Sexual Misconduct:

A person commits this offense when they have active or passive contact, which was not coerced or forced between the genitals, hands, mouth, buttocks, anus, breasts, or with an object and the genitals, hands, mouth,

buttocks, anus or breast of another person. Contact can be with or without clothing being worn by one or both parties.

Staff Sexual Misconduct:

Sexual contact or acts directed toward a client by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative, including completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts and occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification.

Substantiated allegation:

An allegation that was investigated and the allegation was determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation:

An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred. Preponderance of the evidence did not support the allegation.

Unfounded allegation:

An allegation that was investigated and the allegation was determined not to have occurred.

CJSD Aggregate Data for PREA Investigations and Results: Standard 115.289

Client on Client Sexual Victimization

	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Sexual Misconduct
2023	0 Allegations	0 Allegations	0 Allegations
2024	1 Allegation- Unsubstantiated	0 Allegations	0 Allegations

Staff on Client Sexual Victimization

	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Sexual Misconduct
2023	0 Allegations	0 Allegations	0 Allegations
2024	4 Allegations – All were unfounded	3 Allegations – All were unfounded	0 Allegations

General Information and Progress in meeting PREA Standards:

Physical Buildings and Campus:

On no less than an annual basis, CJSD completes onsite inspections to ensure the safety of clients and staff. These inspections include review for blind spots and potential problem areas of the entire CJSD Campus.

CJSD did some modification to the Chipeta building/dayroom to utilize the building for both Inpatient Residential Treatment and Outpatient treatment classes. Camera’s and blind spots were assessed and one additional external camera was added.

Additionally, in 2024, plans have been initiated for 2025 to modify the medication room in the Powell building to provide a more private setting for clients receiving medications. These plans have included the placement of cameras and assessing for blind spots. This area is expected to be operational in May of 2025.

Staff Education and Training:

Staff are provided with a Professional Standards of Conduct form upon their first day of employment. New hires also attend a PREA Specific Training within their first week of

employment. Annually, all CJSD Staff are required to review CJSD Policies and Procedures to include PREA related topics and policies.

Ongoing Professional Development requires bi-annual PREA specific training for all staff. Some staff also receive additional PREA training in areas such as but not limited to: Investigating Sexual Assaults, Bed Placement Issues, Risk Assessments, Mandatory Reporting and Guides to Cross Gender and Transgender client searches.

Client Education:

In order to ensure that clients understand their rights and responsibilities, clients receive information in a variety of ways. All information is available to clients with limited English proficiency. Signage regarding client reporting options include internal versus external reporting options.

- During Intake: A Fact Sheet regarding terms and definitions related to PREA including a client’s reporting options.
- Within two weeks from intake, as part of the client’s program orientation, the client will attend a mandatory viewing of a 13-minute video, “PREA Education for Adult and Juvenile People in Confinement”. This video is available in Spanish and in American Sign Language (ASL).
- Ongoing: Posters for reporting options, to include internal versus external reporting, and information are placed throughout the CJSD Campus.
- Ongoing: Kiosks are available in each dayroom which allow clients access to make private written reports and reference additional PREA related material.
- Client handbooks: Residential, Non-Residential and the Summit View Inpatient Residential Treatment handbooks, were all updated in 2023 to include PREA language regarding internal and external reporting options, treatment resources and filing of grievances.

Audit:

CJSD has had three Federal PREA Audits; 2016, 2019 and 2022. The Federal 2019 and 2022 PREA Audit reports are available on the CJSD Website. The next Federal PREA Audit has been scheduled for August of 2025.

Website:

The PREA link to Mesa County Community Corrections is updated every year to offer basic PREA information, Aggregate Data and PREA Audit Reports.

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