

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in Congress. The purpose of the act was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003). In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections, and jail systems.

The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged the commission with developing draft standards for the elimination of prison rape. Those standards were published in June 2009 and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule. That final rule became effective August 20, 2012.

The San Bernardino County Probation Department (SBCPD) is committed to the care and safety of all youth in our facilities and to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards. The SBCPD strives to maintain compliance with the PREA Standards for Juvenile Facilities and make improvements to existing policies, practices, education, and training as needed.

SBCPD has a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of youth. We are committed to the prevention and detection of such conduct, we immediately respond to all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, pursue appropriate disciplinary action, and refer for investigation and prosecution for those who perpetrate criminal conduct.

PREA requires juvenile agencies to collect and review data “...in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training.” (PREA Standard 115.388a). This review is intended to meet this standard and:

- Identify problem areas
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis for each facility
- Preparing an annual report of our findings and corrective action for each facility as well as the agency as a whole.

This report has been approved by the San Bernardino County Probation Department Chief Probation Officer and is available on our website: <https://probation.sbcounty.gov/>

2024 PREA Activities

During calendar year 2024, SBCPD continued its efforts to establish full PREA compliance:

- Governor’s Certification: PREA requires all agencies who fall under the operational control of the executive branch of the government to be in full compliance with the PREA Standards. The Governor of each State must provide certification of full PREA Compliance to the Federal Government that their State is in compliance or working toward compliance. Failure to do so could result in significant loss of federal funding.
- SBCPD is a local agency and therefore does not fall under the operational control of the executive branch of the government. However, to ensure the safety of our youth and staff, we have taken an affirmative action to audit our facilities as recommended by the timelines set-forth in the PREA Standards. All of our facilities have successfully completed PREA Audits.

Sexual Violence Reporting

SBCPD participates in the annual Survey of Sexual Victimization conducted by the US Census on behalf of the US Department of Justice. The summary of this report through the calendar year 2024 shows the low number of sexual abuse and harassment incidents occurring in our facilities.

SBCPD has zero tolerance for sexual abuse and harassment and is actively working to eliminate these activities in our facilities. The sexual abuse and harassment definitions used for the Survey of Sexual Violence and SBCPD's incident reporting mirror the definitions from the PREA Juvenile Standards.

ALLEGATIONS OF YOUTH-ON-YOUTH SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION DEFINITIONS:

NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS

Sexual contact of any person without their consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse where there is:

- Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT

Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse and:

- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person.
- EXCLUDE incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed toward another.

STAFF-ON-YOUTH SEXUAL ABUSE DEFINITIONS:

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friends or other visitors). Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and youths are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include:

- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts.
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy.
- Staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.
- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth by an employee, volunteer, Contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). Which includes:

- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.
- Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing.

A Restorative Integration for Successful Engagement (ARISE), Phase I

A Restorative Integration for Successful Engagement (ARISE), Phase I was developed as a result of the realignment of the Division of Juvenile Justice to the County, and its response to legislation SB823/SB92. ARISE, Phase I, is a secure treatment facility responsible for the secure housing, treatment, and educational/vocational needs of the youth returning from the state and those who are released from a Secure Youth Treatment Facility. The ultimate goal of ARISE, Phase I, is to provide the tools and rehabilitative services necessary to prevent recidivism and ultimately a successful reintegration back into the community.

The ARISE program is a secure treatment facility that provides rehabilitative services to youth ages 14 to 25 who would have previously been committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The facility has a capacity of 120 and currently has an average daily population of 65. The ARISE program is primarily staffed with Probation Corrections Officers (PCO) and Probation Corrections Supervisor I/II's (PCSI/II) who provides supervision, programming, and security for the facility. Upon intake, youth are provided information regarding the department's zero tolerance policy, their rights to be free from sexual abuse and harassment, and how to make a report. During the intake process, the youth are provided with an orientation handbook which contains facility procedures, rules, behavior expectations, services, and programming. Youth are assigned a caseload counselor who gives them a brief program overview and the youth are provided with an orientation, intended to reduce rule violations and to provide a safe and secure environment for both youth and staff. Following the intake process, youth are further assessed, and housing decisions are made based on classifications. [During the past year, the ARISE program has adhered to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requirements for COVID-19 and all subsequent variances].

From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, ARISE Phase-I was an 80 bed, male and female secured youth treatment facility. During this time, there were a total of 28 youth admitted into the facility and 37 youth discharged from the facility. There was 1 staff sexual misconduct during this reporting period.

There were no reported allegations of:

- Youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts
- Youth-on-youth, abusive sexual contact
- Youth-on-youth, sexual harassment
- Staff sexual harassment
- Staff sexual misconduct

Reported allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in 2024.

Type of Incident	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Total Incidents
ARISE SYTF				
Nonconsensual Sexual Acts				0
Abusive Sexual Contact				0
Sexual Harassment				0
Staff Sexual Misconduct			1	1
Staff Sexual Harassment				0
ARISE Total	0	0	1	1

ARISE, Phase I Aggregated Data
PREA Cases by Type, Disposition: 2024

Allegation Type	Finding	2024
Youth-on-youth, nonconsensual sexual acts	<i>Unfounded</i>	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0
Youth-on-youth, abusive sexual contact	<i>Unfounded</i>	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0
Youth-on-youth, sexual harassment	<i>Unfounded</i>	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0
Staff sexual harassment	<i>Unfounded</i>	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0
Staff sexual misconduct	<i>Unfounded</i>	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	1
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0

CENTRAL VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION AND ASSESSMENT CENTER (CVJDAC)

CVJDAC is primarily staffed with Probation Corrections Officers and Probation Corrections Supervisors I/II. During the intake and orientation process, youth are provided with information about facility procedures, rules, behavior expectations, services and programming. Orientation is intended to reduce rule violations and provide a safe and secure environment for both youth and staff.

Detained youth have access to educational services under an agreement with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Comprehensive behavioral health, Forensic Adolescent Service Team (FAST) and medical services are provided to youth. A range of social awareness programs are provided at the facility.

Central Valley Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center is a 240-bed male and female juvenile facility. From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, there were a total of 776 youth admitted into the facility

and 763 youth discharged from the facility. On December 31, 2024, there were 100 youths detained at the facility. During this reporting period, there was 1 report of alleged sexual abuse, which was unfounded and 3 reports of sexual harassment which were substantiated. Staff and supervisors responded appropriately to the allegation.

Actions included:

- Immediate separation of alleged victim and perpetrator
- Comprehensive investigations
- Documentation and notification under the PREA policy and statewide facility Notification and Reporting Policy
- Immediate protection of youth from retaliation

There were no reported allegations of:

- Youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts
- Youth-on-youth, abusive sexual contact
- Staff sexual misconduct

Reported allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in 2024.

Type of Incident	Pending Investigation	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Total Incidents
CVJDAC					
Nonconsensual Sexual Acts			1		1
Abusive Sexual Contact					0
Sexual Harassment		2			2
Staff Sexual Misconduct					0
Staff Sexual Harassment		1			1
CVJDAC Total	0	3	1	0	4

CVJDAC Aggregated Data

PREA Cases by Type, Disposition: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

Allegation Type	Finding	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Youth-on-youth nonconsensual sexual acts	<i>Unfounded</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Youth-on-youth, abusive sexual contact	<i>Unfounded</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth-on-youth, sexual harassment	<i>Unfounded</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Staff sexual harassment	<i>Unfounded</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Staff sexual misconduct	<i>Unfounded</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	<i>Substantiated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The San Bernardino County Probation Department continues its commitment in providing safety and security for the youth and staff. The agency continues to invest resources in educating our youth, training our staff, modifying our operation procedures, and upgrading our physical plants to support the prevention, detection, reporting, and investigation of all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.