

District I Juvenile Detention Center PREA Report – March 18, 2021

The District 1 Juvenile Detention Center fully embraces and supports the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. Staff and residents receive training and practice preventative protocols on an ongoing basis to ensure the safest possible environment.

There weren't any PREA incidents or allegations of sexual abuse, misconduct, or harassment in 2020. Click here to visit the [PREA Resource Center](#) for up-to-date PREA resources and standards.

Our facility maintains excellent partnerships with the Coeur d'Alene Police Department, Prosecutor's Office, and Safe Passages (our community-based crisis center). These partnerships ensure a prompt response in the case of an abuse allegation, meeting the critical needs of potential victims, while guaranteeing thorough investigations and prosecution.

Beginning in 2012, when PREA Standards were promulgated for Juvenile facilities, all facility staff received comprehensive PREA training. Additionally, staff receive annual PREA training to ensure they are up to date with current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. Furthermore, all residents, educational staff, and community volunteers have all received appropriate levels of education to detect, respond, report and protect youth. This facility will continue to review policies and procedures, physical plant, characteristics, staffing patterns, shifts, personnel assignments and supervision.

Highly trained professional staff provide exceptional levels of supervision while maintaining PREA standards, preventing sexual abuse/harassment, physical abuse, bullying, and other unacceptable behaviors at the Center.

As the facility Coordinator, Eric Sheffield has worked hand and hand with the management team, and other State/County partners to develop and implement policies and practices for our facility. Statewide PREA posters and a PREA training video were developed to provide PREA education in an effort to prevent sexual abuse in Detention facilities.

District I Juvenile Detention Center received its second triennial PREA audit in April of 2019. The results are published on our website. Our next PREA audit is in 2022. I look forward to sharing the audit results with our state/local partners and the community. We are committed to protecting and serving the needs of youth.