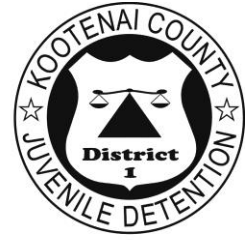




# KOOTENAI COUNTY

## DISTRICT 1 JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER



District I Juvenile Detention Center PREA REPORT—April 23, 2020  
Report Year: 2019

The District I Juvenile Detention Center fully embraces and supports the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). For a significant period, we have trained staff and residents on prohibited contact and inappropriate relationships, to prevent incidents of sexual abuse, and sexual harassment within the facility.

In 2019, there was one allegation of resident /resident sexual harassment. Promptly following the report, the PREA Coordinator conducted an administrative inquiry into the allegation, but was unable to determine a definitive outcome (unsubstantiated). We take all reports seriously, and ensured this situation was closely monitored immediately after it was reported. The PREA coordinator periodically followed up with the resident who reported, and confirmed there was no harassment or retaliation at any time following the report.

Although this facility possessed the necessary surveillance equipment to protect youth in any and all areas, significant upgrades were made to its video surveillance system in 2019 to ensure future viability. This facility recognizes the importance of continued efforts to prevent sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. We tirelessly promote a “Zero Tolerance” standard with regard to abuse of any kind, including retaliation for reporting such incidents.

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.