

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA (http://ojp.gov/programs/pdfs/prea_final_rule.pdf))

Contact the PREA Coordinator (757) 382-6463

- The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (Public Law No. 108-79) <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/human-services/Chesapeake-Juvenile-Services.htm> was signed into law in 2003 to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape on Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resource recommendation, and funding to protect individual from prison rape.”
- The purpose of this policy is to ensure residents are free from sexual assault and sexual harassment and to outline the agency’s approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct.
- Meeting the objectives of PREA is a priority of CJS. CJS has a zero tolerance policy towards any incident involving the sexual misconduct of a resident.
- Each resident receives PREA education (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRqJd_tZh1A&feature=youtu.be) during the admission process, in-depth education within 7 days of admission, and ongoing refresher education throughout the residents’ incarceration.
- Reporting sexual assault or sexual harassment can be done in several ways by the resident, a family member, a staff member, or by a third party <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/human-services/Chesapeake-Juvenile-Services.htm>.

• **REPORT IT:**

.....to a staff member
.....to the PREA Coordinator
.....complete a grievance form
.....write a letter of complaint
.....CALL:

- YWCA 24 hour Crisis Hotline: (757) 226-9922, or
- Child Abuse & neglect Hotline: (800) 552- 7096, Or

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This policy extends to all programs and services supported by the City.”*

- Local Social Services Division: (757) 382- 2000
 - Chesapeake Police Department (non-emergency): (757) 382-6161 or
 - CJS Administration offices/PREA Coordinator: (757) 382-6463
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- CJS will ensure that all allegations of sexual abuse are referred for investigation to the CJS PREA Investigator and Chesapeake Police Department/Special Victims Unit (CPD/SVU) which has the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations. Sexual abuse allegations will also be referred to the Child Protective Services (CPS) Unit of the City of Chesapeake Human Services Department.
 - Reports of sexual harassment will be investigated by the CJS PREA investigator and PREA coordinator. Both individuals are full-time employees on staff with CJS and have had the PREA: investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement setting training from the National Institute of Corrections, which qualifies them to investigate reports of sexual harassment.
 - CJS has a memorandum of understanding with the Chesapeake Police Department (CPD) to perform the investigation and a written memorandum of understanding with the Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare (CIBH) that will offer support services as requested or as necessary. The CPD solicits the services of the Chesapeake forensic Specialist, who are the sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE). SANEs will conduct the initial examinations for the CPD.
 - CJS has taken extraordinary measures to build an excellent working relationship with the CPD, YWCA, CPS, CIBH and with the SANEs (forensic nurses) for the purpose of creating a safe, humane, and secure environment for all residents that is free of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.