

# BEXAR COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION PREA 2016 Annual Report

## **Background**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment that occurs in confinement settings. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission developed national standards which apply to adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities.

## **PREA Statistics**

Bexar County Juvenile Probation (BCJP) collects data in accordance with §115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. The information collected regarding PREA will be used to identify problem areas and to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

During 2015, there were 2,442 new admissions into facilities operated by BCJP. Of the new admissions, 69% were male, and 31% were female. The average daily population was 199 (76% males and 24% females).

Refer to our PREA 2015 Statistical Report, below, for additional information.

## **Bexar County Juvenile Probation Zero-Tolerance Policy**

Bexar County Juvenile Probation has zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within its facilities and will prevent, detect, and respond to such activity. BCJP will immediately respond to allegations, fully investigate reported alleged incidents, pursue disciplinary action based upon the outcome of the investigations and in accordance with the PREA standards, and refer for prosecution those who perpetrate prohibited conduct.

BCJP has a designated agency-wide PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Manager. BCJP has revised existing policies and established new policies in accordance with the PREA standards. Other efforts to comply with the PREA standards include, but not limited to:

- Training for staff, volunteers and contractors;
- Collaboration with the Rape Crisis Center;
- Implementation of internal confidential reporting hotline;
- Implementation of confidential support services hotline to the Rape Crisis Center;
- Developed education material to be provided to inmates;
- Developed assessment for risk of victimization during initial intake; and
- Specialized Investigative training.

## **Bexar County Juvenile Probation PREA 2015 Statistical Report**

Between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, how many allegations of youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS were reported?	27
a. Substantiated	4
b. Unsubstantiated	9
c. Unfounded	12
d. Investigation ongoing	2
e. TOTAL	27

Between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, how many allegations of youth-on-youth ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT were reported?	7
a. Substantiated	0
b. Unsubstantiated	3
c. Unfounded	4
d. Investigation ongoing	0
e. TOTAL	7

Between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, how many allegations of youth-on-youth SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?	7
a. Substantiated	1
b. Unsubstantiated	0
c. Unfounded	0
d. Investigation ongoing	6
e. TOTAL	7

Between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, how many allegations of STAFF* SEXUAL MISCONDUCT DIRECTED TOWARD A CHILD were reported?	15
a. Substantiated	2
b. Unsubstantiated	1
c. Unfounded	6
d. Investigation ongoing	6
e. TOTAL	15

Between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, how many allegations of STAFF* SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF A CHILD were reported?	13
a. Substantiated	2
b. Unsubstantiated	3
c. Unfounded	1
d. Investigation ongoing	7
e. TOTAL	13

\*"Staff" means an employee, volunteer, contractor, other agency representative or official visitor (excluding the child's family, friends or other visitors)