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## APPLEWHITE RECOVERY CENTER

### PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

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PREA Background: The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into Federal law in 2003 by President George W. Bush. It was created to address the problem of sexual misconduct in all confinement facilities. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice released national PREA standards to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The Act requires all federal, state and local corrections agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding prison rape in prisons, jails, police lockups and community confinement facilities. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office has a zero-tolerance policy relative to sexual misconduct. All facilities/programs comply with federal and state laws as they pertain to PREA, sexual violence and sexual misconduct.

#### **Definitions**

**Substantiated** – A substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

**Unsubstantiated** – An unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

**Unfounded** – An unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred. Annual Report Since 2012, when the final PREA standards came into effect, the Imperial County Sheriff's Office

#### **Facility Overview:**

The facility offers three programs for recovery; each designed to meet a specific needs.

#### **Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF)**

SATF is operated under the direction of the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. This program targets both Felony and Misdemeanor defendants who have been diagnosed with chemical dependency and have demonstrated an inability to remain abstinent while on probation. The treatment goals for SATF programs are to target the criminogenic needs and underlying factors of the ongoing use of alcohol and substances that have caused a major dysfunction in family, employment, and criminal justice involvement. Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors employed by the Department provide treatment and education about the disease, recovery, and thinking errors as related to substance abuse at SATF are core lessons in the program. SATF services include daily groups, individual counseling, Cognitive Behavior classes, nursing services and specialized case management.

Eligibility Criteria: The defendant must be 18 years of age or older, Male/Female, Pre/Post Adjudication, Judges Program order, no less than 90 days term preferred, Title V offenses reviewed on case-by-case. Pass a basic medical

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screening. Must be diagnosed with Alcohol/Drug dependence and recommended for residential treatment per the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (TAIP). The defendant cannot have any visible physical handicaps or serious medical problems that will interfere with program participation. Defendants must not demonstrate or present a history of serious mental illness or be on a regimen of psychotropic medications. The Substance Abuse Treatment Facility has a capacity for 150 male and 50 female defendants.

### **Mentally Impaired Offender Facility (MIOF)**

MIOF is operated under the direction of the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Misdemeanor and Felony defendants with severe and persistent mental illness are the preferred population for admission to MIOF. The goal of this residential facility is to utilize best practices in the provision of mental health and substance abuse treatment in order to assist in the stabilization and rehabilitation of the defendant with mental illness. Treatment and stabilization of psychiatric symptoms at MIOF will provide the defendant the opportunity for mental health recovery and successful reintegration into the community. MIOF services include regular visits with the MIOF psychiatrist, individual/group psychotherapy, and substance abuse counseling, medication management, disease/medication education, and discharge planning are core services provided at MIOF.

Eligibility Criteria: The defendant must be 18 years of age or older, must be court ordered for a minimum of 120 days and no more than 180 days. Title V offenses reviewed on case-by case. The defendant must have an active diagnosis that is classified as a severe and persistent mental illness under the subtype of "Priority Population." The defendant must not present or demonstrate active thoughts or behaviors of self-harm or thoughts of harm to others. The defendant will also need to pass a basic medical screening and examination and may not have any visible physical handicaps or chronic medical problems that will interfere with program participation. The MIOF residential program is a 60 bed custodial facility, which has the capacity to provide mental health treatment for 30 females and 30 males.

### **Intermediate Sanction Facility (ISF-II)**

The ISF-II is operated under the direction of the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. The mission of the ISFII is to divert young male defendants from overcrowded jails, prisons, and provide education and treatment that will encourage the defendant to change their thinking patterns that can lead to pro-social behaviors and decrease the risk of recidivism and increase the opportunity for a successful reintegration in the community. The ISF-II utilizes in-house programming which is provided by Licensed Clinical staff, specialized trained residential community supervision officers, and local social service agencies. ISF II residents are taught techniques to control and change habits in order to redirect behavior that will lead to the decrease risk of recidivism, decrease use of substances, and decrease victimization to the community, family, and the defendant. Cognitive based programming, individual and group counseling, homework assignments, pro social modeling, self-awareness, substance abuse education, community service participation, and discharge planning are essential program components at ISF II.

Eligibility Criteria: The male defendant must be 18 years of age or older, Felony/Misdemeanor Offense(s), Pre/Post Adjudication, Judges Program order, No less than 60 days term preferred, Title V offense(s) reviewed on case-by case. Defendants must not demonstrate or present history of serious mental illness or be on a regimen of psychotropic medications. The defendant will also need to pass a medical screening. The defendant cannot have any visible physical handicaps or serious medical problems that will interfere with program participation. The ISFII is a 40 bed; all male custodial facility.



## Annual Report

The Applewhite Recovery Center (ARC) makes every attempt to assist and educate our staff, volunteers and contractors on how to report and manage incidents of sexual abuse and harassment. A PREA Coordinator is assigned to the facility and ensures the ARC meet the standards as set forth by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. It is the policy of the ARC to provide training to all staff, volunteers, contractors, and inmates to prevent sexual misconduct and to fully investigate and prosecute those involved in such conduct. The ARC has a system in place to collect data on incidents of a sexual nature. The facility collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The following table includes data from September 1st 2018 to August 31st 2019.

	<b>Allegations</b>	<b>Substantiated</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Ongoing Investigation</b>	<b>Total Results</b>
<b>Resident on Resident Nonconsensual Sex Acts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resident on Resident Abusive Sexual Contact</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Staff on Resident Sexual Misconduct and Harassment</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

There were no reported incidents of sexual abuse. There were three reported incidents of staff on resident misconduct or harassment. One incident was substantiated, one was unsubstantiated and one was unfounded.

The ARC PREA Coordinator ensures PREA standards are maintained.

The ARC continues to operate as a Zero Tolerance facility and takes great efforts to prevent, detect, investigate and report all instances of sexual abuse and harassment.