

## JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

County of Galveston (PROBATION and DETENTION SERVICES)

February 2, 2024

Glen Watson, Director Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department 6101 Attwater Avenue Texas City, Texas 77590

Re: Data review for corrective action

Mr. Watson,

The Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department has completed the 2022 & 2023 review of sexual abuse data collected and aggregated pursuant to the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - Juvenile Facility Standards part 115.388 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of the departments sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training applicable to the Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center and the Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department.

PREA Data Collection in <u>Detention</u> and <u>TLC Residential Program</u> records were reviewed pursuant to 115.387.

In <u>2022</u>, there was no allegations of youth on youth sexual or nonsexual acts, staff on youth sexual misconduct or harassment reported during the calendar year when the facility admitted <u>315</u> residents and housed <u>329</u> residents in the <u>Detention Program</u>. In the <u>TLC Residential Program</u> there were no allegations of youth on youth sexual or nonsexual acts and  $\underline{1}$  allegation of staff on youth sexual misconduct or harassment reported during the calendar year when the facility admitted  $\underline{12}$  residents and housed  $\underline{21}$  residents.

In <u>2023</u> there was <u>1</u> allegation of youth-on-youth sexual harassment reported and <u>1</u> allegation of staff on youth sexual misconduct or harassment reported during the calendar year when the facility admitted <u>417</u> residents and housed <u>438</u> residents in the <u>Detention Program</u>. In the <u>TLC Residential Program</u> there were no allegations of youth on youth sexual or nonsexual acts, staff on youth sexual misconduct or harassment reported during the calendar year when the facility admitted <u>13</u> residents and house <u>19</u> residents.

Therefore, nothing suggests a pattern of misconduct requiring a departure from the department's current course of action aimed at 100% compliance with PREA standards. The Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department is dedicated to full compliance with 28 C.F.R. Part 115 Prison Rape Elimination Act's Juvenile Facility Standards with policies, procedures, and practices which have yielded a very low incidence of sexual violence in department facilities during 2022-2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy Director - Detention

**PREA Coordinator** 

Approved By:

Glen R. Watson, Director

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