



JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

County of Galveston
(PROBATION and DETENTION SERVICES)

March 5, 2020

Glen Watson, Director
Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department
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Re: Data review for corrective action

Mr. Watson,

The Galveston County Juvenile Justice Department has completed the **2018** and **2019** reviews 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 Detention records were reviewed pursuant to 115.387. In 2018, there was one unfounded allegation of staff sexual misconduct reported during the calendar year when the facility admitted 562 juveniles. In 2019, there was no allegations of youth on youth sexual or nonsexual acts, staff sexual misconduct or harassment during the calendar year when the facility admitted 589 juveniles. None of the allegations reported in 2018 & 2019 are related nor do they suggest a pattern of misconduct requiring a departure from the department's current course of action aimed at 100% compliance with PREA standards.

PREA Data Collection in TLC Residential Program records were reviewed pursuant to 115.387. In 2018, there was two unfounded allegation of staff on youth sexual misconduct reported during the calendar year when the facility admitted 22 juveniles. In 2019, there was one unfounded allegation of staff sexual misconduct, one unfounded allegation of staff sexual harassment, and no allegations of youth on youth nonsexual or abusive sexual acts during the calendar year when the facility admitted 23 juveniles. None of the allegations reported in 2018 & 2019 are related nor do they suggest 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 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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