

Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report for 2015

In 2003, President George W. Bush signed into law the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA).¹ The PREA act, was unanimously passed by both houses of Congress and after being signed into law, was submitted to the Department of Justice, which was charged with the responsibility of promulgating a set of standards to facilitate the Act. On August 20, 2012, the PREA standards took effect, with the requirement that all prisons, jails, lockups and detention centers, whether they are established to house adults or juveniles are to comply with all PREA standards. All facilities are to be audited and show compliance by August 20, 2016.

A U.S. Department of Justice-certified PREA auditor audited this facility in December 2015. The audit revealed that the facility met a number of the necessary standards, but still had issues that needed further attention in order to receive a finding of full compliance. While some work remains, we fully expect to be completely compliant by June 2016

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 requires this annual report of documented incidences of abuse be posted to the Juvenile Services web site. Data collection covers the calendar years 2013 and 2014. Because this Act came into force in August of 2013, our year-to-year comparison will only reflect 2013 and 2014.

Reports of non-consensual youth-on-youth sexual acts:	2013	2014
Total	1	1
Substantiated	1	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Reports of staff sexual misconduct:		
Total	0	1
Substantiated	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	1
Unfounded	0	0
Reports of sexual harassment		
Total	1	0
Substantiated	1	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0
Unfounded	0	0

¹ Prison Rape Elimination Act Juvenile facility Standards; 28 C.F.R Part 115.388

Ocean County Juvenile Services and its secure detention facility continually strive to ensure the safety of all residents. In order to provide a safe facility, all reports of physical and sexual abuse are thoroughly investigated.

Anyone who suspects or has information that physical or sexual abuse, or sexual harassment has happened at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center is urged to make use of the contact information provided below.

Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center

P.O. Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754-2191
Phone: **(732) 288-7759**
Fax: **(732) 288-7634**

**Department of Children and Families
Division of Child Protection and Permanency**

Child Abuse Hotline
(877) NJ Abuse
Office of Advocacy
(877) 543-7864

Ocean County Prosecutor's Office

119 Hooper Ave
Toms River, NJ 08754
(732) 929-2027

Toms River Police Department

225 Oak Ave.
Toms River, NJ 08753
(732) 349-0150

In order to assist operators in responding to your report of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, please have the following information available:

Victim's Name:

Victim's Age:

Location of Incident:

Victim's Gender:

Others involved (if known):

Incident Time & Date:

**Person's Name to whom you are making
the Report:**