



MARICOPA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into law in 2003 by President George W. Bush to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. PREA defines confinement facilities as prisons, jails, lockups, community confinement facilities, and juvenile facilities. The objective of PREA is for facilities to establish a Zero Tolerance Policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to educate facilities on how to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse.

Providing sexual safety for juveniles in our care is a priority for the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department (MCJPD) Detention Facility. We maintain the integrity of our PREA Compliance by ensuring proper training, data review and quality assurance, and continuous improvements.

TRAINING

MCJPD provides PREA education programs to all juveniles who enter our facility. PREA information is reviewed with juveniles during the Intake process and weekly for those juveniles who remain detained. PREA training is required for all Detention staff, contractors, and volunteers. PREA Training is provided by Trainers that are certified through the Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Court (AOC). All PREA Education and Training is developed to provide the tools necessary to report, prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

DATA REVIEW

The goal of MCJPD is to establish an environment where sexual safety is prioritized. As part of this goal, relevant data is reviewed to determine the effectiveness of policies, practices, and training. As necessary, corrective actions are taken. Relevant data is provided, as requested, to Department of Justice for the Survey of Sexual Victimization Statistics.

INVESTIGATIONS

MCJPD's Detention Facility investigates all allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct. MCJPD employs Investigators that are trained to conduct sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations in juvenile confinement settings. For administrative investigations, a standard no higher than a preponderance of the evidence is used to determine whether the allegation is substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded. Allegations that may be criminal will be referred to Maricopa County Sheriff Office (MCSO) for review and investigation of possible prosecution. MCJPD will provide information as requested by MCSO and remain informed as to the progress of the case.



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Investigations Tracking Chart

Maricopa County Juvenile Detention Services PREA Statistics

Statistics Based on the Survey of Sexual Violence Submitted to the Department of Justice

In accordance with PREA Standard 115.387 Data Collection

Target Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DAILY AVERAGE OF YOUTH HELD IN THE FACILITY DURING THE TARGET YEAR:	163	150	133	163	171	162	186	148	110	141	153	156
During the target year, how many non-consensual youth on youth sexual acts were reported?	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
How many were substantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How many were unsubstantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How many were unfounded:	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
During the target year, how many allegations of youth on youth sexual abuse were reported?	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	Outside Facility	
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How many were substantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How many were unsubstantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
How many were unfounded:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
During the target year, how many allegations of youth on youth allegations of sexual harassment were reported?	0	0	2	4	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1
How many were substantiated:	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
How many were unsubstantiated:	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
How many were unfounded:	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
During the target yer how many allegations of staff sexual misconduct were reported?	1	0	2	4	1	3	0	4	1	3	3	2
How many were substantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How many were unsubstantiated:	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
How many were unfounded:	1	0	1	3	1	3	0	3	0	3	3	2
During the target year how many allegations of staff harassment were reported?	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
How many were substantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
How many were unsubstantiated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
How many were unfounded:	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



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Definitions related to sexual abuse per the Department of Justice Survey of Sexual Victimization are as follows:

NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS: Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; AND Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight; OR Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; OR Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT: Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; AND Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person. EXCLUDE incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY ANOTHER YOUTH: Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed toward another.

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT: Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (excluding family, friends or other visitors). Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and youths are included in this definition. Consensual or 2 nonconsensual sexual acts include— Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; OR Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; OR Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). Include demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing; OR Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.



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Continuous Improvements to Preventing & Detecting Sexual Misconduct

Through the review and analysis of data, MCJPD identifies areas for improvement and will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety needs of juveniles and staff are being met.

MCJPD has taken the following actions to improve the safety of the facility and the juveniles in our care:

- Upgraded camera system in 2023 that added more cameras and included improved video capabilities in the facility that addressed blind spots, visual quality, and coverage.
- MCJPD Detention Facility has a Sexual Abuse Review Team (SART) that meets monthly to identify and discuss safety concerns, complete incident reviews and review policies and procedures.
- Proactively reviews physical plant to address areas that could create future safety issues.
- Continue to ensure that staff are completing PREA Training on a yearly basis including LGBTQI+ education and Mandatory Reporting.
- Continue working with our Quality Assurance Unit to complete Internal PREA Audits.

Since 2016, MCJPD has successfully completed audits as required by PREA Standard 115.393 – Audit of standards and 115.401 – Frequency and scope of audits. The audits were conducted by Department of Justice certified PREA auditors. The most recent audit of MCJPD's detention facility occurred in March of 2025. MCJPD was found to be in compliance with all PREA standards.

Contact Us

MCJPD has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual harassment and sexual abuse in its Detention facility. **If you have information or questions related to PREA**, please contact us at: 602-506-4280

***The department's policies regarding PREA and our Zero-Tolerance Policy for sexual harassment and sexual abuse in the facility are available upon request.*

Eric Meaux

Approved by

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Date