



**HARRIS COUNTY  
JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**HENRY GONZALES**  
Executive Director  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

**TRAINING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT**  
1200 CONGRESS ST., HOUSTON, TX 77002 713-222-4100

**DIANA QUINTANA**  
Assistant Executive Director

## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Henry Gonzales, Executive Director  
**FROM:** Tom Hough, PREA Coordinator  
**DATE:** December 15, 2021  
**RE:** Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Data Report,  
Findings and Corrective Action  
*115.388- Data Review for Corrective Action*

The CY2020 sexual abuse and sexual harassment incident data for our residential facilities has been reviewed. The SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGGREGATE DATA REPORT has been updated with this information and published on the agency's website.

### **HCJPD Residential Facilities Data**

There were 12 sexual victimization allegations reported in HCJPD facilities for CY2020; this is a 9.09% increase from CY2019, in which 11 allegations were noted. All of the CY2020 allegations were investigated and reported to TJJD and Law Enforcement, as required by the Texas Family Code and the Texas Administrative Code.

The following numbers for CY2020 were reported to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in accordance with BJS definitions and categories on the Survey of Sexual Victimization:

- There was 1 *Unfounded* allegation of Youth on Youth Abusive Sexual Contact
- There were 8 *Unsubstantiated* allegations of Youth on Youth Sexual Harassment
- There were 3 allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment, 1 *Substantiated* and 2 *Unsubstantiated*
- There were no allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct

All reported incidents were investigated; the investigation process included a review of related HCJPD policies and procedures, no deficiencies were identified. There have been no reported allegations of retaliation.

### **Progress in the Prevention of, Detection of and Response to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment**

- We continue to provide comprehensive PREA training to all new employees, volunteers and vendors who have contact with residents. Current facility employees receive annual PREA refresher trainings.
- Facility Administrators continue to conduct unannounced rounds in all facilities, on all shifts.
- All residents received comprehensive education on sexual safety and HCJPD policies related to sexual abuse and harassment.

- All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are investigated by specially trained staff investigators. Any conduct that appears to be criminal is reported to law enforcement.
- The agency's PREA Coordinator continues to review all investigations involving allegations of sexual misconduct in HCJPD facilities.
- During the reporting period, JDC, BBRC and HCLA facilities utilized full video monitoring. Video cameras have now been installed at HCYV and will be fully operational when the facility is re-opened.

### **HCJPD Contract Residential Facilities**

In 2020, HCJPD utilized 12 private residential facilities. All of our contract facilities are required to comply with PREA Standards in HCJPD contract language. Our agency obtains and reviews incident-based data on sexual victimization allegations from our contract facilities. This data is published on our agency website.

Respectfully,



Tom Hough  
HCJPD PREA Coordinator  
Administrator, Human Resources