

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into law by President George W. Bush in September 2003. The goal of PREA is to reduce and prevent sexual assaults in correctional facilities through the establishment of a zero-tolerance policy and the development of national standards in incarceration. National standards were developed by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, reviewed by the Department of Justice, and passed as the final rule in August 2012.

The Sacramento County Probation Department (Probation) is committed to upholding PREA, and providing the safest environment possible for youth at the Youth Detention Facility (YDF). Probation maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and sexual harassment of any kind. Youth who are victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault are encouraged to immediately report the behavior to any staff member via phone at (916) 876-8836 or through confidential mail to our local victim advocate, WEAVE, Inc. located at 1900 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Friends or family members who become aware of sexual abuse within YDF may also report on a youth's behalf. Per department policy, Probation will ensure an administrative or criminal investigation (whichever is appropriate) is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

If a youth who is currently in custody has been assaulted, the assault should be reported by calling:

- Probation's Internal Affairs unit at (916) 876-8836;
- The Watch Commander at YDF where the assault occurred at (916) 876-9303 or (916) 876-9304; and
- WEAVE at (916) 920-2952, or toll-free at (866) 920-2952.