

Bell County Juvenile Services

4800 East Rancier Avenue, Building #1
Killeen, Texas 76543

Pre-Adjudicated facility

(Detention)

Post-Adjudicated facility

(C.H.A.N.G.E. Program) *(secure residential placement)*

An information pamphlet for Parents, Guardians, and Custodians regarding:

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

- PREA is a law supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of sexual assault and rape within juvenile detention facilities. Bell County Juvenile Services Center (BCJSC) maintains a zero tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and sexual harassment of the juveniles we serve in accordance with PREA standards. The zero tolerance policy applies to all employees, contractors, interns, and volunteers who work in any capacity for BCJSC, who provide services to juveniles who are in our care, custody, or control, or who may come into close contact with them.
- All residents will receive an age-appropriate comprehensive education explaining our zero tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and sexual harassment and their right to be free from these, including retaliation for reporting such incidents.
- Residents will be educated on how they can report incidents (or suspicions) of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, and BCJSC policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.
- Information obtained from juveniles during initial assessments will be used to make appropriate decisions regarding housing, bed, program, education, and work assignments with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse.
- **Third parties (parents, attorneys, counselors, etc.) have the right to report incidents (or suspicions) of sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of residents of the Bell County Juvenile Services Center (BCJSC). Third party reports can be made to BCJSC staff, to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, or to the Killeen Police Department. (see Third Party Contact Information below)**
- All alleged incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the BCJSC will be criminally investigated by the Killeen Police Department and administratively by BCJSC and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

THIRD PARTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

BCJSC Facility Administrator or Assistant Facility Administrator

254-690-6899

Texas Juvenile Justice Department (Austin, Texas)

abuseneglect@tjjd.texas.gov

877-786-7263 (toll free)

(877-STOP-ANE)

Killeen Police Department

254-501-8830