

# PREA – PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of September 4, 2003 (Public Law 108-79) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual abuse in all US penal facilities, which includes community corrections facilities like the John C. Creuzot Judicial Treatment Center (JJCCJTC). Adherence to PREA standards supports the prevention, detection and elimination of sexual abuse within these settings.

The JJCCJTC has a ZERO-TOLERANCE policy towards all forms of sexual misconduct within our facilities and program activities. All residents, clients, staff, volunteers, visitors, contractors and vendors have a right to be free from any form of sexual misconduct while on JJCCJTC premises or engaged in JJCCJTC services.

JJCCJTC procedures and training ensure our staff will act to prevent and detect such activity at all times. JJCCJTC will respond to all allegations, thoroughly investigate reported incidents and pursue disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment or removal from the program.

When criminal sexual misconduct is identified or suspected, staff will refer the matter to the Dallas Sheriff's Office for investigation and prosecution.

JJCCJTC staff will accept complaints on behalf of residents or staff from anyone. These reports can be made verbally or in writing and may be kept anonymous.

The JJCCJTC's ZERO-TOLERANCE policy includes protection against retaliation for anyone who reports or cooperates in an investigation regarding sexual misconduct. Reports about sexual misconduct and/or retaliation can be made via any of the following ways:

**JJCCJTC Facility:** (Any CSCD or Dallas County staff )  
200 Greene Rd.  
Lancaster, Texas 75146  
Phone: (972) 441-6160

**TDCJ PREA Ombudsman Office:**  
PO Box 99  
Huntsville, TX 77342-0099  
Phone: (936) 437-5570  
Fax: (936) 437-5555  
E-mail: [prea.ombudsman@tdcj.texas.gov](mailto:prea.ombudsman@tdcj.texas.gov)

**Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center (DARCC):**  
Phone: (972) 641-7273