

Canyon County Sheriff's Office – PREA Report

Report for 2020

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office makes PREA compliance a high priority and has devoted a significant amount of time and resources over the last few years to policy development, training of staff, and education of inmates on all aspects of PREA. When confronted with areas that do not meet standards or require improvements, agency leadership works immediately to implement any corrective action plans. These immediate actions reinforce the agency's commitment to ensuring the safety of inmates and staff in the Dale G. Haile Detention Center.

In accordance with PREA Standard 115.88:

§ 115.88 Data review for corrective action.

- (a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by:
- (1) Identifying problem areas;
 - (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
 - (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
- (b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
- (c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.
- (d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

Identifying Problem Areas

In reviewing problem areas from year 2019-2020, in July 2020, we updated the PREA Rape and Sexual Awareness Informational Guide Pamphlets to include an easier to read format. This update also allowed for an emotional support hotline and physical address, as well as a suicide prevention hotline number to be added to each pamphlet as a resource to inmates. These pamphlets are handed out to each inmate individually before being housed at the Canyon County Sheriff's Office Detention Center.

Taking Corrective Action on an Ongoing Basis

In May and in November 2020, updates were made to the Orientation Audio which is played twice a day for inmates, to include more information from the Inmate Handbook and align with a better definition of Major and Minor rule violations. This update was included in the transcript version of the audio information in compliance with PREA standards 115.16 and 115.53. This update was created in both English and Spanish, ensuring all inmates have an equal opportunity to benefit from the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.