Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Information Booklet

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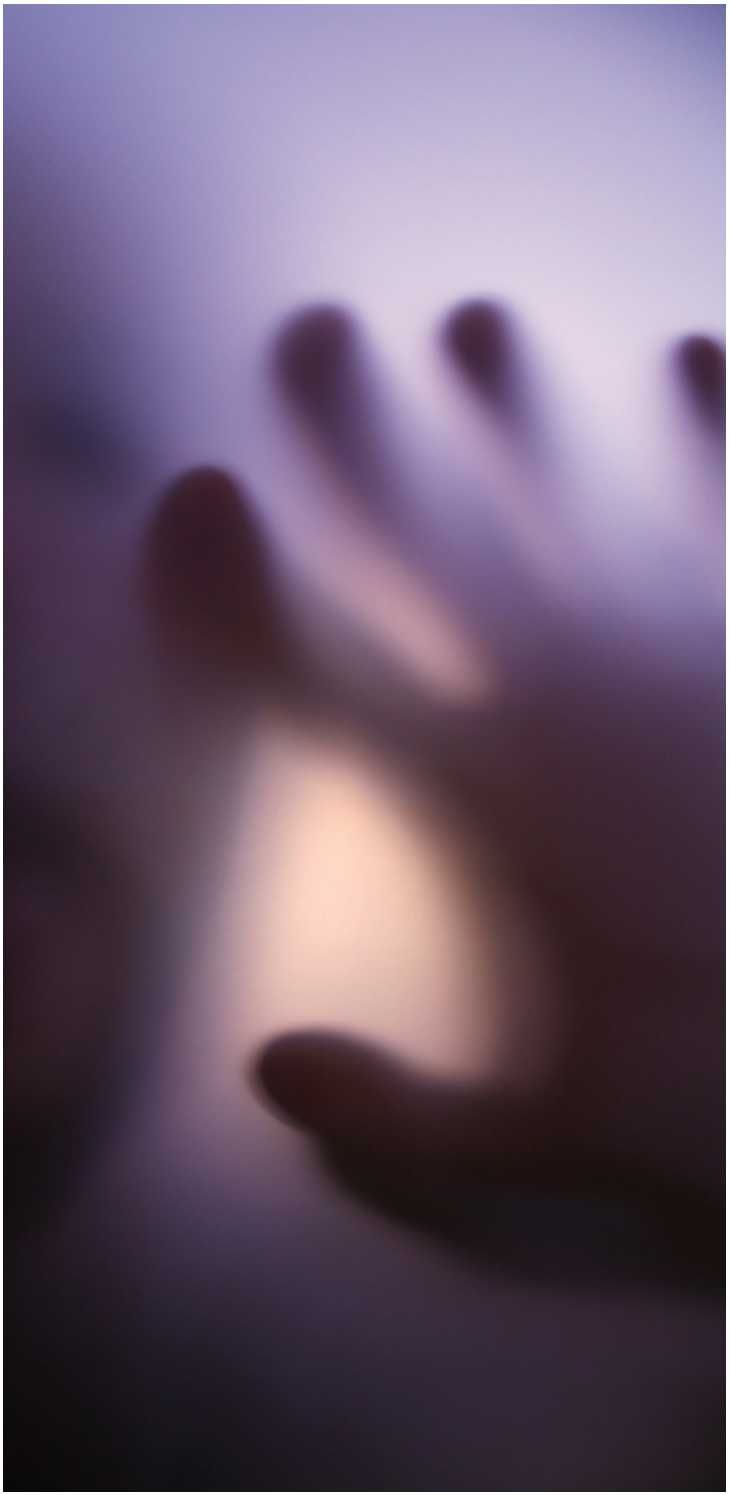


What is PREA?

On September 4, 2010, the Prison Rape Elimination Act was signed into law. All confinement institutions – public and private – community corrections, jails, prisons, and detention centers which house adult or juvenile offenders are accountable for this federal law. The law covers both staff sexual misconduct and inmate on inmate assault.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a law. The U.S. government made this law. The law says that all correctional institutions must reduce violent crimes that happen within them. Everyone deserves to be safe, and the law protects you from other residents or staff who may sexually violate you.

NATIONAL PREA RESOURCE CENTER

BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

YTC Follows This Law By:

- Providing a safe environment.
- Teaching you about the kinds of behavior that would indicate that you are being violated against.
- Teaching you what to do if you are violated by another resident or staff.

Questions about PREA

What will happen if I sexually abuse others?

1. Will it be investigated? **(Yes)**
2. Can I be removed from the program? **(Yes)**
3. Can charges be filed against me? **(Yes)**

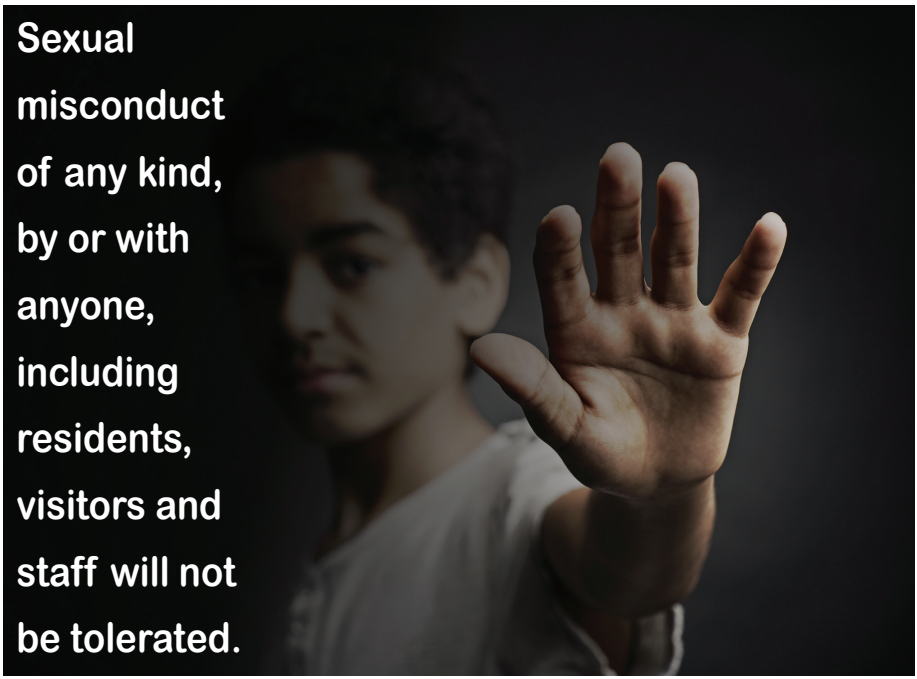
What are the goals of PREA?

The goal of PREA, is your safety *inside* this community correctional facility. We take it seriously. We want you to take it seriously.

What is sexual misconduct?

Sexual misconduct of any kind, by or with anyone, including residents, visitors and staff will not be tolerated. Examples of sexual misconduct are:

- Sexual touching.
- Possession of pornographic material.
- Exposing yourself.
- Making sexually inappropriate comments to residents, staff or others in the building.
- Consensual relationships (agreed relationship by both people).
- Sexual relationships with either staff or other residents.



Safety Assurances:

- You have the right to be safe at all times.
- No one has the right to ask you for sex or sexual favors.

The Law says:

Any sexual contact between residents, residents and staff, residents and volunteers and/or residents and contractors is against the law.

Be Smart:

- Avoid being where staff cannot see you.
- If a situation feels wrong or uncomfortable, it most likely is wrong, so report it to a supervisor or trusted staff member.
- Trust cautiously and wisely.
- Your report of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment will be private and only shared with the people who need to know.

What to Do If You Are a Victim or Witness:

Report Immediately to a trusted adult (such as your Counselor, Shift Leader, Supervisory Staff member and/or your parent(s).) If you do not feel comfortable with any of these choices, you can request to report to the Senior Supervisor. The faster we know, the faster we can help!

If you are violated against, you must tell a Supervisor or trusted staff member immediately. Reporting can be hard to do, but it will make sure that you and others are safe and that no one else gets hurt.

You and/or your family can also:

- File a grievance.
- Call the YWCA H.O.P.E. Center at (419) 241-7273 or 1-866-557-7273.
- Contact Lucas County Children Services at (419) 213-3200.
- File a report on the Lucas County Website at http://co.lucas.oh.us/Juvenile
- Request to see your attorney.

ALL INFORMATION REPORTED IS CONFIDENTIAL. ONLY THE PEOPLE THAT NEED TO KNOW TO FOLLOW-UP WITH YOUR SITUATION WILL BE TOLD. The Supervisory PREA Team will be notified of any outside support services contacted.

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