

**Title: A 115.341 Screening Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness**

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**Purpose:** To ensure the sexual safety of facility(ies) inmates and staff through a comprehensive agency wide approach to prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in all facilities operated or contracted by the Ninth Judicial District Court (aka Agency).

**Policy:** The Agency shall obtain and use information to make assignments, at arrival and throughout program, about each youth's personal history and behavior to reduce the risk of sexual abuse by or upon a youth.

**Procedure:****I. GENERAL**

- A. Within seventy-two (72) hours of arrival, including youth transferred from another facility, facility staff shall obtain and use:
  1. Information about each youth's personal history and behavior to reduce the risk of sexual abuse and sexual harassment by or to a youth.
  2. Information from other facilities will be sought in reference to any PREA related incident.
    - a. Facility head to facility head shall communicate and ascertain what items are outstanding on any youth's allegation, investigation or monitoring.
    - b. Agency in Coordination with Facility PREA Compliance Managers will continue the efforts on behalf of any youth who is placed at a Douglas County Facility to ensure no steps in the PREA allegation/investigation/monitoring is interrupted.
    - c. Agency in Coordination with PREA Compliance Managers will make best efforts to educate, communicate and acquire reports and other documentation relating to same to ensure youth are safe in the receiving facility.
    - d. Additional measures shall be put into place on an individual basis for a facility who has received both the alleged perpetrator and victim from another facility.
    - e. Equally the reverse shall also occur when a Douglas County Facility places a youth in another facility. The PREA records shall follow that youth to the new placement.
  3. The facility shall also require the youth's risk level be reassessed periodically throughout their confinement, including when a youth is involved in a PREA investigation as an alleged victim or alleged perpetrator, due to a referral, or receipt of additional information warranting another assessment.

**II. PREA RISK ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL**

- A. The facility shall incorporate the PREA Risk Assessment Screening Tool into their intake Protocol.
  1. To be completed within seventy-two (72) hours of admission, to screen for vulnerability for victimization and sexually aggressive behavior.
  2. This information shall be ascertained through:
    - a. Conversations with youth;
    - b. Medical and mental health screenings;
    - c. Reviewing court records;

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- d. Case files;
  - e. Prior placement/facility records;
  - f. Probation information; and
  - g. Other relevant documentation from the youth's files.
3. The screening shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- a. Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness;
    - aa. Victim:  
If prior abuse occurred in an institution or community youth will be offered a follow up meeting with a medical or mental health provider within fourteen (14) days.
    - bb. Perpetrator  
If youth has previously perpetrated sexual abuse whether in an institution or community the youth will offer a follow up meeting with a mental health provider within fourteen (14) days.
    - cc. Information related to sexual abuse or victimization shall be strictly limited to medical, mental health staff and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans, security and management decisions.
  - b. Any gender nonconforming appearance or manner;
  - c. An opportunity for the youth to self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex (LGBTI) per NAC 62B.085 1(a);
  - d. Current charges and offense history;
  - e. Age;
  - f. Level of emotional and cognitive development;
  - g. Physical size and stature;
  - h. Mental illness or mental disabilities;
  - i. Intellectual or developmental disabilities;
  - j. Physical disabilities;
  - k. Youth's perception of their own vulnerability; and
  - l. Any other information about the youth which may indicate a heightened need for:
    - aa. Supervision
    - bb. Additional safety precautions,
    - cc. Separation from other youth, and
    - dd. Whether the youth may be vulnerable to sexual abuse.
- B. The PREA Compliance Manager shall review the PREA Risk Assessment and all relevant information pertaining to the youth's vulnerability for victimization or propensity to abuse prior ensure appropriate placements:
1. Housing,
  2. Bed,
  3. Program,
  4. Education, and
  5. Work assignments
- C. The facility staff completing any PREA Risk Assessment shall ensure the PREA Compliance Manager receives a copy of this document when completed at intake and periodically.
- D. The original shall be kept in the youth's file.

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- E. Information provided by the youth is confidential and the facility shall comply with applicable confidentiality and disclosure requirements when releasing any information
  - 1. The PREA Compliance Manager may create a separate process for this type of information.
- F. Youth may not be compelled to answer the questions within the risk assessment.
- G. Youth shall not be disciplined for declining to answer these questions.
- H. Any declinations shall be documented, and other resources shall be utilized to complete the assessment.
- I. Youth who disclose prior sexual abuse or victimization during intake or screening shall be referred for a further medical and mental health screening within seventy-two (72) hours of the disclosure and the services provided shall be tracked by the PREA Compliance Manager.
- J. Medical and mental health staff shall determine whether the incident occurred in a facility or community setting.
- K. The medical or mental health follow-up shall take place within fourteen (14) days of the disclosure.
- L. The facility shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation on youth who have a known history of youth-on-youth perpetration within sixty (60) days of learning of such history, and offer treatment as deemed appropriate by mental health staff.

**Related Documents**

[A 115.342 Placement of Youth in Housing, Bed, Program, Education and Work Assignments](#)