

## Compliance with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

In October 2012, in response to the Prison Rape Elimination Act, there began a collaborative effort to ensure that the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center would be in compliance with the strict PREA standards. The team consisted of Detention Manager Paul Shepherd, Training Supervisor/PREA Coordinator Brooke Esquibel and Administrative Secretary Peggy Orr. When Ms. Esquibel was given a job opportunity out of state in November 2015, Training Supervisor Nathan Lewis joined the team and was given the responsibility as the PREA Coordinator.

Over the last four years, the PREA Team worked diligently to ensure that Snake River Juvenile Detention Center maintained focus in updating the policies and procedures that are in place to safeguard the juveniles being held in our facility. Although many of the mandated practices were already in place, it became a priority to train our staff to make every effort in preventing, detecting and responding to any incidents of sexual abuse in our facility.

In August, 2016, SRJDC was audited by certified PREA Auditor Steve Jeff of Caldwell, Idaho. Mr. Jett spent 3 days at the facility interviewing staff and residents, and reviewing documents, policies and procedures. Any deficiencies will be corrected in 30 days. Once the Final Audit Report is available, it will be posted on this site.

For more information, please contact Detention Manager Paul Shepherd or PREA Coordinator Nathan Lewis at (208)736-2588.