

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing this form, you are stating that you are aware of the sexual abuse/sexual harassment policies governed by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office and the United States Department of Justice Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

In accordance with the 2003 Prison Rape Elimination Act, the Lucas County Sheriff's Office has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse or sexual harassment of any inmate in our custody. The Lucas County Sheriff's Office will have all reported incidents of sexual abuse/harassment investigated, will address the safety and treatment needs of any inmate who is sexually abused, and will discipline and prosecute those who sexually abused an inmate.

ANY employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher **can and will accept any** information regarding sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Such information must be immediately reported to one of the following:

- A facility member
- Local law enforcement
- The Sexual Abuse Hotline 419-241-7273
- The YMCA Hope Center Hotline 1-866-557-7273: or
- Write the YMCA Hope Center at 1018 Jefferson Ave., Toledo OH 43604

An inmate may feel more comfortable reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment to someone other than a staff member and all individuals are legally bound to report immediately the information for further actions, including medical and mental health treatment, segregation from the suspect, collection of evidence, criminal investigation, and other necessary procedures.

Time is of the essence in reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The definition of sexual abuse or sexual harassment is engaging in, or attempting to engage in, a sexual act with any inmate or the intentional touching of an inmate's genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. Sexual acts or contacts between an inmate and staff member, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher- even when no objection is raised- **always illegal**.

Sexual abuse by an inmate includes any of the following acts if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence or is unable to consent or refuse:

1. Contact between the penis and the vulva or between the penis and the anus, including penetration however slight.
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus.
3. Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, and
4. Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, where the inmate has the intent to abuse, to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire- excluding contact that is incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse by an employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate.

1. Contact between the penis and the vulva or between the penis and the anus, including penetration however slight;
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
3. Contact between the mouth and any body part where the employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher has the intent to abuse or to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire.
4. Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher has the intent to abuse, to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire;
5. Any other intentional contact, wither directly or through clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or where the employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher has the intent to abuse, to arouse, or to gratify sexual desire;
6. Any attempt, threat, or request by employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1)-(5) of this section;
7. Any display by an employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher of his or her uncovered genitals, buttocks, or breast in the presences of an inmate; and
8. Voyeurism by an employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher.

Sexual harassment includes:

1. Repeated or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive nature by one inmate directed towards another; and
2. Repeated or unwelcome verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, contractor/contracted provider's employee, vendor, volunteer, mentor, intern, or researcher, including demeaning references to gender or sexual orientation, making sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about one's body clothing; or use of obscene language or gestures.

Sexual misconduct includes any act of sexual abuse or sexual harassment as defined herein.

By signing below, **I acknowledge that I have read and understand** the sexual abuse/harassment policies governed by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office and the United States Department of Justice, Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

Signature

Printed Name

Date