
9.31 INMATE SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

9.31.01 POLICY

The Lincoln County Detention Center Administration mandates all incoming inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates.

9.31.02 PROCEDURE

9.31.03 Intake Procedure

- A. During intake the Booking Officer shall complete a PREA screening tool which will consider the following:
1. Whether the inmate has a mental, physical or developmental disability.
 2. The age of the inmate.
 3. The physical build of the inmate.
 4. Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated.
 5. Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively non-violent.
 6. Whether the inmate has prior conviction(s) for sex offenses against an adult or child.
 7. Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender non-conforming.
 8. Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization.
 9. The inmate's own perception of vulnerability.
 10. Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes.
 11. If the inmate had prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses or a history of prior facility violence or sexual abuse.
 - a. No inmate shall be disciplined for refusing to answer or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions when asked by staff.

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- b. Staff shall protect sensitive information from the inmate screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness. The information shall be kept in the inmate's file and considered confidential.

9.31.04 Inmate Classification

- A. The PREA Coordinator shall review the Classification Flow Chart and PREA Screening for all inmate classification assignments within forty-eight (48) hours, excluding weekends and holidays, to determine the permanent custody and housing assignment.
- B. In the absence of the PREA Coordinator the Shift Supervisor shall determine custody and cell assignments.
- C. Inmates in danger of victimization have ready access to protected living pending full investigation of any threat of harm as well as access to a long-term protective environment if investigation establishes that the inmate is in danger of victimization.
- D. An inmate's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse or receipt of additional, relevant information on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. Said reassessment shall occur within days of receiving the additional, relevant information or incident.

9.31.05 Use of Screening Information

- A. The information from the PREA Screening form shall be utilized to make appropriate choices for housing, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.
- B. The PREA Coordinator shall make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate.

9.31.06 Transgender or Intersex Inmates

- A. The Booking Officer shall consider each individual on a case-by-case basis to ensure the health and safety of the inmate and whether the placement would present management or security concerns.
 - 1. Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate shall be reassessed at least

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every forty-five (45) days to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate.

2. A transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.
3. Transgender and intersex inmates shall be given an opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.
4. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex inmates shall not be placed in dedicated units solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement or legal judgment of the purpose of protecting such inmate.