

**Category:** Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)  
**Policy #:** 17.9  
**Subject:** Medical and Mental Care  
**Purpose:** To establish guidelines for medical and mental health services of resident victims of sexual abuse in the Juvenile Detention Center.

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## **I. Medical and Mental Health Screenings; History of Sexual Abuse**

1. If the screening process pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
2. If the screening process pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
3. Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law.
4. Medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from residents before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the resident is under the age of 18.

## **II. Access to Emergency Medical and Mental Health Services**

1. Any FBCJDC resident victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment.
2. If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.362 and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.
3. FBCJDC resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.
4. Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

### **III. Ongoing Medical and Mental Health Care for Sexual Abuse Victims and Abusers**

1. The FBCJDC shall offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any lockup, or juvenile facility.
2. The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody.
3. The FBCJDC shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.
4. FBCJDC resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.
5. If pregnancy results from conduct specified in paragraph (4) of this section, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.
6. FBCJDC resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.
7. Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.
8. The FBCJDC shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners.

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