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## VI. Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness

### A. Obtaining Information from residents.

1. All residents admitted to JJSC shall be screened for potential “vulnerability victimization” (VV) and/or “sexually aggressive behavior” (SAB). Within 72 hours of the resident’s arrival at JJSC, and thereafter, at least every 90 days throughout the resident’s confinement, JJSC shall obtain and use information about each resident’s personal history and behavior to reduce the risk of sexual abuse by or upon a resident. This assessment shall be conducted by Social Services, using the “Vulnerability Assessment Instrument” as the objective screening instrument.

Information obtained shall include but is not limited to:

- (a) Prior sexual victimization.
- (b) Any gender nonconforming appearance or manner or identification as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex (LGBTI) and whether the resident may be vulnerable to sexual abuse.
- (c) Current charges and offense history.
- (d) The age of the resident.
- (e) Level of emotional and cognitive development.
- (f) Physical size and stature.
- (g) If a resident has mental illness or mental disabilities.
- (h) Intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities.
- (i) The resident’s own perception of vulnerability.
- (j) Any other specific information about individual residents that may indicate heightened needs for intensive or one-to-one supervision or additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other residents.

All information shall be ascertained through interview discussions, with the resident, at the time of admissions; medical and mental health screenings; during classification assessments; by reviewing court records; case files; behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident’s files.

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2. Juveniles identified as high risk with a history of “sexually aggressive behavior” or who have been identified as at risk for “vulnerability victimization” will be referred to mental health and medical for follow-up. (In accordance with the Vulnerability Assessment Instrument). Such juveniles shall be monitored by mental health services and received continuous counseling. Potential high-risk residents will not be singled out. Staff will closely monitor their behavior and they will be evaluated throughout their stay.
3. The Director of Professional Services shall be notified when a juvenile has been identified as a potential and/or confirmed victim or aggressor and ensure this information is entered into the appropriate juvenile file.
4. All questions asked pertaining to resident’s screening for risk of sexual victimization and aggressiveness shall be shared with control and appropriate discretion in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident’s detriment by staff or other residents.

## **VII. Reporting**

### **A. Resident access to outside support services and legal representation.**

1. Residents are provided with access to an outside victim advocates or Rape Crisis Center for emotional support services related to sexual abuse as outlined in the Resident PREA Information Brochure that the resident receives at the time of admissions. The WOAR Rape Crisis Center’s 24 hour hotline number [(215) 985-3333] and mailing address [WOAR 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 1100, Philadelphia, PA 19124] are listed in the Resident PREA Information Brochure. Posters are placed throughout the building also displaying the Rape Crisis Center’s contact information. Residents are allowed a private phone call to the advocate organization or crisis center from a designated phone line. Prior to the phone call residents are counseled that all resident phone calls are monitored but residents will be afforded a private phone call to the crisis center. Residents are further counseled that, in accordance with mandatory

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reporting laws and this policy, staff is obligated to report all incidents of sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation.

2. JJSC maintains on file all memoranda of understanding agreements, or attempts to enter into an agreement with outside support services groups or rape crisis centers, related to sexual abuse.
3. Residents are provided with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or legal representation and reasonable access to parents or legal guardian through their assigned social worker and in accordance with JJSC's Resident Rights that state, "You have the right to communicate and visit privately with your attorney and clergy." Resident Rights are explained and given to the resident in written form during the initial admissions process. Resident's are asked to sign the Resident Rights form indicating they understand and have received a copy. The signed copy is maintained in the resident's file and a copy forwarded to the parent or guardian. The resident's phone call procedure is also included in the Resident's Handbook that is received during orientation.

## **IX Investigations.**

### **A. Criminal and administrative agency investigations.**

1. Upon receipt of a report alleging sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, sexual harassment or retaliation, the Executive Director or designee, in consultation with the PREA Coordinator, shall review the report promptly, thoroughly, and objectively-including third-party and anonymous reports-and shall refer all potentially criminal behavior, related to sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or retaliation to the Philadelphia Police Dept. Special Victims Unit (SVU) and the (state) Department of Human Services (DHS) for criminal and/or administrative investigation.