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SCORE Earns 100% PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Compliance

DES MOINES, WA (November 2015) – SCORE has earned the agency's first PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) compliance, demonstrating 100% compliance on all applicable standards. The SCORE Jail PREA audit, which took place on October 26th and 27th 2015, was conducted by an independent certified Department of Justice PREA Auditor, who submitted the audit findings and recommendations to the Department of Justice. SCORE was evaluated for compliance with forty-one PREA Standards applicable to Adult Detention facilities.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by the United States Congress in 2003. The purpose of the act was to *“provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, and recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape”*. In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice; funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections, and jail systems to come into compliance with PREA standards.

The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing draft standards for the elimination of prison rape. Those standards were published in June 2009, and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule. That final rule became effective August 20, 2012. According to the PREA Act, all confinement facilities must be audited at least every three years to remain compliant with the Federal Law.

Compliance recognizes SCORE's dedication and commitment to implementing policies, procedures and practices to meet the requirements of the PREA standards in technology, confidential reporting and data collection, investigations and staff sexual misconduct, medical and mental health, training, immigration and community corrections facilities.

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