

## OWYHEE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER'S PREA REPORT-

2019

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office makes PREA compliance a high priority and have devoted a significant amount of time and resources or the last year to policy development, training of staff, and education of inmates on all aspects of PREA. When areas that do not meet standards are identified, immediate corrective actions are sought. The immediate identification and actions reflect this agency's commitment to ensuring the safety of inmates and staff of the Owyhee County Detention Center.

In accordance with PREA Standard 115.88

- (a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training including by:
  - (1) Identifying problem areas;
  - (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
  - (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
- (b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's process in addressing sexual abuse.
- (c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.
- (d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

### Identifying Problem Areas

In reviewing problems areas from the year 2019-2020:

- A tv was added to the area to play PREA education videos for incoming inmates.
- A contract was signed with Guardian RF-ID and inmate tracking equipment was put into place that identifies and warns if two high risk inmates are about to be placed in the same area.
- Cameras were placed in Pods 200 and 500 to remove jail 'blind spots'. Cameras are also slated to be installed in the Medical hall way, Detox Cell, and Jail hall way to again, cover blind spots.