

PREA Policy Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center

RE: Investigations

Any person having knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual /harassment shall report this information to the supervisor on duty. The supervisor shall immediately notify the on-call administrator. All allegations for sexual abuse/assault/harassment shall be investigated by Child Protective Services and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. All referrals to outside agencies will be documented.

- A. The agency will notify the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office of any allegation of sexual abuse that may involve potentially criminal behavior; the referral will be sent to investigators who have specialized training in investigation within a confinement setting.
- B. Any allegation of sexual abuse that potentially involves criminal behavior shall be turned over to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for investigation, especially in all cases that may have happened within a time frame that allows for collection of physical evidence, or if the allegation involves another staff member.
- C. Staff at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center will cooperate in every way with any investigation.
- D. Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center shall endeavor to remain informed of the progress of the investigation.