



Department of  
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**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed  
New PREA Standards**

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The United States Department of Justice has released four sets of national standards to prevent, detect and respond to prison rape, pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). These standards were published in the Federal Register on June 20, 2012 and impact the following confinement settings: (1) adult prisons and jails; (2) juvenile facilities; (3) community corrections facilities; and (4) lockups.

The juvenile justice series consists of 50 standards, which are effective beginning August 20, 2012. Each facility will be audited once every 3 years in conjunction with the American Correctional Association (ACA) audits. The first three-year auditing cycle begins on August 20, 2013 and ends on August 20, 2016.

Gwendolyn Randle, our agency-wide PREA Coordinator, and a PREA Compliance Manager at each facility, have been designated to oversee and coordinate our efforts to comply with the standards. In the coming days, these standards will be available on our DYS Intranet Portal under the "Headlines" section.

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