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REFERENCE: PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act	SUBJECT: PREA – Inmate Education and Personal Property	
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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish the Somerset County Jail as a “zero tolerance” facility that prohibits harassment and sexual abuse in an effort to provide staff with key definitions, prohibited acts and general information regarding the prevention, detection and investigation of sexual harassment and sexual abuse in the facility.

Policy: The Somerset County Jail is a correctional facility with a “zero tolerance” for harassment and sexual abuse in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 and the final PREA Standards adopted by the U.S. Attorney General in 2012. It is the policy of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office – Correction Division to safeguard inmates within the institution.

Procedure:

- I. Inmate Education and Personal Property
 - A. During the intake process, staff shall provide inmates with an Inmate Handbook, which contains information on the facility's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. By signing that they have received the Inmate Handbook, inmates are acknowledging that they have received sexual abuse information. **(115.33)**
 - B. All inmates will view a video on PREA reporting and education during the 1145 hours count on the television, channel 591. The officer will put channel 591 upon entering the pod and it will be documented in the logbook that the video is played. **(115.33)**
 - C. All inmates are provided with a pamphlet within their Inmate Handbook with tips on how to avoid and report sexual abuse and sexual harassment both in English and in Spanish. **(115.13/115.33)**
 - D. Posters, with sexual abuse and harassment reporting information in English and Spanish, have been conspicuously placed in every Housing Unit, Intake Area and Medical Area. **(115.13/115.33)**

- E. Inmates who are limited in English proficiency, deaf, visually impaired or otherwise disabled as well as those who have limited reading skills shall be provided a different format to be educated including but not limited to the American Sign Language Service Line. **(115.13/115.33)**
- F. LGBTQ+ inmates shall have equal access to all available services to include mental health services, counseling, and support groups. Specialized LGBTQ+ services shall be developed based on identified needs.

II. Personal Property

- A. Inmates identified as transgender, intersex, or non-binary shall be issued, allowed to purchase, and allowed to retain undergarments, clothing, and other personal property in line with their gender identity, regardless of which facility they are in and consistent with their custody status.
- B. Inmates will be informed of their ability to obtain gender-specific personal property as outlined in the Gender Identity Information form, regardless of housing assignment. For transgender, intersex, or non-binary inmates housed in line with their gender assigned at birth:
 - 1. Any such gender-specific personal property requests will be processed by the institutional PREA Compliance Manager and reviewed by the facility Warden, or the Warden's designee, for safety and security purposes prior to approval.
 - 2. The facility Warden, or the Warden's designee, will coordinate having the appropriate number of approved items sent to the facility for purchase/distribution to the inmate.