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**Autauga Campus Alabama Department of Youth Services Facility  
Certified as PREA Compliant.**

The Autauga Campus of the Alabama Department of Youth Services became the first juvenile facility of any sort in Alabama to be certified as fully compliant with the **Standards** of the 2003 **Prison Rape Elimination Act** (PREA). The facility houses 48 youth.

PREA was enacted by Congress to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” The standards were released in 2009 and published in the Federal Registry in 2012.

The certification of the Autauga Campus took place in June 2014 through a Department of Justice audit. Using interviews, policy reviews and other historical documentation, the auditor, Mr. Kurt Pfisterer of New York found the Autauga Campus to be fully compliant with PREA, with no corrective action indicated. According to Mr. Pfisterer, the Autauga Campus is a hidden gem in the world of juvenile justice and efforts should be made to duplicate the work being done there.