MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) mandates standards for Juvenile Correctional Facilities that incorporates a zero-tolerance policy of sexual abuse/assault and makes prevention a top priority. Montgomery County Juvenile Court recognizes the need to provide residents with at least one way for residents to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency and that is able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the resident to remain anonymous upon request.

To satisfy requirements set forth in the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards 115.321 (d), 115.353 (a) & (c), and 115.351 (b), Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office- Victim Witness Division agrees, in the event of an incident of sexual assault or sexual abuse, to provide residents of Detention Services, Center for Adolescent Services, and Nicholas Residential Treatment Services with confidential services of resident reporting, emotional support, advocacy, information and resources related to sexual abuse and/or assault. These services may be obtained by residents by calling the 24 hours a day at (937) 225-5623.

Updates or modifications to this agreement shall only be necessary in the event of changes in administrative personnel of either facility or agency. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall take effect immediately and remain in effect with the understanding that either party may terminate this MOU with thirty (30) days advance notice.