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JUVENILE JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter constitutes understanding of the agreement between the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) and your organization, **Sexual Trauma & Assault Response Services (STARS)** that, in accordance with federal law, youth detained in TJJD facilities will be given or are currently given access to STARS's hotline number. This number is distributed to youth after it has been determined that the youth in question is the victim of sexual abuse and has refused the on-site counseling services offered by TJJD.

If, through the course of conversation with an employee or volunteer of STARS it is clear that the individual being counseled is 1) a youth at a TJJD facility, and 2) is a victim of a sexual act occurring while detained, TJJD requests that the employee or volunteer anonymously report the allegation to our Incident Reporting Center, either via email at [tjld.irc@tjld.texas.gov](mailto:tjld.irc@tjld.texas.gov) or phone at 1-866-477-8354.

If this letter accurately constitutes your understanding, please indicate agreement by signing the letter below.

Signed,

Handwritten signature of Mike Griffiths in blue ink.

Mike Griffiths, Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Deb Benedict in blue ink.

Deb Benedict, Executive Director, STARS

Handwritten signature of a TJJD Attorney in blue ink.

TJJD Attorney