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JDI's Mission

JDI is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual violence in all forms of detention.

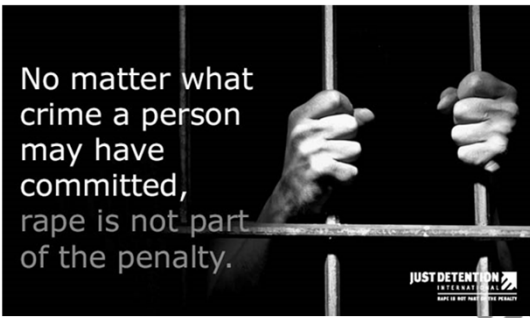


JDI's Core Goals

1. To hold government officials accountable
2. To change public attitudes about sexual violence behind bars
3. To ensure that survivors get the help they need



JDI's Core Belief



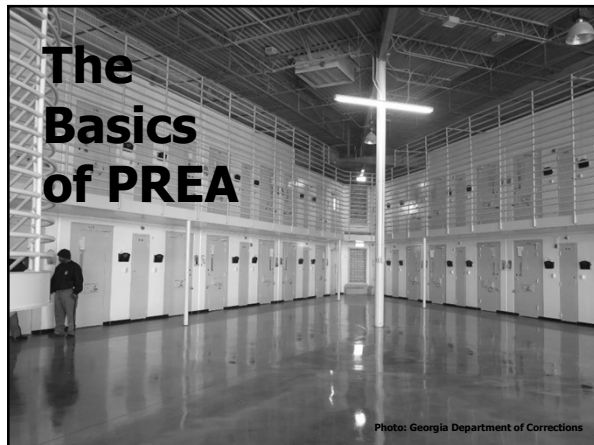
Agenda

- I. PREA and the PREA Standards
- II. Collaboration
- III. Services for survivors



David, survivor of sexual abuse in detention





The Prison Rape Elimination Act is signed into law with unanimous support from Congress



2003

The Department of Justice issues binding national standards to end sexual abuse in prisons, jails, youth detention facilities, police lockups, and community corrections



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Keep people safe

- Create good policies and procedures
- Designate a PREA Coordinator
- Ensure adequate staffing and supervision
- Limit cross-gender viewing and searches



Protect survivors from abusers

- Conduct staff training
- Provide inmate education
- Review screening and classification processes
- Protect those who report sexual abuse from retaliation

Photo: Peter Thorny



Provide multiple ways to report

- To a staff member, contractor, or volunteer
- In writing
- To third parties
- To an outside reporting entity



Give access to medical and mental health care

- For emergencies and ongoing care
- At no cost to the survivor

Photo: Thomas Hawk



Increase accountability

- All reports taken seriously and investigated
- Perpetrators held accountable
- All incidents reviewed

Photo: National Center on Domestic Violence and Rehabilitation



Provide access to victim services

- Forensic exam
- Accompaniment at forensic exams
- Accompaniment at investigatory interviews
- Confidential follow-up services
- Confidential emotional support via phone or letter

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In the Community	Behind Bars
SART Accompaniment	SART Accompaniment
Investigations Accompaniment	Investigations Accompaniment
Emotional support, advocacy, and follow-up via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone • In-person 	Emotional support, advocacy, and follow-up via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail • Phone • In-person

ACCORDING TO THE PREA STANDARDS,

WHEN DO INCARCERATED SURVIVORS GET TO SEE A VICTIM ADVOCATE?

DID THEY REPORT THE ASSAULT?

YES

THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN ADVOCATE:

During the Forensic Exam

At the Investigatory Interview

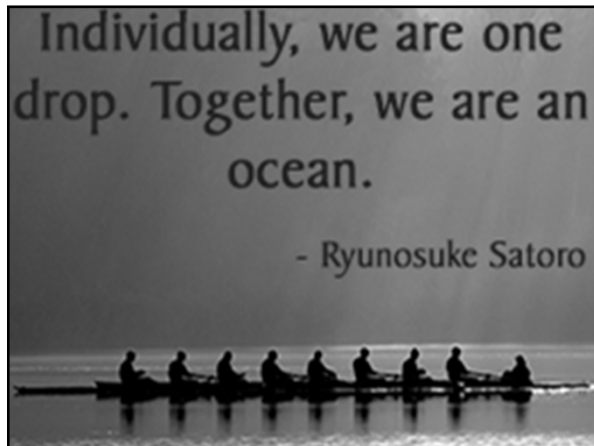
For emotional support, via phone or mail (or in person*)

NO

THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN ADVOCATE:

For emotional support, via phone or mail (or in person*)

*The PREA Standards do not require that a facility provide access to in-person rape crisis services; however, many agencies are providing access to such services. This chart applies to prisons, jails, juvenile detention facilities, and community confinement facilities. The PREA Standards for police lockups do not require police agencies to provide survivors access to emotional support services via phone, mail, or in person.



Collaborative Approach

"We have to collaborate. It's key to being successful about PREA. As corrections staff, we have to move out of our comfort zone, bring advocates into our world, show them how we operate, and learn from them."

— Lt. Wynnie Testamark-Samuels,
Miami-Dade Corrections and
Rehabilitation Department



Coordinated Response (§115.65)

The facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate action taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.

The Advocate: Common Principles

- Survivors deserve care, support, health, and safety
- Perpetrators should be held accountable
- No one deserves to be raped
- Changing rape culture is critical to eliminating sexual violence



The Advocate's Approach

- Trauma-informed and survivor-centered
- Promote healing and well-being
- Listen and believe survivors
- Set boundaries and explain limitations
- Follow mandated reporting requirements

Maria: Video



The Corrections Official: Common Principles

- Public safety and public health
- Care, custody, and control
- Prisoners are community members
- Officials want to see them succeed in life
- Offer a second chance



The Corrections Official's Approach

- Safety and security for all staff, visitors, and prisoners/residents
- Dependence on rules and regulations that minimize agency liability and damage to persons or property
- Provision of educational and therapeutic programs
- Assistance with re-entry into the community

Dawn: Video



Key Differences in Culture

- Corrections agencies are paramilitary and hierarchical
- Respect for authority is perceived to increase safety
- Outsiders are sometimes met with suspicion
- Safety and security are paramount
- Survivors have limited autonomy

Shared Principles

- Public health and safety
- No more sexual violence
- People can grow and change
- Prisoners are community members

Common Misunderstandings

- Report vs. Support
- Victim services will undermine investigations
- Rape crisis centers are required to comply with the PREA standards

Challenges

Large group discussion: What are your biggest concerns and challenges?

Building Relationships



What strategies have you found helpful in building relationships with corrections staff or other law enforcement?

Keys to Working Together

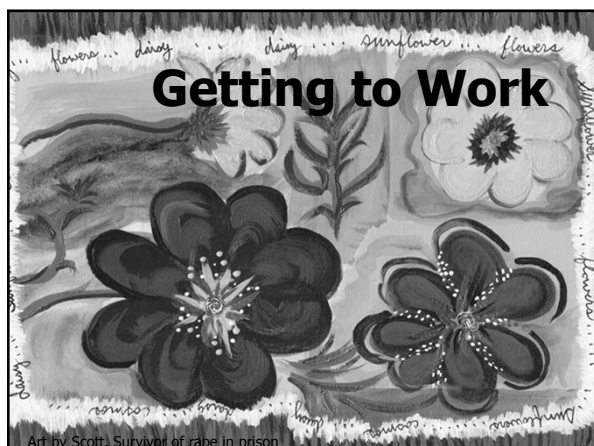
- Find common ground
- Demonstrate mutual respect
- Share resources and information
- Communicate effectively

Tips for Collaboration

- Demonstrate your commitment to safety and willingness to follow facility rules
- Work respectfully and cooperatively with corrections staff while remaining a survivor advocate
- Be clear about your role

Tips for Collaboration (cont.)

- Talk about ways you share goals or a vision with corrections
- Maintain your bottom line that no one deserves to be sexually abused



Getting to Work

Trust Your Expertise

- Rape crisis advocates already work with a diverse group of clients
- The survivor-centered model works for everyone
- Support services should be tailored to meet the specific needs of the client

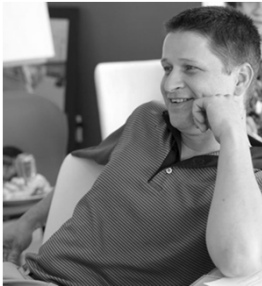
Professional Boundaries

- Be clear about your role, boundaries, and limitations of services
- Expect prisoners and residents to ask for help with things that are unrelated to sexual abuse
- Learn facility guidelines about interactions with prisoners and residents

Parameters of Services

- Start with crisis services
- Develop a multi-phased plan
- Consider the needs of survivors
- Think creatively
- Have a plan for providing services to survivors of previous trauma

Garrett's Story



Small Group Exercise

In small groups, talk about how you would help Garrett.

Consider: Crisis intervention, follow up, safety planning, resources.

**Why will you be a great
advocate for incarcerated
survivors?**

Closing Thought

"If I had an advocate, it would have saved me so much grief. Going through it alone I didn't know who I could trust and who I could talk to about it — which appeared to be nobody."



— Frank, prisoner rape survivor and
member of JDI's Survivor Council



For More Information

For additional information, please visit JDI's Advocate Resource page:
www.justdetention.org/advocate-resources

Direct questions to: **advocate@justdetention.org**

For more information about **Just Detention International**, visit
www.justdetention.org.

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