Victims Behind Walls

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Who is our audience?

1. Advocates
2. Law Enforcement
3. Survivors
4. Social Workers
5. Medical Professionals
6. Other

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the need for sexual assault advocacy and trauma informed services for survivors in detention.
2. Better be able to identify contributing and influential factors including cultural and social norms that contribute to a successful shift in the paradigm in providing needed services to detained survivors of sexual assault.
3. Implement a coordinated response and delivery of services to detained survivors of sexual assault.
4. Develop a comprehensive Memoranda of Understanding between detention facilities and outside service providers and other relevant organizations.

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- The Nation’s “Office for Victims of Crime”
- Mission
  - To enhance the Nation’s capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices in ways that promote justice and healing for all victims.
- Guiding Legislation—Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
- Funding source—Crime Victims’ Fund (CVF)
- All victims of all crimes

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)

CALCASA is the only professional organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of and supporting the work of rape crisis centers, which operate independently throughout California. CALCASA is committed to ending sexual violence through a multifaceted approach of prevention, intervention, education, research, advocacy and public policy.

Project Goals

- Contract with Rape Crisis Centers (RCC’s) to build capacity and ensure full provision of services to detained sexual assault survivors in accordance with PREA standards.
- Develop formal relationships between Rape Crisis Centers (RCC’s) and Immigration detention facilities.
- Develop MOUs between project partners
- Training and Technical Assistance to RCC’s and Immigration Detention Facilities
Our mission is to promote to the fullest extent possible the true well-being of each detainee. In taking this into account, we will address the physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual dimensions of the detainee population as a group and as individuals.

What Does It Take

1. Partnership
2. Community Coordinated Response Team (CCRT)
3. MOU's
4. Understanding each other's role
1. SURE Helpline Rape Crisis Center
2. Imperial Detention Facility

Coordinated Response Teams

Looking to discuss system improvements
- PREA Compliance Manager,
- Medical staff,
- Counseling staff,
- Chaplain
- Transport personnel,
- Intake staff
- Rape Crisis Advocate(s)
- Others who may interact with detainee victim of sexual assault.

Coordinated Community Response Team

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What is a CCRT? What is its purpose?
• Collaboration to improve response to and prevention of sexual assault and other forms of gender-based violence

What are the benefits of a CCRT?
• Multi-disciplinary, many lenses
• Goes beyond crisis response
• Opportunity to build leadership
• Fosters more transparency and communication

Moving beyond checking boxes

Memoranda of Understanding

MOU - A starting place
• Trust
• Partnership
• Open to learning
• Demand from detained Individuals (Needs)
Memorandum of Understanding

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1. Convene project partners. Facilitate a working relationship between RCC and imperial Regional.

3. Facility staff on the provision and delivery of victim services for detainee victims.

4. Provide training and technical assistance to facility and RCC.

5. Coordinate site visits.

Imperial Regional

• Work with RCC to ensure detainee victims are provided access to outside advocates.

• Provide RCC with training to familiarize with institutional operations

Sure Helpline - RCC

• Provide advocate for accompaniment, follow-up.

• Ensure security clearance, staff training on facility

The Paradigm Shift
Utilizing National PREA Standards to Create Change - 6 CFR Part 115

- Prevention Planning
- Responsive Planning
- Training and Education
- Assessment for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness
- Reporting
- Official Response Following a Detainee Report
- Investigation
- Discipline
- Medical and Mental Care
- Data Collection and Review
- Audits and Compliance

Recognizing Cultural Groups

Top 10 Countries in Detention 2016 ICE Removal Operations Report

- Mexico
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- El Salvador
- Dominican Republic
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Brazil
- Nicaragua
- Jamaica
- Other

Is rape the price to pay for migrants chasing the American Dream?
Trauma has Impacts

- In-person services
- Groups
- One on one support
- Hospital Accompaniment
- Letter Writing
- Hotline
- Culturally Responsive Approaches

Trauma informed Services
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