

Announcing: Navigating PREA Implementation: A Discussion Series for Locally Operated Correctional Facilities

The PREA Resource Center (PRC) is excited to announce Navigating PREA Implementation: A Discussion Series for Locally Operated Correctional Facilities, a new quarterly PREA implementation discussion session pilot program. This program is specifically designed for locally operated confinement facility professionals who are responsible for implementing PREA and ensuring sexual safety in a facility. This pilot is inspired by the success of the monthly peer-cohort virtual sessions that were a key component of the PREA Targeted Implementation Planning and Support Program (TIPS), a multi-year grant program for smaller locally-operated correctional facilities across the country implementing PREA.

Purpose:

This series aims to facilitate peer-learning communities and networking opportunities with other individuals who work in local agencies, which have unique PREA implementation challenges. These sessions also provide the opportunity for the PRC and the Department of Justice to more deeply understand the unique challenges and strengths of locally operated facilities to inform responsive PREA implementation training and support activities.

Details:

Two virtual discussion sessions will be held every quarter: one for adult jails, lockups, and community confinement facilities, and another for juvenile facilities. Adult facility sessions will be facilitated by [Activating Change](#); the [Center for Children's Law and Policy](#) will facilitate juvenile facility sessions. The discussions will center on topics of importance to the field. Possible topics include staffing, external partnerships to support PREA implementation, external reporting, and sustainability/succession planning. As the sessions progress throughout 2023, participants will have the opportunity to suggest future topics for discussion.

Who should attend?

These discussion sessions are intended for professionals who work in locally-operated facilities such as adult county jails, community correctional facilities, or lockups; or locally-operated juvenile facilities. Individuals attending the sessions should be coordinating, managing, or highly involved with implementing PREA or ensuring sexual safety within the facility.

Logistics of Sessions

Sessions will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. These sessions will not be presented as webinars, but rather facilitated discussions; therefore, participants are highly encouraged to use video and audio features to experience the sessions fully. In addition to video and audio, sessions may use the chat, voting, polling, raising hands, or breakout room functions to enhance participation.

Transparency

Discussion topics may be sensitive in nature; therefore, to encourage full participation, sessions will not be recorded. In addition to session facilitators, on occasion the sessions may be observed by staff from the PRC or the PREA Management Office at the Department of Justice. If a session has additional observers, participants will be advised at the start of the session of their attendance.

How to Register and Join Sessions:

Participants must register for each quarter's session individually. For example, if an individual would like to attend all four adult discussion sessions, they must register for all four adult quarterly sessions. Participants are encouraged to register for all sessions at one time--this enables calendar reminders for each session throughout the year. However, the PRC will send reminder announcements prior to each session.

Please click the links below to register for the discussion sessions you are able to attend!

Quarter 1

[Adult: February 9th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

[Juvenile: February 15th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

Quarter 2

[Adult: May 11th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

[Juvenile: May 9th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

Quarter 3

[Adult: July 27th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

[Juvenile: July 26th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

Quarter 4

[Adult: September 14th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

[Juvenile: September 12th, 3-4:30 PM ET, 12-1:30 PM PT](#)

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