

Module 6, Appendix C

SART Protocol Development

The SART Protocol: A Blueprint for a Coordinated Response

Using the example from the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, develop an outline for your agency SART protocol (available at: www.justdetention.org/en/Advocate-Resources/SART-toolkit.aspx). As you do this, consider:

- What staff members should be involved in each of the steps?
- What policies are already in place that should be referenced in the protocol?
- What practices are in place that can be codified in the protocol?
- What policies or procedures need to be developed?

Include instructions for:

- 1) Coordinating prevention and detection efforts
- 2) Handling a report or suspicion of risk of imminent sexual abuse
- 3) Duties following suspected or reported incident of sexual abuse
- 4) Preparing for transport to or arranging for a medical forensic exam
- 5) Facility staff duties during the medical forensic exam
- 6) Handling when a forensic exam is not conducted
 - a) because the exam is not evidentiarily or medically appropriate
 - b) when the survivor declines the forensic exam for any reason
- 7) Returning the survivor to the facility, following the exam, or after acute care has been provided
- 8) Providing follow-up care
- 9) Monitoring and protecting reporters from retaliation
- 10) Longer-term duties, such as victim notification

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