

# National Prison Rape Elimination Act Resource Center Annual Report 2013–2014

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# NATIONAL PREA RESOURCE CENTER



## PREA Resource Center 2013–2014 at a Glance

### Reach

290,681 PRC website views  
11,000 individuals receiving  
event notifications

### Training and TA

1,180 inquiries  
20 webinars  
15,000 webinar participants  
9,000 archived webinar views  
7 curricula released



### Grant Management

43 PRC-funded grantees  
48 BJA PREA grantees  
coached

### Auditor Training and Audit Instruments

4 auditor trainings  
259 auditors certified  
3 audit instruments released



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# Introduction and Report Summary

May 2014 marked the two-year anniversary of the release of the US Attorney General's *National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape*. Since the release of the final standards, the [National PREA Resource Center](#) (PRC) has worked, in a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), to guide and support efforts to create zero-tolerance cultures related to sexual abuse in confinement and to eliminate this very serious problem in adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, community corrections facilities, and lockups.

This report summarizes PRC's work during the last year, from June 2013 through May 2014. It provides a review of training and technical assistance (TTA) efforts, including webinars, regional trainings, and curricula; a review of the field's utilization of field-initiated assistance; and an overview of work completed or in progress by PRC and BJA grantees. The report also highlights PRC's audit-related activities, including certified auditor training and audit instrument finalization.

The efforts of PRC and its partners to support PREA standards implementation are broad in scope and comprehensive, especially for those jurisdictions who sought more tailored assistance through a field-initiated request. Since the release of the final PREA standards, PRC has hosted 53 webinars and 26 regional training events with participants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. In the last year alone, TTA efforts have included more than 1,180 field-initiated requests and "contact us" inquiries. The field has actively reached out to PRC for assistance, as demonstrated by the more than 290,681 website visitors.

In addition to delivering TTA to the field, PRC serves as a hub for resources and communication related to the standards. PRC staff frequently update the [PRC library](#), increasing the wealth of available PREA-related resources. PRC communicates regularly with the field and continues to engage professional associations and other stakeholder organizations to ascertain the salient needs of the field and to respond to them. PRC provides assistance to the US Department of Justice (DOJ) PREA Working Group (PWG) about the most pressing standards-related issues and questions from the field. The PWG provides interpretive guidance that is added to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on the [PRC website](#).

Additional outreach activities include grant management, with 43 PRC grantees receiving a combined total of nearly \$5 million in funds. PRC also provides coaching to 48 jurisdictions in receipt of awards under BJA's PREA Grant Program.

The first year of the PREA audit cycle commenced August 20, 2013. As a result, PRC has spent significant time, effort, and resources on the audit function of the PREA standards. Major accomplishments include finalizing three [audit instruments](#); hosting four auditor trainings for 286 potential auditors that involved curriculum and exam development, securing training locations, and faculty identification; processing more than 800 [auditor applications](#); coordinating the certification and posting process for 259 certified auditors; and initiating an ongoing support and education program for certified auditors.

# Activity Overview

## Targeted TTA Providers

PRC's work would not be possible without the hard work and support of its TTA partners.<sup>1</sup> December 2013 marked the end of the first TTA provider contract period. In the fall of 2013, PRC released two requests for proposals (RFP) to identify TTA partners for phase two of PRC's TTA strategy. One RFP focused on core training and technical assistance to continue field-initiated assistance and major resource development. The second RFP focused on special projects to be responsive to resource gaps for specific target groups such as lockups and community confinement. Nearly \$2 million was awarded to six providers with contracts ranging from one year to 24 months, commencing in January 2014. PRC provides oversight to these providers to ensure that the deliverables address the needs of the field, are innovative, and do not duplicate resources already available.

### Pending Resources

- Employee training curricula
- Articles and resources for prosecutors
- Third-party reporting fact sheet
- Cross-gender pat search instructional video and facilitator's guide
- Comic books for talking about PREA with inmates
- Resources related to the law and confidentiality
- Victim services curricula

### Current Topical Focus Areas

Current PRC TTA provider efforts are focused on development of resources in the following areas through the end of 2015:

- Staffing plans
- Youthful inmates
- Limiting the use of segregation
- Cross-gender supervision
- Inmate education
- Inmates with disabilities
- Specialized training for investigators
- Effects of trauma training for staff
- PREA in Action
- PREA fact sheets
- Victim services

### Curricula

PRC worked with its providers to translate the materials used in the 2012–2013 regional training events into **curricula**, including lesson plans and presentations. The intent was to ensure that the field has access to high-quality, comprehensive training materials, recognizing that the number of people trained during in-person events cannot possibly meet the number of people who need to be trained. From December 2013 through the spring of 2014, PRC released the following curricula:

<sup>1</sup> A list of PRC TTA providers can be found in Appendix E of this report.

- Specialized training: Investigating sexual abuse in confinement settings
- Specialized training: PREA medical and mental health standards
- Preventing and addressing sexual abuse in tribal detention facilities: The impact of the Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Inmate education (video and facilitator's guide)
- Human resources and administrative investigations employee training
- Gender-responsive strategies – adults
- Gender-responsive strategies – juveniles

Additional curricula are undergoing final development with anticipated release in 2014. These include employee training, cross-gender pat search (video and facilitator's guide), and victim services.

## Webinars

To date, PRC has hosted 53 [webinars](#), all of which are archived on the PRC website. Twenty of these webinars were broadcast during the latter half of 2013. In total across all PRC webinars, almost 15,000 people participated in the live broadcasts, with 9,000 views of the archived webinars. Webinars will continue to be offered throughout the coming year and archived on the PRC website. These webinars are targeted to corrections professionals and community stakeholders to assist in PREA implementation. Often webinar topics focus on identified needs of the field in accordance with the resource development of the TTA partners.

## Regional Trainings

To date, PRC has offered a total of 26 regional trainings. Seven were offered in the summer and early fall of 2013 and focused on:

- Specialized training for investigators
- Gender-responsive strategies – juveniles

## Inmate Education Video and Facilitator's Guide

The response to the *What You Need to Know* inmate education video and facilitator's guide was overwhelmingly positive. In fact, the demand for the video was so great immediately following its release that it shut down the online points of access for downloading for periods of time. Since its release, the video has been watched on YouTube nearly 4,000 times and downloaded hundreds of times. This 16-minute video can be used to provide inmates with necessary information during the intake process, as well as a more comprehensive education related to PREA, per the requirements of the standards. While the video can be viewed independently, its use in conjunction with the accompanying facilitator's guide provides a robust approach to inmate education on PREA.

- Human resources and administrative investigations
- Victim services
- Inmate education
- PREA for tribal facilities

These events were well-attended as agencies and facilities sought information to further their implementation efforts. Across all regional trainings offered by PRC beginning in the fall of 2012, nearly 370 jurisdictions/organizations participated in at least one event, with 100 attending more than one. As mentioned in Curricula on the previous page, PRC TTA partners have worked to translate these in-person offerings into lesson plans and presentations

## PREA in Action – the Audit Process

In April 2014, an installment of the continuing PREA in Action webinar series focused on the audit process. It featured Steve Jett, director of the Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Facility, the first PREA-compliant juvenile facility in the nation, and Michela Bowman, PRC Co-Director. Mr. Jett, also a DOJ-certified PREA auditor, discussed the audit process from the perspective of having undergone an audit and corrective action period. It was attended by 531 participants, and the archive has been viewed more than 300 times.

to be used by the field in their PREA trainings, further extending the reach of the important information shared during the regional trainings.

## Field-Initiated TTA

PRC continues to encourage jurisdictions to request assistance using a website request form. Each request is reviewed and triaged to determine if PRC staff can respond or if it requires onsite or remote assistance that relies upon the specialized expertise of PRC TTA partners.

The request for assistance is a very successful method of addressing the field's need for targeted support related to PREA. More than 1,180 inquiries were submitted to PRC during the past year. The types of field-initiated requests include training, policy reviews, general information, and presentations. "Contact us" inquiries are most common for materials, questions about PREA and the standards, and auditor training. To ensure efficient use of PRC resources, PRC staff members often encourage requestors to review and utilize

the previously mentioned PRC curricula and other targeted training materials.

## Field-Initiated and "Contact Us" Inquiries

### By Geographic Region:

- South – 309
- West – 268
- Midwest – 234
- Northeast – 180
- Unknown – 143

### By Agency Type (field-initiated only):

- Jail/sheriff – 105
- Other – 77
- Adult prison – 47
- Associations/academies/coalitions/national networks – 36
- Juvenile detention – 34
- Private for-profit and nonprofit – 17
- Police – 8
- Community corrections – 7

## Frequently Asked Questions and Interpretive Guidance

PRC has received thousands of questions since the release of the final PREA standards. These have been received as direct communication from the field with the PRC; through PRC TTA provider-facilitated listservs for designated adult and juvenile PREA coordinators; and from participants at regional trainings, webinars, and PRC presentations.

PRC works diligently to provide timely responses to questions and routes questions that require interpretive guidance to DOJ PWG. These questions and official DOJ PWG responses are added to the PRC website's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

## PRC Grant Program

On April 1, 2013, the PRC announced 43 awards totaling nearly \$5 million made available by BJA to support efforts in local jurisdictions across the nation to establish zero-tolerance cultures for sexual abuse in confinement facilities.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the grantees were funded to improve leadership, organizational culture, and performance; review and revise policies and practices; educate inmates; establish victim

support services; and collect and analyze data on sexual abuse in facilities. Nine of the 43 PRC grantees completed their grant-funded activities on or before March 31, 2014, and spent 98% of their allocated funds during the 12-month grant award period.

In addition to these agency-based accomplishments, at least one of the nine grantees used the funds to develop a formal partnership with local providers of rape crisis services, including Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE), crisis counseling, and ongoing mental health services.

The remaining 34 PRC grantees accepted a six-month, no-cost extension, which moved the grant award period end date to September 30, 2014. Many of these grantees experienced challenges with the start-up of their projects. Examples include delays in scheduling a meeting time with the county council or other local governing body to receive approval for accepting the federal money, barriers in hiring or contracting with nurses or mental health professionals for victim services, and delays hiring or appointing a PREA coordinator to manage grant activities.

As a measure of grant-funded activities, PRC reimbursed 31 of the 43 grantees a total of \$381,576 for grant-funded activities in the first quarter of the grant award, which covered the March through June 2013 time period. For the most recent quarter, January through March 2014, PRC has reimbursed a total of \$940,051 for grant-funded activities. To date, PRC has expended a total of \$2,771,787 for this grant program.

A common theme among PRC grant-funded programs is information sharing and education. Nearly all (42 of 43) grantees specifically listed some form of staff education in their planned

### PRC Grantee Accomplishments

Activities funded through these grants include:

- Enhancements to a management information system to allow tracking of sexual abuse incidents, investigations, outcomes, and other PREA-specific information;
- Inmate education brochures, posters, and curriculum;
- Staff, volunteer, and contractor training curriculum;
- PREA policy development, review, and revision; and
- Establishing specific PREA compliance duties for one or more agency staff, generally in a management role.

<sup>2</sup> A list of PRC grant awards can be found in Appendix A of this report.



grant-funded activities These have included the development of a half-day PREA curriculum and delivery to all line staff, as well as shorter information-sharing sessions on PREA delivered during shift change meetings. Of the 43 grantees, 37 included inmate education activities in their project plans. Many grantees have developed inmate education pamphlets that are reviewed with individuals during the intake process; the vast majority of agencies have created these materials in both English and Spanish.

One grantee has established an online PREA discussion board for information sharing between

the correctional facilities in the state, including information on implementation activities. This same grantee has developed and provides training to their facility staff, volunteers, and contractors. This grantee has opened the training to facility staff from around the state in an effort to support implementation of PREA standards in other facilities.

## Grantee Outcomes

### Staff Training

One jurisdiction collaborated with a state university to professionally record a two-hour PREA training for staff. The recorded training is now available for the facility to use when staff cannot attend training in-person or when training resources are limited.

### PREA Pocket Guide

In addition to training, jurisdictions created other vehicles for sharing PREA-related information with staff. At least one grantee has developed a PREA pocket guide. The 3X5-inch pocket guide is printed on cardstock or laminated paper and lists the sequential actions a staff member should take when he/she is informed of, or identifies, an incident of sexual abuse. The pocket guide serves as a reminder for staff of the important steps to both preserving crime scenes for evidence gathering and meeting the immediate physical and mental health needs of the victim.

### Staff Continuing Education

One jurisdiction developed an interview script to support staff in developing the skills and confidence needed to discuss the difficult topics of sexual orientation, sexual abuse, and history of victimization with juveniles entering their facility. Another jurisdiction expanded staff access to a Spanish-language class so that more staff could communicate with Spanish-speaking inmates directly, increasing their reporting options.

## Coaching of the BJA PREA Program Grantees

PRC continues to provide coaching support to the 48 BJA PREA program grantees from FY11, 12, and 13.<sup>3</sup> Coaches provide guidance on the most effective strategies for carrying out the activities proposed in the grant applications. This may involve encouraging the sites to consider alternatives to proposed strategies that may be more efficient and effective and supporting them to identify and access additional TTA that is needed over the course of their grants. Coaches' observations and recommendations help to inform PRC's strategic thinking and resulting allocation of resources in response to the issues confronting the field, thus maximizing the impact of BJA funding.

## BJA Grantee Promising Practices

The following highlights BJA grantee efforts that would not have been possible without said funding.

- Indiana – Providing sub-grants to county jails for PREA implementation
- Georgia – Established on-call SANE nurses to respond to facilities
- Kansas – Working to create a memoranda of understanding with a rape crisis clinic for every facility
- Louisiana – Hosted multi-state leadership conference
- Maine – Developed screening and assessment tools
- Massachusetts – Made changes to state statutes now restricting the sentencing of those under the age of 18 to juvenile settings, except for violent criminal

activity when the Juvenile Court has discretion to impose adult sentences

- Pitkin County Jail – Focused implementation efforts on screening and classification of inmates at risk of victimization or perpetration

## Examples of Implementation Challenges

While BJA grantees have experienced success in their implementation efforts, some jurisdictions have encountered challenges. Examples include:

- Contracting delays related to interagency coordination issues;
- Turnover in PREA coordinator positions;
- Identifying community-based partners willing to work collaboratively on PREA issues; and
- Lack of training resources related to PREA.



<sup>3</sup> A list of PREA site-based project awards for FY11, 12, and 13 can be found in Appendices B, C, and D of this report.

# Communications

## Conference Presentations

PRC presented multiple PREA workshops at major national conferences, including the following.

### American Correctional Association

- Congress of Correction, August 2013, National Harbor, Maryland
- Winter Conference, January 2014, Tampa, Florida

### National Partnership for Juvenile Services

- Symposium, October 2013, Louisville, Kentucky

### American Jail Association

- Annual Conference, April 2014, Dallas, Texas

## Communications Advisory Group

The Communications Advisory Group (CAG), established in the fall of 2012, continued to meet during the reporting period. The group received updates on PREA activities, and the member organizations advised PRC on the needs of the field related to PREA and opportunities for targeted outreach to member organizations.

## Event Notifications

PRC continues its commitment to providing the field with accurate, timely information about the PREA standards, including event announcements, available resources, and interpretive guidance. This is accomplished through monthly e-blasts

and periodic special notifications when essential information needs to reach the field before the next scheduled blast. Since June 2013, PRC has sent 21 event blasts reaching nearly 11,000 individuals in the field.

## Website Highlights

The PRC website is the focal point for all of the information and resources provided to the field by PRC, with new material added on an almost daily basis. PRC staff review content to ensure consistent messaging and that accurate information is readily available and easily accessed. The homepage banners and entries to the *News and Events* page are updated regularly. Since its launch in May 2012, the PRC website has had 290,681 total views, more than 138,000 of them unique. In the last year alone, the website has had over 200,000 visitors, more than

## Most Frequented Webpages

The PRC website's most frequently visited pages during the last year, aside from the home page, include:

- Curricula (88,527 views)
- PREA Essentials: Prison and Jail Standards (85,768 views)
- Training and Technical Assistance (39,872 views)
- List of Certified Auditors (39,194 views)
- Audit Homepage (35,402 views)

95,000 of them unique. Anecdotal information collected by PRC and BJA staff members while at the conference presentations listed above reveals that justice system policymakers and practitioners find the PRC website to be an invaluable tool and source of PREA-related information.

In late July 2013, PRC launched its PREA Essentials page, intended to guide professionals in their implementation of specific standards.

Each category on the page contains a brief synopsis of the standards in that category; links to both an online version of those standards and helpful resources related to those standards, sorted by correctional facility type; and, where relevant, a discussion of key issues raised by those particular standards. The issues and resources are not exhaustive, but rather offer a snapshot of those that may be of particular interest to policymakers and practitioners working to comply with the standards.

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Through a cooperative agreement between [BJA](#) and [NCCD](#)

The final audit instruments for Prisons & Jails and for Juvenile Facilities have been released.

Click [here](#) to access these documents.



Faculty, Inmate Education regional training, Just Detention International, Columbia, SC

Search the PREA Library for Articles and Resources:

Keyword

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| <p><b>STANDARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Prison and Jails ▶</li> <li>Lockups ▶</li> <li>Community Confinement ▶</li> <li>Juvenile ▶</li> <li>FAQ ▶</li> </ul>                                    | <p><b>AUDIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit Instruments ▶</li> <li>Audit Process ▶</li> <li>Auditor Qualifications and Application ▶</li> <li>Certified Auditors ▶</li> <li>Auditor Trainings ▶</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PREA Essentials ▶</li> <li>Curricula ▶</li> <li>Upcoming Webinars ▶</li> <li>Archived Webinars ▶</li> <li>PREA in Action ▶</li> </ul> | <p><b>LIBRARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources ▶</li> <li>Policy and Practice ▶</li> <li>Legal ▶</li> <li>Research ▶</li> <li>News Coverage ▶</li> </ul>  |

The PREA Resource Center (PRC) is working to address sexual safety in confinement, and to assist state and local jurisdictions with implementation of the Department of Justice [National PREA Standards](#).

View the [PREA Essentials](#) page to access standard-specific resources.

**Need Help?**

The PREA Resource Center provides training and technical assistance to adult and juvenile corrections and law enforcement agencies seeking to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse in confinement.

Resources for survivors and their families are available [here](#).

**Sign Up for Updates**

The PREA Resource Center will provide information on upcoming events, new resources to our library, and PREA-related issues in the news. Sign up to receive our communications via email.

# Audit

## Auditor Training

PRC launched the highly anticipated first training of certified PREA auditors in June 2013. The intense 40-hour training aims to prepare individuals to audit facilities by focusing on the PREA standards themselves and the information that must be reviewed, collected, and analyzed in order to determine whether or not a facility meets a standard. This is achieved through extensive document review in advance of the onsite training, lecture-style presentation, and small-group scenarios.

The PREA audit is a fundamental shift in the way a correctional audit is performed in that it does not merely rely on document review. The audit specifically incorporates staff and inmate/detainee/resident interviews, as well as tours and direct observations of facilities, in the compliance determination process. As such, the auditor trainees receive information on interview skills and practice interviewing in small groups.

The weeklong training concludes with a written examination of the content covered. Participants are asked to complete evaluations of each presenter and presentation. PRC staff review the evaluations and, in collaboration with BJA, make necessary revisions to training materials to ensure participants are trained to carry out their auditing responsibilities competently. Participants consistently report that the training is the most comprehensive and thorough of their professional careers.

## Certified Auditors

PRC utilizes an online application portal to host its auditor applications. The original application solicitation, launched August 15, 2013, closed

April 30, 2014; a new application was launched May 1, 2014. This new, two-part application process was designed to elicit clearer and more useful information from applicants. Overall, PRC has received nearly 900 completed applications, with many more started and awaiting completion.

The trainees are diverse in terms of geography, auditing experience, and type of auditing certifications sought. Currently, four certification types exist—one for each standard facility setting. Trainees are eligible for certification in a specific setting based on their experience with that setting; many trainees have sought multiple certifications. To date, PRC has trained 285 individuals; 259 have passed the written examination after the auditor training as well as the required criminal background check and have been certified by DOJ as a certified PREA auditor. In addition, PRC has hosted 22 federal observers—individuals interested in the auditor training process for their own departments. The PRC website maintains a dedicated page listing the certified auditors that includes a brief bio, date of certification, certification type(s), and state of residence. This list is searchable by certification type and state of residence.

| Training Date | Auditors Certified |
|---------------|--------------------|
| June 2013     | 43                 |
| November 2013 | 77                 |
| January 2014  | 77                 |
| March 2014    | 62                 |

## Auditor Assistance

Auditors may encounter interpretive challenges or other issues during their audits. To support auditors in the field, PRC has established multiple methods for obtaining expert guidance. For less urgent needs, such as questions related to document review in advance of the onsite portion of the audit or the development of an audit report, auditors may submit an email query to which the PRC will respond within three business days. Recognizing that some auditors may need assistance while at the facility during an audit, PRC operates a helpline and works to respond within 24 hours during the work week.

Additional auditor support is provided by PRC through webinars and newsletters. In March 2014, PRC hosted the first auditor webinar, which profiled four auditors from the June 2013 training. They shared with participants their lessons learned from conducting audits, or in one auditor's case, being audited. Lesson topics included contract development, document review, establishing a Limited Liability Company (LLC), and communication with the facility about the audit. In May 2014, a second webinar on report writing was held, emphasizing the importance of detail and clarity in the auditor's final report to support audit findings.

Finally, PRC has two main communication mechanisms to disseminate information to auditors. The first is notification of recently issued RFPs or other solicitations for audit contracts received by PRC from external entities. Second, in order to keep auditors abreast of recent audit-related updates, PRC has issued two newsletters to all DOJ-certified PREA auditors to advise them of recent interpretive guidance and auditor resources. These newsletters will continue to be disseminated approximately every two months.

Recognizing the importance of keeping all auditors as informed as possible, PRC tracks what information auditors receive and when, making sure to disseminate previously distributed

information to new auditors once certified. PRC is in the process of creating an online portal for DOJ-certified PREA auditors to allow them ready access to archived materials.

## Audit Instruments

The development of audit instruments for all four sets of standards has been a significant and time-intensive undertaking for PRC. The audit instrument for adult prisons and jails was released pending final revisions in May 2013. Those final revisions, which included DOJ review and approval, were completed and incorporated in the final instrument released in April 2014. The juvenile facilities instrument was also finalized and released at that time. The community confinement facilities instrument was beta tested in September 2013 and released in May 2014. The lockups instrument was beta tested in December 2013 and is undergoing final revisions, with an anticipated release by summer 2014.

Currently under development is an online version of the audit instrument intended to address the burdens and complexities associated with collecting and organizing documents and information related to audits. The tool will allow audit documents to be completed electronically and reference materials to be uploaded and stored securely online, versus the auditor keeping hard copies of all materials used in an audit.

The development process has taken longer than anticipated, mainly due to security requirements imposed under the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). While compliance with FISMA has extended the time required to complete development of the online tool, PRC and BJA recognize the importance of ensuring that sensitive information reviewed or collected as part of PREA audits is appropriately safeguarded. As an interim stop-gap measure, PRC is working to develop fillable PDF versions of the audit instrument documents and will make these available to DOJ-certified PREA auditors and the field.

## Audit Outreach and Governor Certification

The audit has become a focal point for inquiries received by PRC. In June 2013, upon release of the adult prisons and jails audit instrument, PRC hosted a webinar to introduce the field to the audit instrument and its various documents, walking participants through the different phases of the audit. More than 750 individuals participated in the live broadcast, and the archived version of the webinar has been viewed almost 1,000 times.

PRC has worked tirelessly over the past year to further understanding in the field of the audit process through additions to the FAQ page on the PRC website, individual communication, and outreach to major professional organizations in the form of conference and executive board presentations. PRC enlists the help of its TTA providers for some of these presentations, providing oversight of messaging to ensure the most current information is presented that addresses the specific needs of different constituent groups impacted by PREA.

As the May 15, 2014, deadline approached for governors to submit certifications of full compliance with the PREA standards or assurances that not less than 5% of certain DOJ grant programs for prison purposes would be used to come into compliance in the future, PRC worked closely with BJA to educate the field about the implications of submitting a certification or assurance or doing neither. For example, in March 2014, PRC and BJA co-hosted a webinar on PREA and the associated May 15 responsibilities of governors for the National Governor's Association and the National Criminal Justice Association. PRC also has served as a point of contact on PREA implementation for grant managers and staff from the Office

on Violence Against Women and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the two other DOJ components with grant programs impacted by PREA.

## Audit Tracking

PRC has designed preliminary data collection forms to capture information on audits in order to track audits taking place and inform quality assurance efforts. Once approved by BJA, these forms will be posted to the PRC website and communication will be sent to DOJ-certified PREA auditors and the field, requesting submission of this information.

PRC is also working to develop tools for both auditor and audit tracking, including concrete guidance and requirements for auditors to report their audit activities and findings. Even without these mechanisms for reporting, PRC receives ad hoc information on ongoing or recently finished audits through communications with DOJ-certified PRC auditors. PRC's goal in the coming months is to institutionalize information collection and reporting processes related to PREA audits occurring across the nation.



# Conclusion

PRC is working closely with BJA to determine the contours of the auditor training beyond 2014, as it is clear that continuing to expand the pool of DOJ-certified PREA auditors will be essential in order to meet the auditing demands of the field. PRC is exploring ways to enhance the training, including the development of additional advance work tools that would allow more time in person for discussion of difficult standards, small-group scenario work, and interview skills practice.

In addition, PRC will continue to provide coaching to jurisdictions in receipt of BJA PREA Grant Program awards and grant management support to jurisdictions in receipt of awards through PRC. In order to ensure that PRC is not only responsive to the field's current PREA-related needs, but also expands the number of policymakers and practitioners involved in the implementation of the PREA standards across the nation, PRC will

leverage the relationships of CAG members with their constituent groups to conduct proactive outreach and targeted TTA. This will ensure that PRC continues to anticipate and effectively address the emerging needs of the field related to PREA.

Under current funding, PRC operations will continue through September 2016. In the short term, PRC will continue to support the field in PREA standards implementation through requests for assistance as well as resources developed by PRC TTA providers. It is clear from the 49 states and territories that submitted letters indicating full compliance, or ensuring they are working toward compliance, that the importance of protecting confined individuals from sexual abuse and sexual harassment is an ongoing priority—one that should be strongly encouraged and supported.

# Appendix A: PRC Grant Award List

The following jurisdictions were awarded funding for “establishing cultures of zero tolerance for sexual abuse in local adult and juvenile correction facilities.”

| Organization  | State | Award Amount |
|---|-------|--------------|
| Atascosa County Juvenile Probation Department           | TX    | \$300,000    |
| Barnwell County Detention Center                        | SC    | \$99,978     |
| Bernalillo County Youth Services Center                 | NM    | \$245,627    |
| Bristol County Sheriff’s Office                         | RI    | \$100,000    |
| Calcasieu Parish Police Jury                            | LA    | \$48,689     |
| Canyon County/Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Center | ID    | \$26,700     |
| Cascade County  | MT    | \$72,878     |
| City of Anderson, Inc.                                  | SC    | \$40,577     |
| Contra Costa County Probation Department                | CA    | \$100,000    |
| County of Lackawanna                                    | PA    | \$77,098     |
| County of Lake  | CA    | \$100,000    |
| County of Orange, California, Probation Department      | CA    | \$100,000    |
| County of Wayne, Michigan                               | MI    | \$100,000    |
| Cuyahoga County   | OH    | \$159,365    |
| Dallas County Juvenile Department                       | TX    | \$88,942     |
| Daviess County Detention Center                         | KY    | \$100,000    |
| Douglas County Department of Corrections                | NE    | \$99,431     |
| Elkhart County Sheriff’s Department                     | IN    | \$50,561     |
| Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center              | LA    | \$100,000    |
| Grayson County Detention Center                         | KY    | \$58,382     |
| Greene County Juvenile Detention Center                 | MO    | \$28,963     |
| Harford County Sheriff’s Office                         | MD    | \$163,648    |
| Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office                        | MN    | \$100,000    |

# PRC Grant Award List, Continued

| Organization                                | State        | Award Amount          |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| Howard County Department of Corrections     | MD           | \$53,379              |
| Kern County Sheriff's Office                | CA           | \$99,366              |
| Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government   | KY           | \$35,625              |
| Linn County Juvenile Department             | OR           | \$294,939             |
| Luzerne County Correctional Facility        | PA           | \$60,000              |
| Maricopa County Superior Court              | AZ           | \$300,000             |
| Miami-Dade County                           | FL           | \$19,000              |
| Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office             | LA           | \$100,000             |
| Prince George's County, Maryland            | DC           | \$100,000             |
| Riverside County Probation Department       | CA           | \$100,000             |
| San Francisco Sheriff's Department          | CA           | \$200,000             |
| Santa Clara County Probation                | CA           | \$99,965              |
| South Correctional Entity (SCORE)           | WA           | \$100,000             |
| Southwest Multi-County Correction Center    | ND           | \$98,601              |
| Spartanburg County Detention Facility       | NC           | \$300,000             |
| Suffolk County Sheriff's Department         | MA           | \$78,558              |
| Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office          | LA           | \$68,939              |
| Travis County Juvenile Probation Department | TX           | \$100,000             |
| Trinity County Juvenile Hall                | CA           | \$200,000             |
| Wahkiakum County Jail                       | OR           | \$80,115              |
|   | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$4,849,020.00</b> |

# Appendix B: BJA Fiscal Year 2011 PREA Site-Based Project Awards

| Organization   | State        | Award Amount       |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Alabama Department of Corrections  | AL           | \$270,000          |
| Colorado Department of Corrections                                       | CO           | \$453,662          |
| Cook County Sheriff's Office   | IL           | \$300,000          |
| Georgia Department of Corrections  | GA           | \$600,000          |
| Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice                                   | GA           | \$558,956          |
| Indiana Department of Correction   | IN           | \$599,380          |
| Kansas Department of Corrections   | KS           | \$599,862          |
| Kentucky Department of Corrections                                       | KY           | \$600,000          |
| Louisiana Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice                     | LA           | \$600,000          |
| Maine Department of Corrections  | ME           | \$545,475          |
| Michigan Department of Corrections                                       | MI           | \$490,740          |
| Montana Department of Corrections  | MT           | \$236,275          |
| New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision       | NY           | \$424,970          |
| North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention | NC           | \$599,917          |
| Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction                         | OH           | \$599,998          |
| Oregon Department of Corrections   | OR           | \$600,000          |
| Texas Youth Commission   | TX           | \$599,963          |
| Vermont Department of Corrections  | VT           | \$600,000          |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$9,279,198</b> |

# Appendix C: BJA Fiscal Year 2012 PREA Site-Based Project Awards

| Organization   | State        | Award Amount       |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| California Emergency Management Agency   | CA           | \$267,300          |
| Colorado Division of Criminal Justice  | CO           | \$171,657          |
| District of Columbia Office of Victim Services                                   | DC           | \$600,000          |
| Indiana Department of Correction   | IN           | \$416,610          |
| Kentucky Department of Corrections   | KY           | \$149,148          |
| Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice  | KY           | \$153,200          |
| Middlesex Sheriff's Office   | MA           | \$227,822          |
| New Mexico Department of Public Safety   | NM           | \$282,268          |
| New York State Department of Correction (New York City Department of Correction) | NY           | \$600,000          |
| New York State Office of Children and Family Services                            | NY           | \$492,309          |
| Washington Department of Commerce  | WA           | \$206,126          |
| Wisconsin Department of Corrections  | WI           | \$396,777          |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$3,963,217</b> |

# Appendix D: BJA Fiscal Year 2013 PREA Site-Based Project Awards

| Organization  | State        | Award Amount       |
|---|--------------|--------------------|
| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation   | CA           | \$250,000          |
| County of Los Angeles   | CA           | \$245,380          |
| County of Los Angeles Probation Department  | CA           | \$250,000          |
| County of Riverside Sheriff's Department  | CA           | \$228,087          |
| Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice, State of Louisiana | LA           | \$246,023          |
| Florida Department of Corrections   | FL           | \$250,000          |
| Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice  | GA           | \$249,000          |
| Harris County   | TX           | \$237,693          |
| Indiana Department of Correction  | IN           | \$250,000          |
| Minnesota Department of Corrections   | MN           | \$250,000          |
| Ohio Department of Youth Services   | OH           | \$250,000          |
| Pacific County  | WA           | \$242,581          |
| San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department   | CA           | \$95,978           |
| South Carolina Department of Corrections  | SC           | \$250,000          |
| State of Colorado - Colorado Department of Corrections  | CO           | \$250,000          |
| Suffolk County Sheriff's Department   | MA           | \$179,072          |
| Tennessee Department of Children's Services   | TN           | \$250,000          |
| Washington State Department of Corrections  | WA           | \$250,000          |
| Webb County   | TX           | \$250,000          |
|   | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$4,473,814</b> |

# Appendix E: PRC TTA Providers

American Jail Association (AJA) [www.americanjail.org](http://www.americanjail.org)

American University Washington College of Law, Project on Addressing Prison Rape [www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence](http://www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence)

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org)

Just Detention International (JDI) [www.justdetention.org](http://www.justdetention.org)

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) [www.nasmhpd.org/index.aspx](http://www.nasmhpd.org/index.aspx)

The Moss Group (TMG) [www.mossgroup.us](http://www.mossgroup.us)

Vera Institute of Justice (Vera) [www.vera.org](http://www.vera.org)