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PREA READINESS: JAILS

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The National PREA Resource Center (PRC) was established through a cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Justice Assistance and NCCD. The PRC will serve as the national source for online and direct support, training, technical assistance, and research to assist adult and juvenile corrections, detention, and law enforcement professionals in their ongoing work to eliminate sexual assault in confinement.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES – PREA READINESS



- ✧ PREA is simply “good corrections”
- ✧ Strong leadership makes change possible
- ✧ Collaboration increases readiness

PREA READINESS: ARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Sheriff Beth Arthur
Arlington County Sheriff

Major David Kidwell
Director of Corrections

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA



ARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY



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WHERE TO START?

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Misconduct
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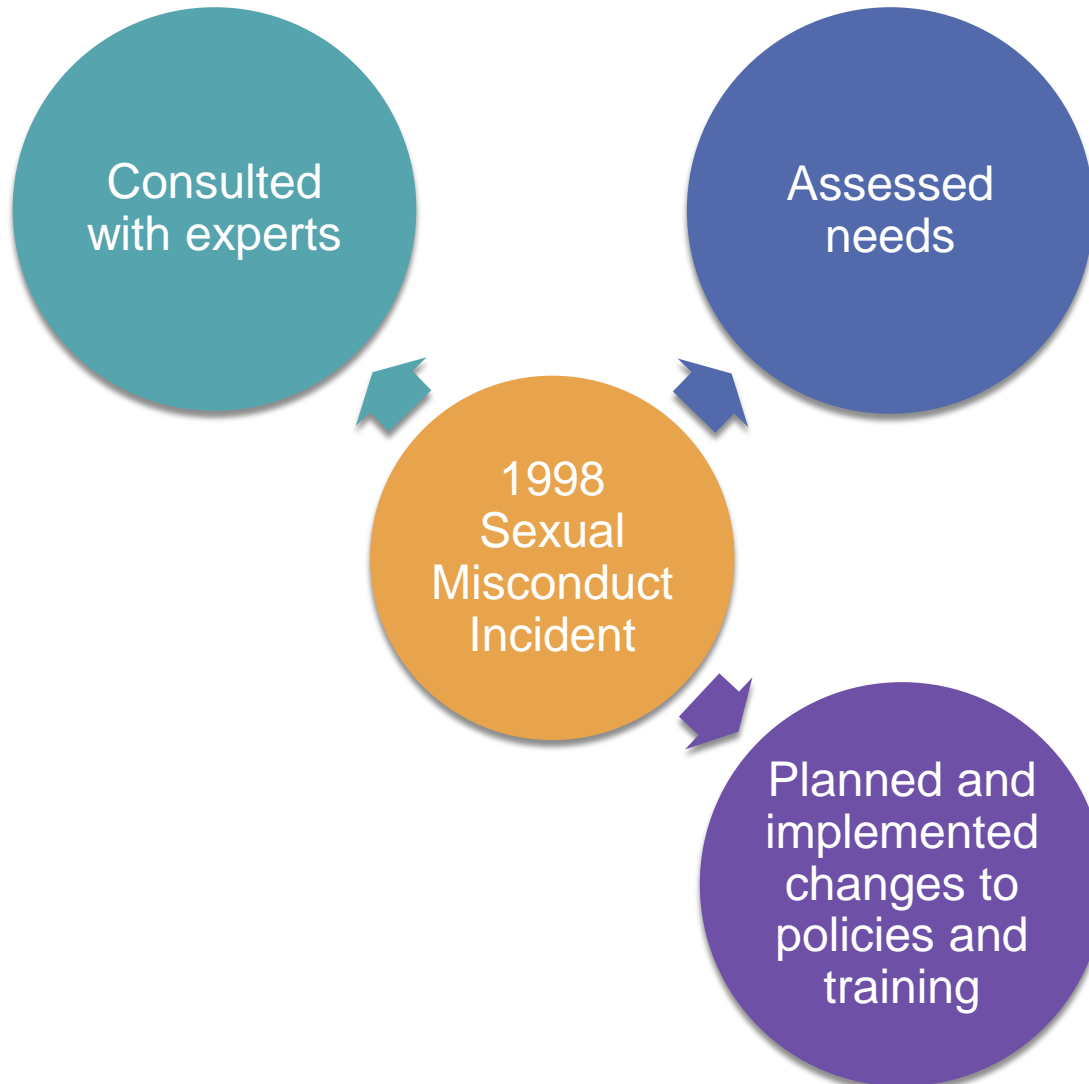
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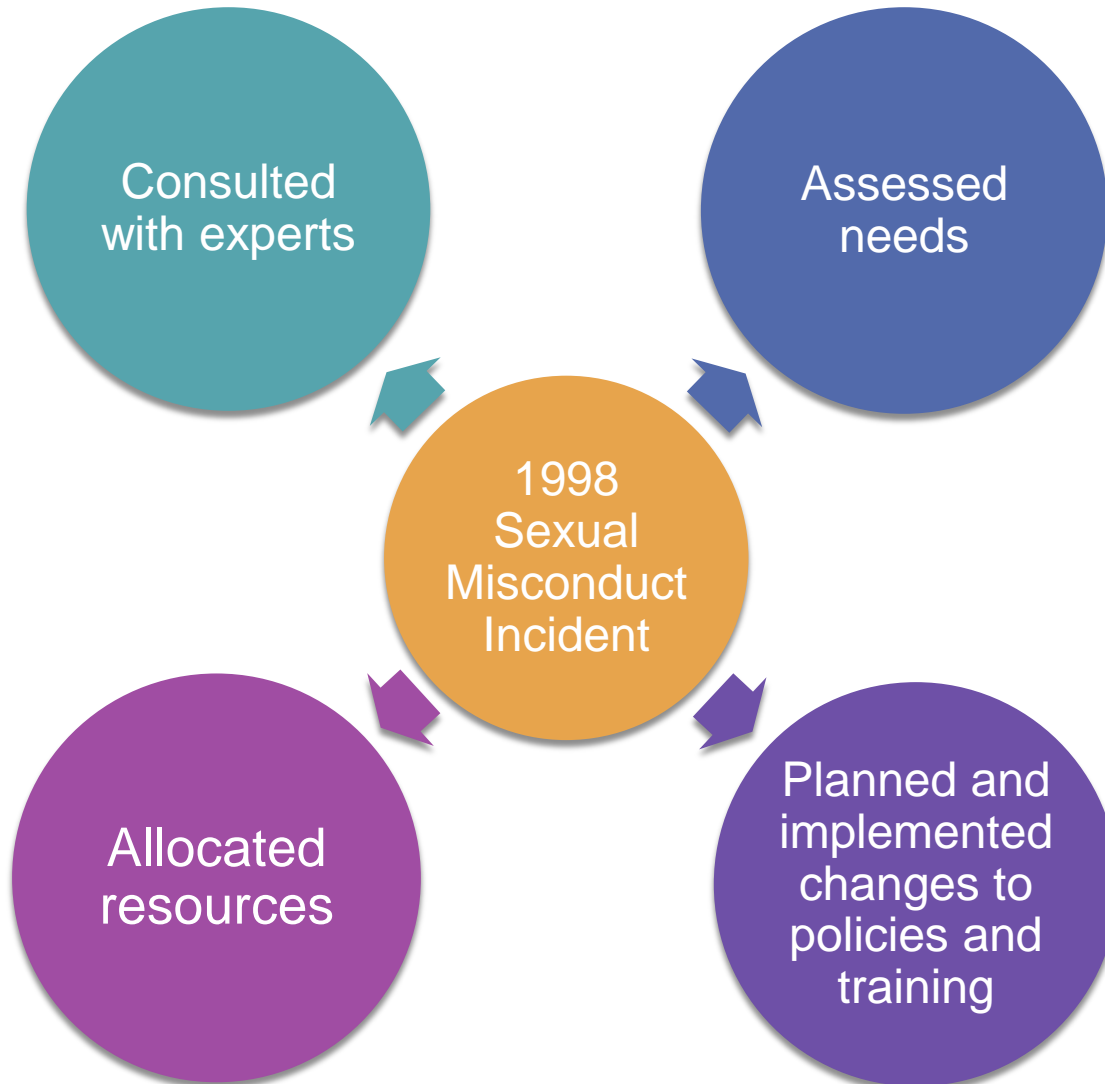
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STAFF TRAINING

Creative training incentives

Advanced medical training for medical contractor

Pocket Guide for Emergency Responses

PREA READINESS CONSIDERATIONS: JAILS

MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Direct Supervision or Indirect Supervision?

POPULATION STATUS/LENGTH OF STAY

- Pretrial or convicted?
- Average length of stay is 28 days
- State prisoners (Virginia has closed 10 prisons)

POPULATION SIZE

- ACDF is a medium-sized jail with a population of 409

PREA READINESS CONSIDERATIONS: JAILS

CULTURE

- Zero tolerance policy
- Top down

SERVICES

- On site mental health workers
- Coordinated re-entry resources

INFORMATION SHARING

- Inmate records document behavior management history

WHAT YOU CAN BE DOING NOW!

- Review the recently released DOJ regulations
- Conduct pre-assessment
- Do what you can with the resources you have

RESOURCES

- ✧ National PREA Resource Center
- ✧ National Institute of Corrections
- ✧ National Sheriffs' Association
- ✧ American Correctional Association
- ✧ American Jail Association

QUESTIONS?

- ✧ We will now take questions from our participants. Please send those to **Allison Hastings** through Private Chat or via email ahastings@vera.org, and we will ask them on your behalf.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ✧ For more information on ACSO's PREA efforts, please contact Major David Kidwell at dkidwe@arlingtonva.us.
- ✧ Access the archived webinar on the PREA Resource Center's website: <http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/>