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Preventing and Addressing Sexual Abuse in Tribal Detention Facilities: The Impact of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

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Mission

National PREA Resource Center (PRC)

PRC was established through a cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Justice Assistance and NCCD. The mission of the PRC is to assist adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups, community corrections, and tribal facilities in their efforts to eliminate sexual abuse by increasing their capacity for prevention, detection, monitoring, responses to incidents, and services to victims and their families.



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Tools such as training materials

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Training & Technical Assistance



The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), which was signed into law by President George W. Bush on September 4, 2003, was created to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement. To learn more about the law and preparing for implementation, visit the <u>PREA 101</u> page.

In order to achieve its mission to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement facilities nationwide, the PREA Resource Center (PRC) has designed a four-pronged strategy for the development and delivery of training and technical assistance (TTA).

1. <u>Targeted TTA</u> – The PRC has implemented a process for identifying the priority needs (i.e., topics) for TTA shared by all types of confinement facilities across the country. This ongoing needs assessment process involves a compilation and review of a variety of PREA-related information sources including reports, articles, recommendations from experienced TTA providers, and surveys of the memberships of professional correctional organizations. Using the results of this assessment process, the PRC will develop and deliver TTA programs and services that address these priority needs.

The announcements and schedules for upcoming targeted TTA events (e.g., webinars, training classes) will be posted on this website so that interested participants can register in advance. Previously held events will also be posted and accessible on this site. The PRC's targeted TTA strategy is intended to make resources available to the widest possible audiences nationwide.

 <u>Request for Assistance (Field-initiated TTA)</u> – In order to respond to the individual needs of agencies and facilities nationwide, the PRC has



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Your Presenter



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Learning Objectives

- Explain the impact of PREA on tribal detention facilities
- Identify 10 benefits of PREA
- Discuss why inmates are more susceptible to sexual abuse
- Describe practical strategies to enhance the prevention and response to sexual abuse incidents

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PREA is a Federal Law



- Applies to local, state and federal adult and juvenile confinement facilities, including private facilities, and community confinement facilities.
- Law does not specifically include tribal detention facilities.
- BIA is developing a set of standards to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse of inmates in BIA facilities.
- Other tribal facilities may decide to follow the PREA standards.

If PREA the law does not include tribal detention facilities, are there other laws within Indian Country that relate to the protections under PREA?



The Indian Civil Rights Act applies in that it protects inmates from cruel and unusual punishment, namely in this instance, sexual abuse.

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Tribal laws prohibiting sexual assaults and sexual harassment may also apply to both inmate-oninmate sexual abuse and staff-on-inmate sexual abuse.

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- Other Federal laws may apply.
- State criminal laws may apply.
- Know your laws and what applies in your specific tribes.

Why Comply with the USDOJ PREA Standards?



- Based on promising correctional practices that address sexual abuse of inmates.
- Provides a comprehensive guide to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse of inmates.
- Protects the rights of inmates (Indian Civil Rights Act) to be free from cruel and unusual punishment.
- Guides us to create a safe and secure environment within confinement facilities.

Benefits of PREA

Creates a high level of professionalism

- Staff and inmates understand and practice appropriate behaviors and interactions
- Fewer fights and conflicts
- Reduces manipulation by inmates
- Staff have pride in their job



Benefits of PREA

Improves the safety & security of facility



- Staff and inmates not in unauthorized areas
- Staff more aware of 'red flags' that can be early indicators of abuse
- Protects staff and inmates from an unsafe environment
- Improves respect between staff & inmates, and inmates & inmates

Benefits of PREA

Reduces embarrassment and fear

- Creates open dialogue about sexual abuse
- Provides a non-judgmental atmosphere to identify and report abuse
- Protects those who report from retaliation

Public health

 Prevents spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI), and addresses proper treatment and detection.



Dynamics of Sexual Abuse in Confinement



What makes inmates more vulnerable to sexual abuse?

What are the Factors that Increase the Risk for Sexual Victimization?



- Prior sexual victimization (at any time)
- Mental, physical or developmental disability
- Age
- Physical build
- Previous incarceration
- History of only non-violent offenses
- Prior sex offenses
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or Intersex (LGBTI)
- Inmate's own perception of vulnerability



Mental Health

64% of persons in jail have mental health problems

Tribal Statistics



*United States Depart. Of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics. "Jails in Indian County 2008". Dec. 2009 NCJ 228271.

**Tjaden, Patricia, and Thoennes, Nancy. "Stalking America: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey, National Institutes of Justice, Centers for Disease Control. April 1998.

- 1.2% of those incarcerated in state and federal facilities are American Indian (but only 1% of total USA population)*
- 40% in tribal jails are violent offenders*
- Victimization rate in Indian country DOUBLE that of non-Indian citizens**
- 1 in 3 women will be raped**

History of Trauma

- Less equipped to handle stress
- Pessimistic view of world
- Less able to distinguish unhealthy and exploitative relationships
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Victims may lie to protect their abusers – fear, manipulation by perpetrator
- Victims may be more manipulative
 - how they learn to survive





Know and implement the PREA standards

Even if you are not legally bound to implement PREA standards, they provide an excellent guide for good correctional practice.



Create a positive culture within the facility

From leadership to line staff, provide training and foster understanding of sexual abuse of inmates and how it impacts safety, professionalism, and

Create an open dialogue with staff and inmates about the agency zero-tolerance for sexual abuse.

Be aware of the signs

of potential problems concerning interactions between inmates, and between staff & inmates.



Respond consistently, promptly, and competently to all allegations.

Prevention Planning Zero-tolerance [§115.11] Have a written policy.

Prevention Planning Know and use the definitions of sexual abuse [§115.5 and §115.6] Incorporate into policy and training.






Prevention Planning Separate those under 18 years of age from adults. [§115.14]



Prevention Planning

No male officers conducting patsearches of female inmates. [§115.31]

Prevention Planning Use specific measures to manage transgender and intersex inmates. [§115.15(e),(f) §115.42]



Training and Education



Reporting

Mandatory reporting by staff of suspicions, knowledge of sexual abuse [§ 115.61]

Multiple ways for staff to report [§ 115.61]

Multiple ways for inmates to report (including one external) [§ 115.51]

Way for third-parties to report [§ 115.54]



Agency Response To Sexual Abuse Reports

Provide medical, mental health interventions for victims of sexual abuse. [§115.81, §115.82, §115.83]

Assure first responders know their responsibilities. [§115.64]

Forensic medical exams conducted appropriately. [§115.21]

Appropriate sanctions for perpetrators of sexual abuse, sexual harassment. [§115.76, §115.77, §115.78]



Question/Answer



Have a Question?

Type your question in the question/answer box.

Upcoming Webinar...August 21, 2013

Mending the Circle: Challenges and Opportunities in Addressing Sexual Abuse in Tribal Detention Settings

Date / Time: Aug 21, 2013 - 02:00pm - 03:00pm EDT Webinar Host: The American Probation and Parole Association

Presenter (s): Bonnie Clairmont, Victim Advocacy Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute Darwin Long, Administrator, Oglala Sioux Tribal Jail

Content of the Webinar:

The American Probation and Parole Association and the National PREA Resource Center are pleased to offer a webinar session that will discuss the impact of sexual abuse victimization on inmates in tribal detention facilities, and the unique challenges and opportunities that exist in the prevention and response to inmates who are sexually abused in Indian Country facilities. The expert presenters will discuss specific strategies that can be used to enhance the safety and security of detention facilities in native communities.

A question and answer session will be held at the end of this webinar.

Who Should Attend:

Detention professionals from tribal detention facilities and confinement facilities operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tribal law enforcement officers, and victim advocates.

Link to Registration is on the PRC website

Upcoming Regional Training...

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Date/Time:	September 12, 2013, 8:00 – 5:00 pm (MDT)	
Event Host:	The American Probation and Parole Association & Pueblo of Laguna Detention Facility	-
Event Location:	Route 66 Casino & Hotel, 14500 Central Avenue, SW, Albuquerque, NM	ATIONAL

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PREA Toolkits for Jails and Juvenile Facilities



For More Information

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