Making Connections: Linking Community Confinement and Sexual Assault Response Teams
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Welcome and Introductions

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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.
Welcome from the PREA Management Office

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Johnson County Corrections supervises juvenile and adult offenders through progressive, effective, and sound correction, rehabilitation, and recidivism reduction programs. The Corrections department forges partnerships to bridge the gap between offenders and the community by encouraging client responsibility and behavioral change.

Adult Residential Center

The Johnson County Department of Corrections Adult Residential Center is a 398 bed, community based, facility that provides a highly structured environment for adult offenders ordered by the District Court to our program. The main objective of the Residential Center program is to reintegrate clients into the community as successful, productive citizens.
Poll Question #1

Did you read “Partnering with Community Sexual Assault Response Teams: A Guide for Local Community Confinement and Juvenile Detention Facilities?”
Poll Question #2

Are you currently working with a Sexual Assault Response Team?
Poll Question #3

Is Your Sexual Assault Response Team Community-Based or Facility-Based?
Why We’re Here Today

Partnering with Community Sexual Assault Response Teams
A Guide for Community Confinement and Juvenile Detention Facilities

Partner with a SART
Follow the guide’s four phases.

1. Gathering information and planning
2. Working with the community SART
3. Incorporating a SART approach in facility policy
4. Training facility staff

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What is a SART?

Broadly defined:

A Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a multidisciplinary team of health care providers, law enforcement representatives, advocates, and other professionals who are qualified to respond to disclosures of sexual assault.
Key Members

Qualified to respond...

District Attorney’s Office

Local Enforcement

Sexual Assault Advocates
- MOCSA
- Sunflower House

Johnson County DOC

Forensic Assessment Consultation and Treatment Program

Crime Lab

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Why partner with a SART?

To ensure your agency is ready to respond to any report of sexual abuse in a coordinated, victim-centered way while maintaining safety and security. Partnerships also provide:

• An opportunity to leverage existing community relationships and expertise

• The potential for broadening community responders’ knowledge and awareness of correctional settings

• Help with PREA compliance
  ❖ PREA Standard 115.265 Coordinated response
  ❖ Many other standards too—See Appendix 2 of the guide for a list
Four Key Phases of Partnering with a SART

4 Key Phases:

Phase 1: Gathering information and planning

Phase 2: Working with the community SART

Phase 3: Incorporating a SART approach in facility policy

Phase 4: Training facility staff
Phase 1: Gather and Plan

**PHASE 1**

- Assign a coordinator
- Determine a timeline
- Develop a process for outreach, collecting information, assessing, and planning
Phase 2: Collaborate

PHASE 2

• Engage in relationship-building activities—attend SART meetings; invite SART members for facility tours

• Establish memorandum of understanding (MOU)
Phase 3: Refine Your Facility Policy

**PHASE 3**

- Adjust facility policy to comply with PREA sexual assault response standards
- Develop tools for staff (checklists, flowcharts, etc.)
Phase 4: Educate Staff

PHASE 4
• Train Staff

PREA Standard 115.231: Employee training
Using the Guide

Tasks

GATHER INFORMATION

- **Identify people and organizations** outside the facility that can be sources of useful information. (See “Potential Sources of Information,” page 11.) When you approach community agencies, understand that they are experts in sexual assault intervention and respect that they have their own language, priorities, and challenges. Be prepared to help those agencies understand the language, priorities, and challenges of your facility with regard to this effort.

- **Identify questions** to ask community agencies to gather the information you need. (See “Interview Questions for SART Agencies” in Appendix 3.) Although you may want to interview some people individually, you can also invite them to a group discussion as a way to jump-start cross-agency collaboration.

- **Consider surveying facility staff** to gather baseline data on awareness, beliefs, and attitudes about sexual assault. (See “SARTCP Questionnaires” in Appendix 4.) Such data can help identify strengths and gaps in staff knowledge and help shape future training. An anonymous survey may yield the most useful and candid information. A similar follow-up survey could be used to help measure the effectiveness of this effort, exploring whether working with the SART, the policy changes, staff training, and resident education have strengthened facility response, changed beliefs, and/or affected attitudes.
Partnership in Action: Lessons Learned from Johnson County

**Getting started**

- Leadership buy-in
- Determine gaps
- Second set of eyes
- Collaborate
- Don’t reinvent the wheel
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**Most useful tools and processes**

- Flow Charts
- Policy Review
- Learning from others
Resources

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Partnering with Community Sexual Assault Response Teams: A Guide for Community Confinement and Juvenile Detention Facilities

Partnerships Between Correctional Agencies and Community-Based Service Providers

Building Partnerships Between Rape Crisis Centers and Correctional Facilities to Implement the PREA Victim Services Standards

www.justdetention.org

Tools for Service Providers
Jurisdictions can request assistance by completing a web form on the PRC website (www.prearesourcecenter.org) under the Training and Technical Assistance tab and clicking “Request for Assistance on the sidebar”
Upcoming Events to find PRC

American Jail Association Annual Conference
April 21-25 – Sacramento, CA
www.aja.org

Compliance and Accreditation Managers’ Association Conference, May 19-22 – Louisville, KY
www.mycama.org/2018

American Correctional Association Congress of Correction, August 2-7 – Minneapolis, MN
www.aca.org
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