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CA Advancing PREA Office Hours: Partnering with Corrections

February 17, 2022
1:00pm-2:00pm

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Advancing Equity. Ending Sexual Violence.

Introductions



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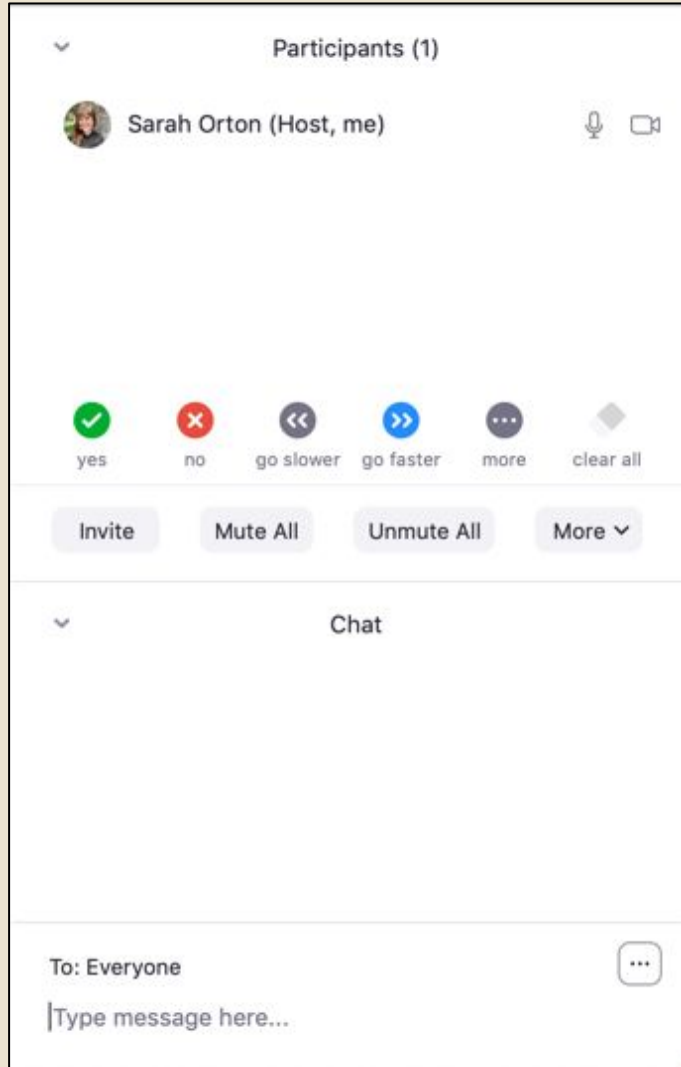
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How to Use Zoom



- Text chat
- PowerPoint Slides
- Phone

ValorUS's Mission

ValorUS is committed to ending sexual violence through a multifaceted approach of prevention, intervention, education, research, advocacy and public policy.



JDI's Mission

JDI is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention.



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JDI's Core Principle

No matter what
crime a person
may have
committed,
rape is not part
of the penalty.

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CA Advancing PREA Overview

- Build strong relationships between CA state prison/county jail staff and rape crisis advocates
- Create sustainable agreements and protocols for the provision of victim services to survivors



Session Objectives

To ensure that staff in detention facilities are providing incarcerated survivors with access to confidential emotional support services from a RCC.

To provide RCC advocates with tools and communication strategies to build relationships with corrections facility staff.

To empower RCC advocates to provide a trauma-informed, survivor-centered perspective to corrections facility staff with the aim of creating culture change.

Practice Self Care



A close-up photograph of a person's hands gripping a chain-link fence. The hands are positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the metal links. The background is a soft, warm glow of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a gradient of orange and yellow light. The fence extends from the foreground into the distance, receding towards the right. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

Getting Started

Identifying Your Team

- PREA coordinator and/or PREA compliance manager, leadership staff, medical and mental health staff
- RCC directors, SART coordinators/managers, victim advocates
- CA Advancing PREA partners (ValorUS and JDI)

Initial Discussions

- Clarify each person's role and responsibilities within their agency
- Share each partner's current policy and protocol around responding to sexual abuse
- Cultivate a shared goal of eliminating sexual abuse in detention
- Determine how the facility will coordinate access to RCC services

Next Steps

- Establish regular meetings or methods of communication (can be in-person or remote)
 - Conference Calls
 - Teleconference
- Draft MOU (or familiarize yourself with MOU already in place)
- Plan for cross-training
- Bring the forensic exam sites into the conversation

Correctional Staff often use the following terms	RCC staff often use the following terms
Offender or inmate	Incarcerated survivor, victim, or client
Alleged assault	Assault
Report	Support
Safety and Security	Healing and recovery
Mandated reporter	Confidential advocate

Finding An Ally

- Connect with staff beyond the PCM
- Keep in constant contact
- Meet in person or over the phone



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Highlighting Your Services

- Providing access to your services helps detention facilities pass audits
- The services you offer will ultimately make the jobs of those working in the prison easier



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Know your Facility

- Request a tour for 1-2 advocates at your agency
- Invite your agency's E.D. or CEO to attend the initial tour
- Invite recently-hired staff, or staff just beginning to provide services to clients in detention
- Meet with both staff *and* incarcerated folks

Checklist

WHAT TO BRING

State-issued ID
Clothing that meets visitor dress code
Comfortable walking shoes
Notebook
Business cards
Outreach materials describing your services

WHAT TO SEE

Housing units
Administrative segregation
Intake area
Private locations for in-person services
Medical and mental health areas
Locations of "Help is Available" posters
Inmate phone areas

WHO TO MEET

PREA Compliance Manager
Investigative Services Unit (ISU) Lieutenant
Mental health staff
Medical staff
Community Resource Manager
Inmate Advisory Council

WHAT TO ASK

Who are my points of contact while I am in the facility?
Is there a space where I can meet with survivors in private?
What do I need to know about facility safety procedures while inside?
What programming is offered to inmates here, and how do they access it?
Can we make a test phone call to my agency?
When can we schedule a follow-up/implementation meeting?

Maintain Relationships

- Keep in constant contact when possible
- Create opportunities to provide informal TA and training
- Strong partnerships facilitate even stronger services for survivors



Have A Plan And Hold It Lightly

- Get feedback and ideas from staff
- Be consistent and reliable
- Be honest



Nina Matthews Photography



Welcome, Alejandra and Lindsay

Introductions



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QUESTIONS?



Additional Resources

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- Just Detention International- justdetention.org
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- PREA Resource Center
prearesourcecenter.org

CA Advancing PREA: Resources for California Advocates

CALIFORNIA ADVANCING PREA: RESOURCES FOR CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES

The below resources were developed by Just Detention International and ValorUS to support California advocates.

Training Your Advocates to Work with Incarcerated Survivors



This webinar introduces a PowerPoint presentation and facilitators guide to RCC staff who will train volunteers and advocates at their agency about how to best serve survivors of sexual abuse and sexual harassment who are incarcerated.

<https://justdetention.org/california-advancing-prea-resources-for-california-advocates/>

The ValorUS Hub

The Hub is a repository of resources, web conferences, courses, and newsletters for all staff within California's Rape Crisis Centers and community partners.

Here is how you can get started:

- Step 1: Go to The Hub (www.Valor.US/hub)
- Step 2: Create Your Login/Profile
- Step 3: Explore!
- Our ValorUS Team will approve you
- If you have credentials from the previous version of the HUB, your same HUB credentials will work. Just mind the new URL.
- You can also find the hub by scrolling to the bottom of the Valor.US landing page!

