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Exploring Common Challenges:

A Scenario Based Discussion
for PREA Advocates

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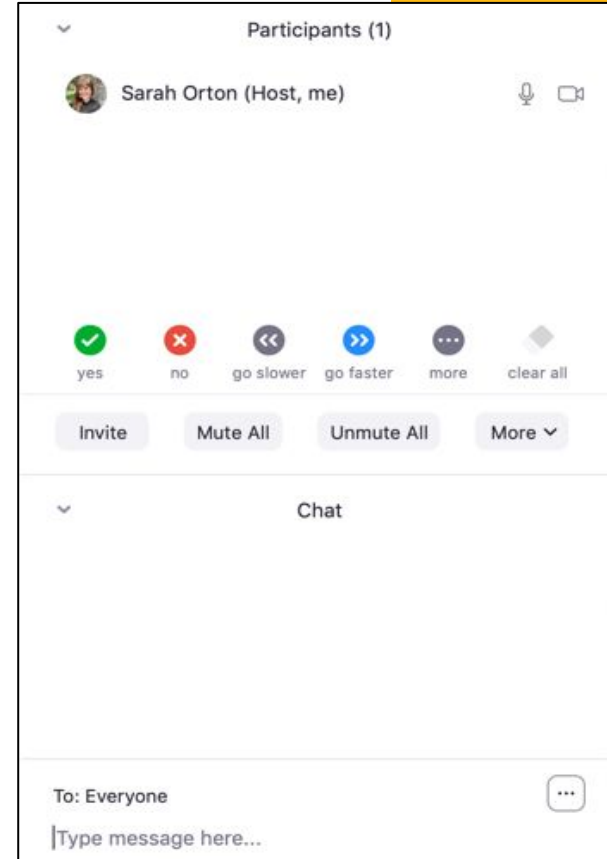
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ValorUS' Mission

ValorUS is committed to preventing and ending sexual violence by advancing equity and eradicating oppression.



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



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JDI's Mission

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



JDI's Core Principle

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



Session Objectives



- Explore common challenges experienced by advocates supporting incarcerated survivors
- Identify strategies and skills to respond to detention-based advocacy challenges
- Build confidence around institutional advocacy in detention settings

Group Agreements



- Honor your needs
- Make space, take space
- Speak from your own experience: Use “I” statements
- Create a space for multiple truths
- Recognize comfort vs safety
- Honor the process: Change takes time, trust the unfolding.
- Practice confidentiality: What is said here, stays here.

Strategic Thinking & Building Foundational Knowledge



Things to consider

- Which PREA Standards support my advocacy?
- What other statutes or policies support my advocacy?
- What foundational knowledge from the field supports my advocacy?

Challenges

1. What is challenging about this experience for the survivor and the advocate?
2. What biases, limitations, or goals could be at play here for all parties involved?

Response

1. What steps would you take to address this challenge at the moment?
2. What steps (if any) would you take at a later time?

Resources

1. Who and what resources might you need to be involved to support you?

Timeline

- Scenario 1 - with the larger group
- Scenario 2 - break out session
- Scenario 3 - break out session
- Close

Common Scenarios



Scenario 1:

Forensic Exam



Scenario 1:

You are accompanying a survivor during a forensic exam. One of the officers agrees to wait in the hallway, while another takes their post a few feet away from the survivor. You provide a blanket to the survivor and begin to introduce yourself. You give your name, pronouns, and the name of your agency. The survivor greets you and says “Thanks for the blanket. My name is Jay, I use he/him pronouns.” The officer snorts and says “He’s already lying to you. This is the famous inmate Josh Marcus. You probably heard all about him in the news.”

Scenario 1 (cont'd):

The officer agrees to allow you to have an uninterrupted conversation, and the forensic nurse begins the exam as you sit at Jay's shoulder. Jay tells you that two days ago he was forced to eat some food by fellow prisoners, which was spiked with a sedative. While drugged, he was assaulted multiple times by a fellow prisoner who had previously threatened him. Following the assault, the perpetrator forced him to shower. He does not feel safe giving the names of the people who assaulted him, but states that both are gang members. The forensic nurse interrupts to demand that Jay disclose the names of the perpetrators, saying that Jay "has to" tell her.

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Resources

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Scenario 2:

Institutional Advocacy

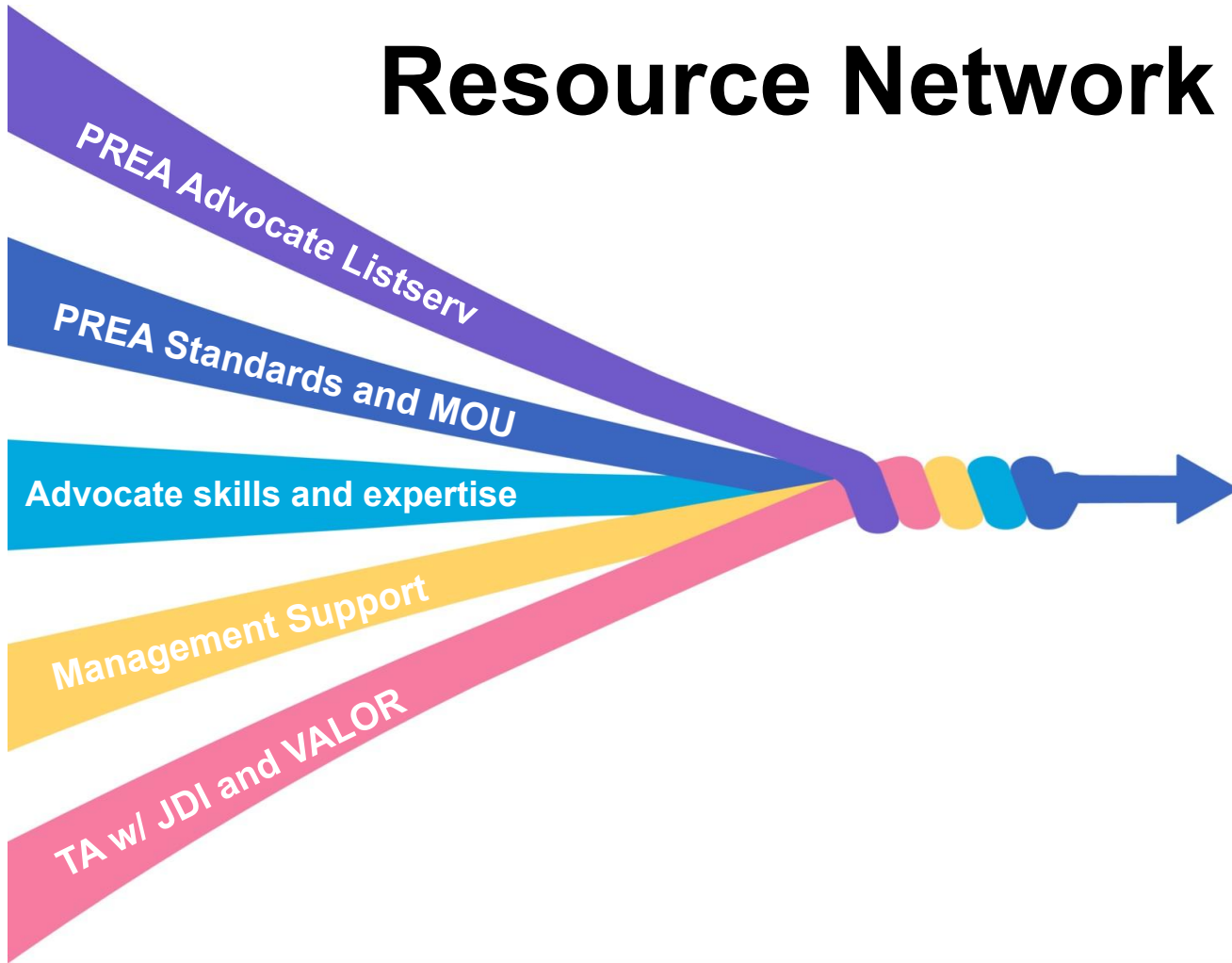


Scenario 3:

Justice for Survivors



Resource Network



Additional Resources

- ValorUS
 - valor.us
- Just Detention International
 - justdetention.org
- 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.

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