

# California Advancing PREA Orientation and Panel for Advocates and Leaders

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# Introductions



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# Introduce yourself in the chat

- Name
- Pronouns
- Role
- Organization Name



# ValorUS' Mission

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

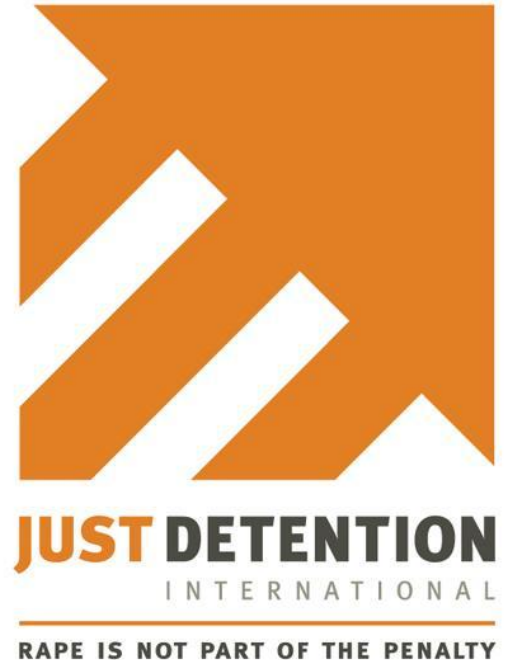
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Advancing Equity. Ending Sexual Violence.

Formerly **CALCASA**

# 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.



# CA Advancing PREA Overview

VALOR and JDI offer support and guidance to all CA rape crisis centers on how to:

- Build strong relationships with California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (CDCR) staff
- Create sustainable agreements and protocols for the provision of victim services to survivors.



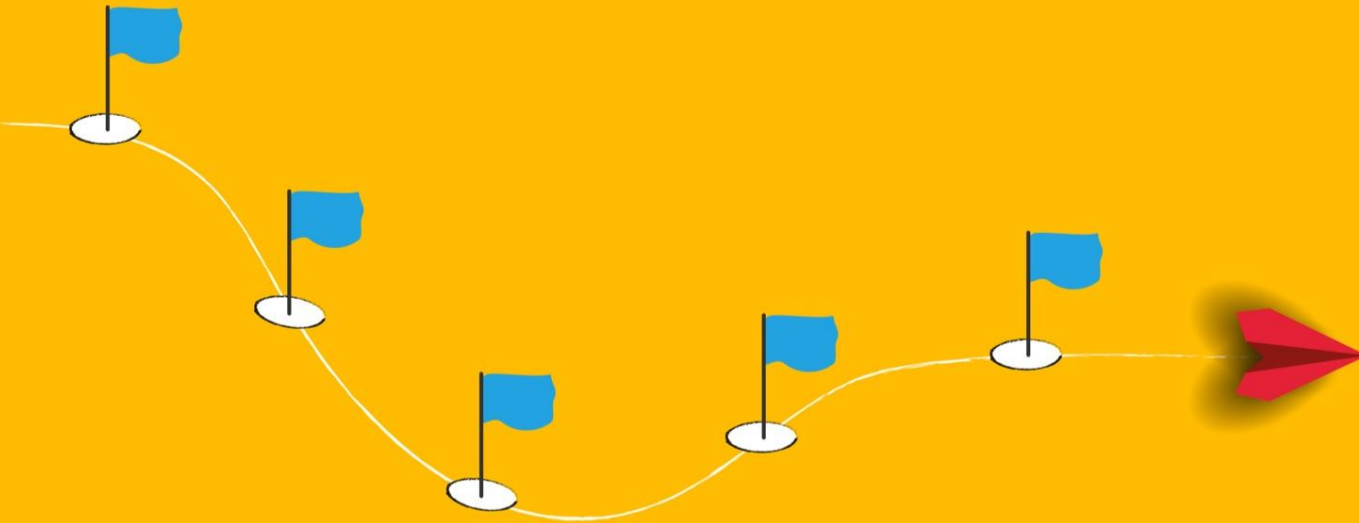
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# Objectives

- Highlight training and technical assistance resources and opportunities available to advocates and leaders supporting incarcerated survivors
- Introduce an approach to developing long-term goals for supporting incarcerated survivors
- Highlight leadership practices that create comprehensive programming for incarcerated survivors



# History and Goals of the California Advancing Project



# Project Goals

- Help advocates and prison staff understand each other's roles and culture
- Build capacity of rape crisis centers and prisons to provide trauma-informed services to survivors
- Develop a program of services for survivors that is sustainable

# History of Cultural Change in the Field

- When this project started, there was no hotline/letter access, no MOUs
- Early on, there was hesitance from advocates to work with incarcerated survivors
- PREA has created a structure for rape crisis agencies to work together with corrections partners
- Getting the confidentiality language in MOUs required a lot of back and forth

# Working With CDCR Headquarters

- Renewing and ensuring MOUs are put into practice.
- Monitoring confidential hotline calls and letter correspondence
- Ensuring posters are up to date and available in CDCR
- Monitoring relationships between RCCs and CDCR local staff (advocates and PCMs)

# Barriers to Access - Reporting Form

**Purpose:** Advocates at CA RCCs should use this form to alert JDI and ValorUS to concerns regarding incarcerated survivors' access to confidential victim services. Please let us know if you become aware of instances in which:

- 1) incarcerated survivors are unable to access your services
- 2) facilities are not treating your services confidentially, or
- 3) incarcerated survivors may be experiencing retaliation and/or harassment in connection with accessing your services or making a PREA report.

# Free and Confidential Calls



## HELP IS AVAILABLE


Sure Helpline Crisis Center



We're just a phone call away!

**Sure Helpline Crisis Center**

210 Wake Avenue, Suite B  
El Centro, CA 92243

 (760) 352-7873

### YOU HAVE ACCESS TO TOLL FREE CONFIDENTIAL CALLS

If you would like to speak with someone about any incidents of sexual violence, or if someone you know has been impacted by an act of sexual violence, you may contact outside victim advocates for emotional support services.

Centinella State Prison has contracted with Sure Helpline Crisis Center to provide "Confidential" emotional support services to any inmate who has been a victim of sexual assault or abuse during or before incarceration.

You may also contact Sure Helpline Crisis Center in writing in accordance with 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 115, Standard 115.21 (e) of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards.

Sure Helpline Crisis Center will:

1. Maintain privileged confidential communication (per CA EVID. CODE 1035.4) as required by state and federal laws for Sexual Assault Counselors.
2. Provide ongoing Emotional Support Services related to Sexual Violence upon request.

To request support or for further information, please contact:



**CONFIDENTIAL** Written Correspondence  
Sure Helpline Crisis Center  
210 Wake Avenue, Suite B  
El Centro, CA 92243

*\*Outside of envelope must state:*  
**EVID. CODE 1035.4 PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION**



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### USTED TIENE ACCESO A LLAMADAS CONFIDENCIALES GRATUITAS

Si quiere hablar con alguien sobre cualquier incidente de violencia sexual, o si alguien que usted conoce ha sido afectado por un acto de violencia sexual, puede contactar a consejeros de víctimas para servicios de apoyo emocional.

Centinella State Prison esta contratada con Sure Helpline Crisis Center para proporcionar servicios "Confidenciales" de apoyo emocional a cualquier recluso que haya sido víctima de asalto sexual o abuso durante o antes del encarcelamiento.

También puede contactar a Sure Helpline Crisis Center por escrito de acuerdo con el Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 115, Standard 115.21 (e) de los Estándares de la ley "Eliminación de Violaciones Sexuales en la Prisión" o Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Sure Helpline Crisis Center puede:

1. Mantener una comunicación confidencial privilegiada (según CA EVID. CODE 1035.4) como lo exigen las leyes estatales y federales para los consejeros de asalto sexual.
2. Solicitar servicios continuos de Apoyo Emocional Relacionados con Violencia Sexual.

Para solicitar asistencia o para obtener más información, contacte:



**Correspondencia Escrita CONFIDENTIAL**  
Sure Helpline Crisis Center  
210 Wake Avenue, Suite B  
El Centro, CA 92243

*\*El sobre debe indicar:*  
**EVID. CODE 1035.4 PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION**

# Confidentiality at CDCR

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CDCR

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Evid. Code 1035.4

Privileged Communication

# Information Collection

- Survivor's name
- CDCR / Identification number
- Facility name
- Verbal consent for follow up via mail, if appropriate

**WELLNESS CENTER  
COUNSELING INTAKE FORM**

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Education Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ (email): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Counseling History**

Have you had previous counseling: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for this appointment request today: \_\_\_\_\_

List any concerns you have: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently taking any medications: What: \_\_\_\_\_ Why: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever thought about, or attempted suicide: \_\_\_\_\_



# How VALOR/JDI Can Support Advocates



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## Technical Assistance

- Problem-solving issues with facilities
- Guidance on safety planning with survivors
- MOU development, renewal, negotiation
- Material development and feedback
- Project strategy and communication
- Organizational structure and support
- Provide historical context on the Adv. PREA project
- Support with preparation of site visits and meetings with correctional staff
- Co-facilitating meetings with correctional staff

## Training

- Training for RCC staff and volunteers
- Web conferences and office hours

## Coalition Building

- Building connections with advocates (ie. PREA Advocate Monthly Meetings)
- Coalition building with organizations serving and organizing with people impacted by the system
- Emotional support for advocates and leaders

# Guide to Supporting Incarcerated Survivors at RCCs: Checklist

- This checklist can help identify gaps in an RCC's incarcerated survivor / PREA program.
- Advocates can share the checklist with their supervisors to share their progress and areas where they may need support.
- The checklist can also serve as a needs assessment for TA providers and guide the TA that JDI/VALOR provides

GUIDE TO SUPPORTING INCARCERATED SURVIVORS AT RCCS: CHECKLIST				
Agency name:		Advocate name:		Review Date:
Facility name(s):				
GOAL	ACTIVITY	COMPLETED	IN-PROGRESS	COMMENTS/CHANGES
BUILD RCC CAPACITY	<b>Institutionalize your program</b> Make updates around PREA's standing agenda item for staff meetings and client case reviews. Learn more about this <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Participate in training and technical assistance</b> Attend VALOR/JDI webinars and materials. Ask us about our newsletter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Train staff and volunteers</b> Update staff and volunteer training to integrate supporting incarcerated survivors. <a href="#">Here's</a> an example of how to update your training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Adapt materials and internal documents</b> Modify healing materials/worksheets to work for incarcerated survivors. Adapt ROI ( <a href="#">release of information</a> ), service agreements, intake forms to be inclusive of incarcerated survivors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Connect with the incarcerated community</b> Connect with formerly incarcerated people and organizations led by formerly incarcerated people to inform your programs and services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS W/ FACILITY STAFF AND INCARCERATED POPULATION	<b>Consistent Meetings</b> Establish regular meetings with facility staff to discuss patterns of abuse, access issues, and to ensure all services are being treated as confidential, including the phone lines and letter writing program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>SART (Sexual Assault Response Team)</b> Invite key facility staff to relevant local SART events and meetings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Memoranda of Understanding</b> Ensure that facility staff contact lists are up to date on your (Memoranda of Understanding) MOU and that confidentiality is written into the MOU. See example <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Connect with Incarcerated Folks</b> Meet with IAC (inmate advisory council) to learn from and receive feedback from incarcerated people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Cross-Training</b> Develop materials and presentations to cross-train facility staff. See example <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Multidisciplinary Collaboration</b> Collaborate with a cross section of facility staff (Mental Health, Chaplains, Community Resource Manager and Classification) on a referral process to expedite your RCC's services to people that disclose prior or current sexual assault and/or harassment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Guide to Supporting Incarcerated Survivors at RCCs: Checklist

# Onboarding Resources for Advocates Supporting Incarcerated Survivors

- These resources cover the following topics:
  - service provision
  - maintaining partnerships with corrections,
  - inreach/outreach to incarcerated survivors
  - building a rape crisis center's capacity to serve incarcerated survivors.
- We encourage advocates to share these resources with their team.



The screenshot shows the VALORUS website header with navigation links: ABOUT, RESOURCES, MEDIA, GET HELP, JOIN US, and ENGLISH. The main heading is "Onboarding Resources for Advocates Supporting Incarcerated Survivors". Below the heading is a date and author: "November 28, 2023 | Marsela Rojas-Salas". The text describes the page as a live document resource list for advocates and rape crisis centers. It lists several resources:

- Focus: Provide consistent and reliable services and support to incarcerated survivors**
- [Receiving Phone Calls from Incarcerated Survivors](#) (webinar)
- [I Carry Your Words With Me: Meaningful Written Correspondence for Incarcerated Survivors](#) (webinar)
- [Privileged Correspondence Labels CA Evid. 1035.4 – Print on Avery 5160](#) (only use with facilities which treat mail as confidential)
- [CA Advancing PREA Office Hours: Letter Writing Workshop](#) (webinar)
- [Letter Correspondence with Incarcerated Survivors](#) (handouts)

# Panel Discussion on Leadership Support



# Introductions



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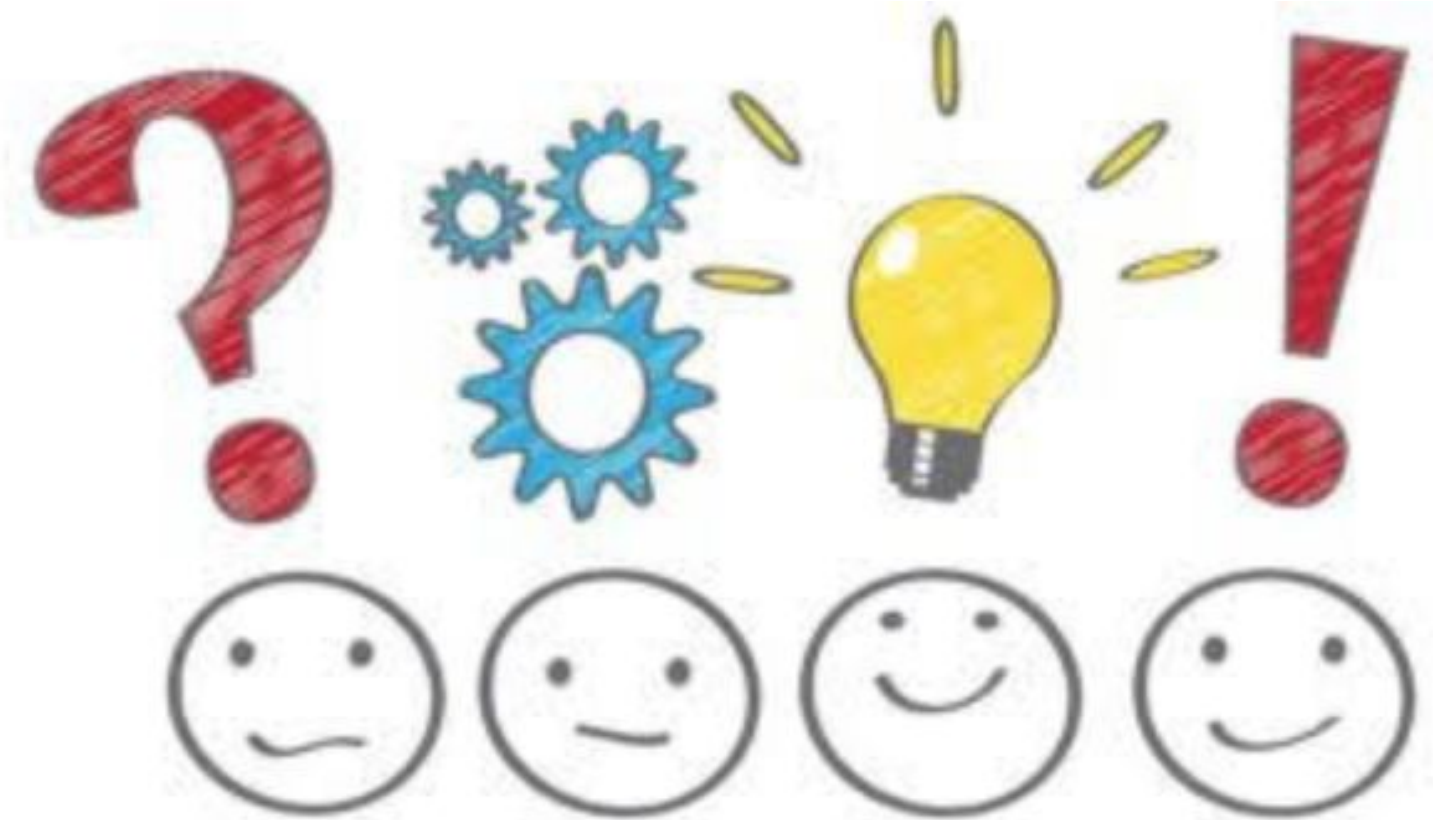
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PREVAIL



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# Questions?



# Action Items

- Reach out for training and technical assistance
- Review the check-list and other resources
- Set goals for your team
- Connect with your leadership team and partners
- Submit barriers to to access form, if applicable



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