

NATIONAL PREA RESOURCE CENTER

National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Resource Center

About The PREA Resource Center

The mission of the PREA Resource Center (PRC) is to assist state, local, and tribal confinement facilities nationwide in their efforts to eliminate sexual abuse by increasing their capacity for prevention, detection, and responses to incidents of sexual abuse including services to victims and their families.

The PRC is managed through a cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) within the Department of Justice and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and serves as a central repository for the best research in the field on trends, prevention, and response strategies, and best practices in corrections.

Technical assistance and resources are available through the PRC's coordinated efforts with its federal partners, and the PRC will take the lead in helping the corrections field to implement the Department of Justice's national PREA standards.

Website: www.prearesourcecenter.org

The website includes an extensive searchable library, information about the standards including frequently asked questions, archived webinars, and information about training and technical assistance (TTA) opportunities.



PRC's Juvenile PREA Coordinators' Conference (June 2012)

Training and Technical Assistance Strategies

1. Field-Initiated TTA: Customized responses to individual TTA requests

2. Targeted TTA: Webinars, regional trainings, conference presentations, and publications. Current training areas include:
 - Policy Review and Development
 - Investigations
 - Staff Training
 - Inmate Education
 - Human Resources
 - Victim Services
 - Gender-Responsive Strategies
 - Prosecution
3. PREA in Action: Webinar and documents highlighting implementation case studies
4. BJA Demonstration Sites: Implementation coaching for 30 BJA grantees funded through the BJA PREA Demonstration Projects to Establish “Zero” Tolerance Cultures for Sexual Assault Program

Collective and Collaborative Partnerships

The Resource Center represents a unique collaborative partnership with a wide array of national stakeholder organizations representing federal, state, local and tribal corrections field, adult prisons and jails, juvenile detention, community corrections, tribal facilities, lockups, and victim advocacy groups. Current TTA providers include:

- AEquitas
- American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)
- American University Washington College of Law’s Project on Addressing Prison Rape
- Center for Innovative Public Policies (CIPP)
- Just Detention International (JDI)
- The Moss Group
- National Commission on Correctional Healthcare
- Vera Institute of Justice

In addition to these stakeholders, the PRC partners with federal agencies that include BJA, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). These collaborations continue to ensure that both adult and juvenile PREA efforts are supported and that victim services are incorporated into comprehensive responses.

PRC Audit Tasks

- Assisting the department in development of audit instrument
- Developing online auditor training and auditor application process
- Established partnerships for audit work and activities:
 - » Abt Associates, Inc.
 - » American Correctional Association (ACA)
 - » National Commission on Correctional Healthcare

PRC Subgrant Resources

The PRC expects to be able to provide financial resources to locally operated facilities in their efforts to address sexual assault in confinement. Details are forthcoming on the PRC website.

Contact Us

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