

Before You Begin...

Incarcerated Persons and Corrections Staff Presentations on PREA & Victim Advocacy

The intent of this presentation is to provide a starting place or a template for your program when responding to requests, typically from corrections agencies, for presentations for staff or incarcerated people about advocacy services. We have included the key points and best practice approaches to discussing the topic and expect you may customize some aspects of the slides to meet your community's needs, experiences, and resources.

- A PowerPoint presentation:
 - The information in this presentation should be helpful for audiences of incarcerated people and audiences of corrections staff.
 - Please feel free to remove slides that you think are not relevant for a particular group you are training.
- The slides contain detailed talking points for the trainer. Please use the "Notes Page" view in Power Point to review and adjust these points as needed prior to presenting.

Philosophy of this Presentation:

The concept of advocacy may be a new one for corrections staff and for incarcerated people. Most likely, they have not worked with your program before.

The key messages in this presentation are designed to help the audience understand:

- What community based advocacy is.
- What to expect from working with an advocate.
- What activities are outside the role of an advocate.
- What the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) says about access to advocacy services.
- How advocacy services provided to incarcerated people can be as confidential as possible.

Trainer Notes:

- These slides have minimal formatting so that you can drop them into an existing presentation or format to match other presentations your agency has developed.
- There are trainer notes for every slide. Both new and experienced trainers can benefit from reading through everything beforehand.
- Take time to read the background resources and visit the websites we suggest before you deliver the presentation.

- Feel free to adapt the language to your audience.
 - Depending on the age and community you're working with, you might know already that some words should be different. Please feel free to change them in the slides ahead of time, or just use the more tailored words in your verbal presentation.
- Be thoughtful about all the different identities and backgrounds of the incarcerated people you are talking to or about.
 - Don't assume that anyone is straight or that the gender you think you see is how they identify. Use inclusive language so that the audience knows it is okay to be LGBTQI.
 - When presenting to corrections staff, you have the opportunity to model inclusive and respectful language.

Trainer Resources:

- The Basics About Sexual Abuse in U.S. Detention: <http://justdetention.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/FS-The-Basics-About-Sexual-Abuse-in-U.S.-Detention.pdf>
 - It is highly recommended that trainers take the time to review this resource from Just Detention International, so that they have an understanding of the context of providing advocacy to incarcerated survivors.
- The Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards: An Overview for Community Service Providers: <http://justdetention.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/FS-The-Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act-Standards-An-Overview-For-Community-Service-Providers.pdf>
 - This resource from Just Detention International will provide trainers with background information about the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). This is helpful for understanding how the PREA victim services standards fit in with other requirements. Showing an understanding of the law can also help establish credibility when presenting to corrections staff.
- Working with Correctional Facilities: Advocacy for Incarcerated Survivors: <http://www.wcsap.org/working-correctional-facilities-advocacy-incarcerated-survivors>
 - This resource was developed by WCSAP in response to community based sexual assault program advocates' questions about providing services to incarcerated survivors. It is recommended that trainers be familiar with content in the "Confidentiality with Incarcerated and Detained Survivors" section prior to providing this presentation.

Handouts:

- These resources are all available for download from the WCSAP website. Community based sexual assault programs and correctional facilities in Washington State may also contact WCSAP to request hard copies.
- Prison Rape Elimination Act Victim Services Standards
 - This resource was developed by WCSAP to provide community based sexual assault program advocates with an easy reference to the PREA standards that relate to victim services. They can also be passed out to correctional facilities to help them understand their obligations, and to incarcerated survivors to help them understand their rights. It is available in English and Spanish.
 - <http://www.wcsap.org/prison-rape-elimination-act-resources>
- What is Community Based Advocacy? Help for Sexual Assault Survivors
 - **Corrections Staff Version:** This publication is for use by community sexual assault programs in their work partnering with corrections facilities. It explains what the role of an advocate is, and provides examples of specific services an advocate might provide to an incarcerated survivor.
 - <http://www.wcsap.org/what-community-based-advocacy-resource-corrections-professionals>
 - **Incarcerated Persons Version:** The audience for this bilingual (Spanish/English) brochure is people in incarceration or detention who have experienced sexual assault, either during their incarceration or in the community. It was developed to help survivors understand the role of an advocate, and how connecting with an advocate can help them. For advocates working with correctional facilities, this brochure is designed without staples, and can be distributed to correctional facilities for placement in their libraries, medical or mental health areas, or other places in a facility that survivors may go for help. There is space on the back for an advocacy program to place its own contact information.
 - <http://www.wcsap.org/what-community-based-advocacy-resource-incarcerated-survivors-sexual-assault>

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