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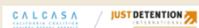
Expanding the Movement: Incarcerated Male Survivors

Web Conference
Tuesday, March 20, 2018

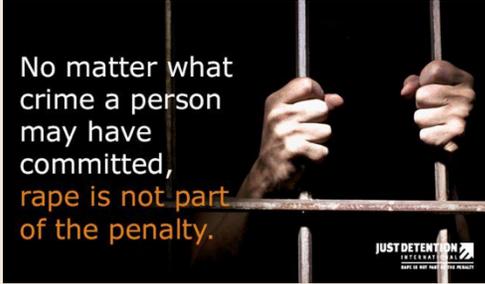


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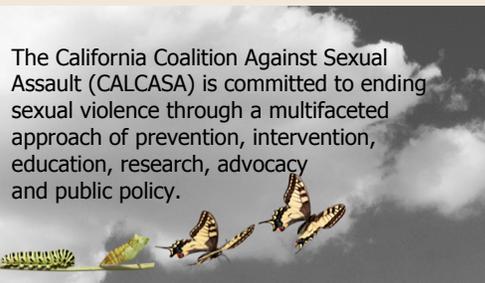
Just Detention International is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual violence in all forms of detention.



JDI's Core Belief



CALCASA's Mission



CA Advancing PREA Overview

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

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



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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

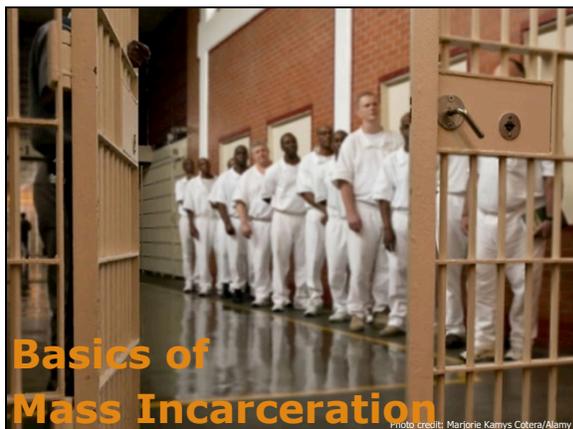




Agenda

- I. Basics of Mass Incarceration
- II. Male Victims of Sexual Assault in Detention
- III. Peer Leaders' Perspective
- IV. Expanding the Movement
- V. Resources/Questions





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AND 70,000 YOUTH
are incarcerated in U.S. prisons,
jails, and youth detention facilities**

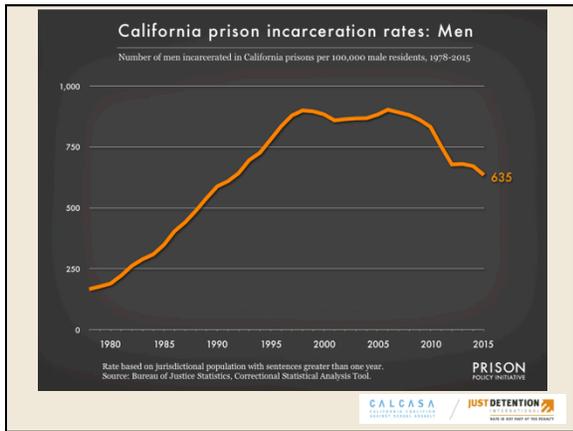
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

**Video: Mass Incarceration,
Visualized**

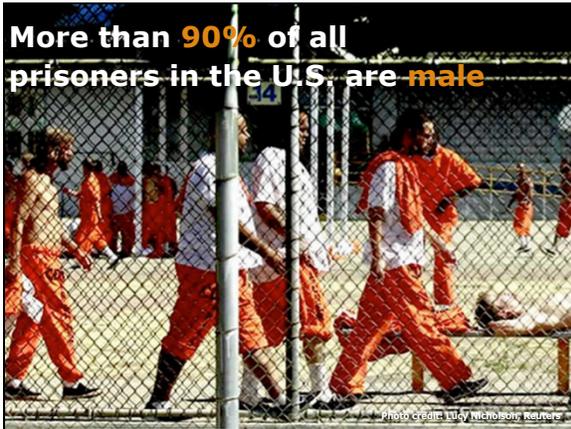
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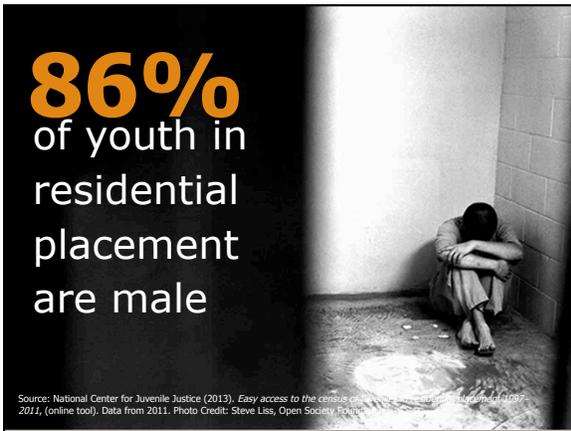
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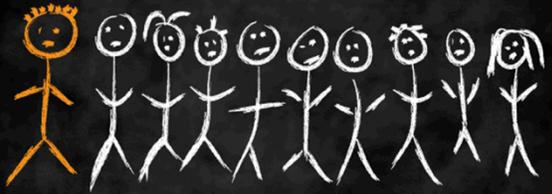








1 IN 10 MALES IN JUVENILE FACILITIES REPORTED BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED WHILE IN DETENTION



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2002 (June 2013). © Just Detention International.

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“Being attacked and not receiving support from the adults in charge turned my world upside down. I take that with me wherever I go.”

— Troy Erik Isaac, prisoner rape survivor

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Which male prisoners are most at risk?



Photo Credit: USA/ Michalbach Reuters

Which male prisoners are most at risk?

- Gay/bisexual inmates
- Inmates with mental illness
- Survivors of previous trauma
- First-Timers
- Younger inmates
- Those smaller in stature
- Those in the minority
- Those with a physical disability



Pedro's Story



In the middle of the night, while I was sleeping, my cellmate raped me. I woke up not realizing what was going on. I had what seemed like a million thoughts running through my mind.

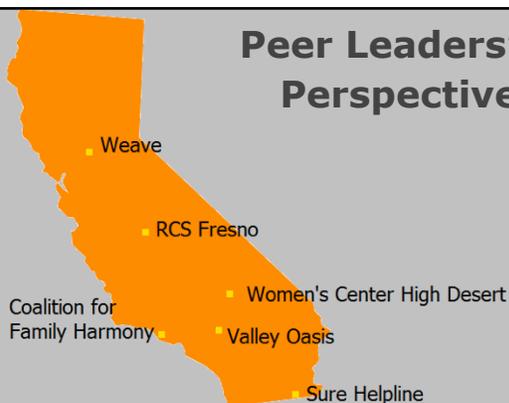
Should I scream for help...? Even though I had all these different thoughts, I didn't do anything,

I just froze. My body began to shake uncontrollably. I felt disgusted with myself for just lying there.

I felt like an object, not a human being.



Peer Leaders' Perspective



WEAVE

- **Differences between working with incarcerated men vs men in the community**

- Afraid to report
- Isolation/lack of support system
- Lack of resources

- **Challenges and needs**

- Limited/no access
- Celebrate every success



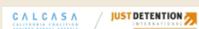
WEAVE Cont.

- **What have you learned about working with incarcerated survivors?**

- Consistency and consideration are key
- Asking questions is important

- **Things to consider when doing this work**

- Remember the risks of seeking support in detention
- Check in
- Empower



Coalition for Family Harmony

- **Differences between working with incarcerated men vs men in the community**

- Lack of resources
- Difficulty focusing on constructive activities



- **Challenges and needs**

- Men not wanting to identify as "victim"
- Traumatic bonding
- Focus on small goals



Coalition for Family Harmony Cont.

• **What have you learned about working with male survivors?**

- Men may struggle with identifying as a "victim"
- Stereotypes and myths exist about male sexuality and masculinity



• **Things to consider when doing this work**

- Refer to social services (e.g. HUD, EDD)
- Be familiar with support groups for survivors who are men



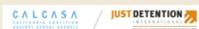
RCS Fresno

• **Differences between working with incarcerated men vs men in the community**

- Face greater concerns for their safety
- Have less access to services
- Have restrictions that limit ability to cope
- Have less assurance of confidentiality

• **Challenges**

- Communication with CDCR
- Completion of follow-up services



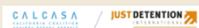
RCS Fresno Cont.

• **What have you learned about working with incarcerated male survivors?**

- Focus on individual and their assault
- Learn their history

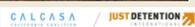
• **Things to consider when doing this work**

- Establish a reliable contact person at the facility
- Take safety precautions
- Learn CDCR protocol
- Respect prison culture
- Focus on service delivery



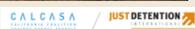
Women's Center High Desert

- **Differences between working with incarcerated men vs men in the community**
 - Have their own belief system and politics
 - Are slower to trust
- **Challenges**
 - Advocate's race/gender can be perceived as barriers
 - Earning trust



Women's Center High Desert Cont.

- **What have you learned about working with incarcerated survivors?**
 - Patience is important
 - Speaking to a female advocate may be difficult
 - Conversation may veer off-topic
- **Things to consider when doing this work**
 - Validate the survivor
 - Don't burn out



Sure Helpline

- **Differences between working with incarcerated men vs men in the community**
 - "Shot Callers" dissuade men from seeking services
 - Men who seek services can face retaliation
- **Challenges**
 - Corrections culture is slow to change
 - Staff fear interruption of their investigatory process



Sure Helpline Cont.

• **What have you learned about working with incarcerated male survivors?**

- o "Victimhood" is taboo
- o Be aware of your own bias
- o Very few choose to report



• **Things to consider when doing this work**

- o Become familiar with corrections culture
- o Remember that rehabilitation is the goal
- o Be clear about your role
- o Demonstrate professionalism



Valley Oasis

• **Differences between working with incarcerated men vs men in the community**

- o Slower to trust
- o Harder to build rapport



• **Challenges and needs**

- o Survivor was skeptical about advocate's role during interview
- o Meet survivor at their level in a consistent, trauma-informed way



Valley Oasis Cont.

• **What have you learned about working with incarcerated male survivors?**

- o Humanize the inmate
- o Be mindful of safety



• **Things to consider when doing this work**

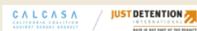
- o Empower the survivor
- o Be aware of your own bias
- o Recognize the challenges
- o Demonstrate compassion





Additional Resources

- Just Detention International
justdetention.org
- California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
calcasa.org
- PREA Resource Center
prearesourcecenter.org



Further Reading and Viewing

- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-Blindness*
by Michelle Alexander
- *Between the World and Me*
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *13th*
a film by Ava DuVernay (Available on Netflix)
- "The War on Drugs is an Epic Fail"
Jay-Z/The New York Times (Available online)



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