

Conversations from the Field: Incarcerated Survivors with Mental Illness

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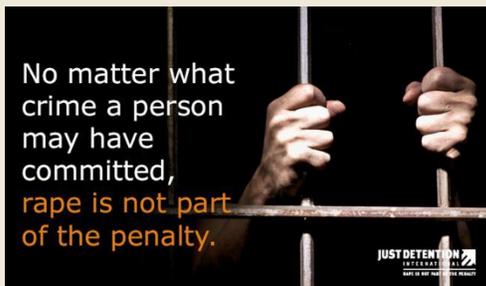


JDI's Mission

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

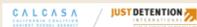


JDI's Core Belief



CALCASA's Mission

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) is committed to ending sexual violence through a multifaceted approach of prevention, intervention, education, research, advocacy and public policy.



CA Advancing PREA Overview

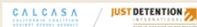
CALCASA and JDI offer support and guidance to all CA rape crisis centers on how to:

- 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.



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

Conversations with two experts - one from corrections, one from a rape crisis center - discussing their experiences in supporting incarcerated survivors with mental illness.



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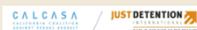


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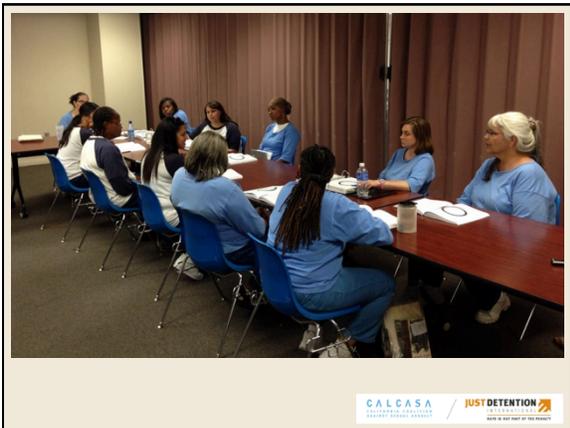


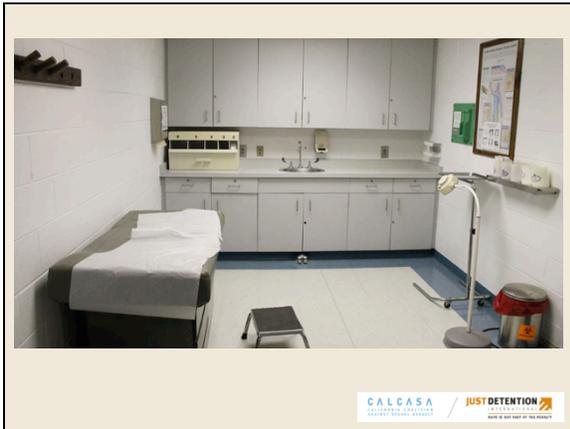
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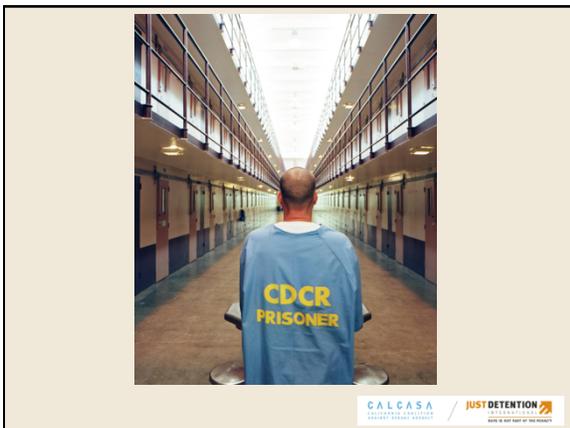




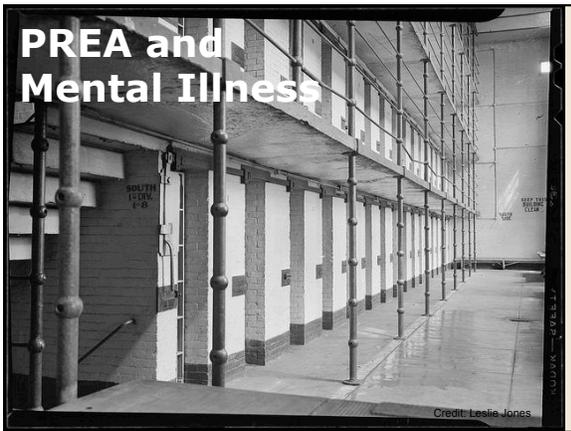
“There’s no therapy for rape victims in prison. The prison system is incompetent to handle the mentally ill, and in fact causes the mental illness that it should be treating.”

— Scott, a survivor of sexual abuse in an Illinois prison









§ 115.35 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

(a) The agency shall ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in:

- (1) How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (2) How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse;
- (3) How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and
- (4) How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

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§115.81 Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse

(a) If the screening pursuant to §115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.



§115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services

(a) Inmate victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgement.



§115.83 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers

- (a) The facility shall offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility.
- (b) The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody.
- (c) The facility shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.



Remember to:

- (a) Understand each other's
 - (i) Roles
 - (ii) Language
- (b) Recognize challenges
- (c) Maintain healthy boundaries
- (d) Understand your capacity
- (e) Collaborate with staff
- (f) Ask questions!



Additional Resources

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



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**For your participation,
we *THANK YOU!!***