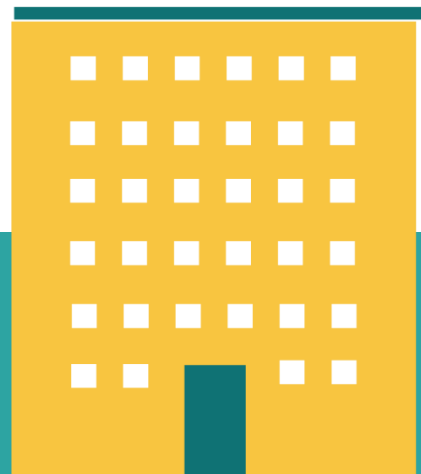


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# Navigating the Path to Harmony: Enhancing Collaboration Between SARTs and Corrections

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# SARTs & Corrections Engagement

# Why should you consider adding corrections to your SART?

- Comprehensive Expertise
- Improved coordination
- Enhanced Victim/survivor support
- Increased accountability
- Policy development



# Why should corrections join a community SART?

- Comprehensive expertise
- Improved coordinator
- Cross-agency collaboration
- Staff & incarcerated person safety
- Victim/survivor centered approach
- Reducing liability & legal risks
- Compliance with standards



# What is PREA?

- Prison Rape Elimination Act
  - Passed in 2003
  - Federal law
  - States may have variation
- Purpose
  - Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Violence
  - Eliminate sexual abuse in corrections and law enforcement facilities
  - Increase accountability
  - Provide the same level of care to survivors in confinement as survivors in the community

# Relevant PREA Standards

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Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

- Access to an advocate and a forensic medical exam without cost

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Access to outside confidential support services

- Attempt to enter into a written agreement with community service providers

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Coordinated response

- What is the protocol when harm occurs?

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Access to emergency medical and mental health services

- Offered information and access to emergency contraception and STI testing as well as crisis intervention services



# How to get Corrections Involved

# How to Facilitate Corrections Collaboration

- Identify key stakeholders
- Educate corrections staff
- Educate yourself
- Highlight mutual goals
- Acknowledge challenges
- Be receptive to feedback



# How to Move Forward as Partners

- Organize an interagency meeting
- Cross-training
- General training
- Formation of MOU's
- Tours
- Succession planning



# Key Considerations

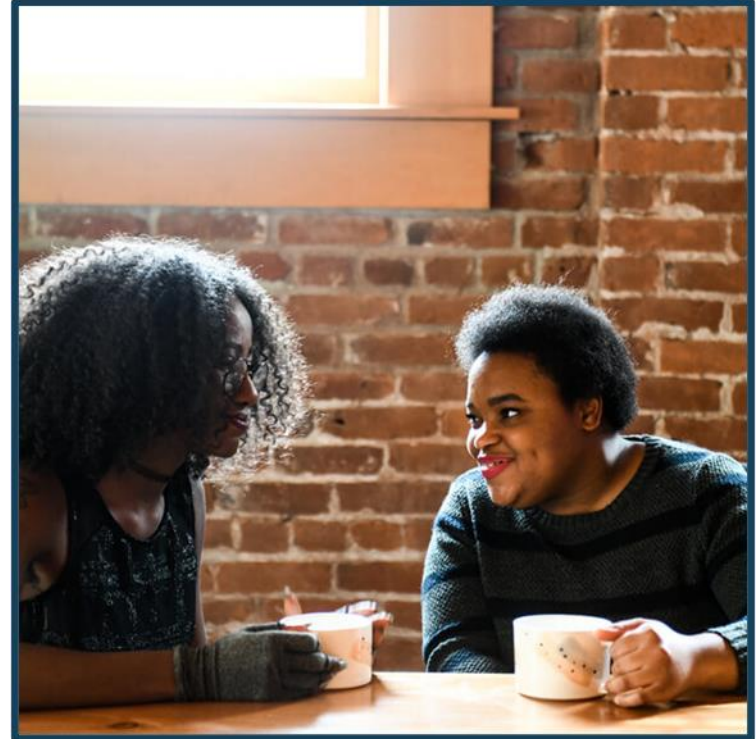
# Working with Victims/Survivors in Custody

- Assess your current knowledge
- Bias
- Cultural sensitivity
- Trauma-informed & empowerment
- Safety planning
- Confidentiality



# Confidentiality

- Mandatory Reporters
- Vulnerable Adults
- Duty to warn



# Professional Context

- Safety & security
- Vicarious trauma
- Systems & values



# Next Steps

Is there corrections by me?

- Jail, state prison, federal prison, private prison, juvenile facility

Who to contact?

- PREA Coordinator, DOC release agent, security officer, case manager, DOC victim services unit, warden, associate warden of operations/administration

What do I say or do?

- Invite them to a meeting, share mission/vision of your SART, highlight shared goals, etc.



# Group Discussion

# Questions

*What challenges do you see moving forward with this collaboration?*

*What do you picture the role of corrections on a SART?*

*What would your pitch be to get corrections to attend a meeting?*



**Questions?**



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