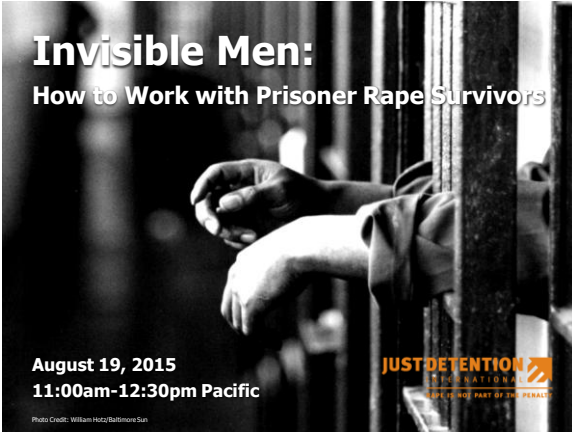


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**JDI's Mission**

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



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## JDI's Core Goals

1. To hold government officials accountable
2. To change public attitudes about sexual violence behind bars
3. To ensure survivors get the help they need



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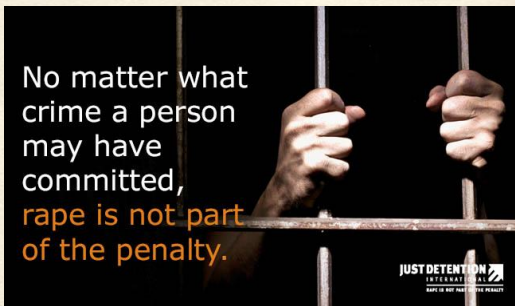
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## JDI's Core Belief



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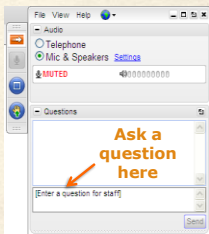
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# Webinar Logistics

- Questions
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- Resources



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# Session Agenda

- I. Terms and Definitions
- II. Demographics, Prevalence and Dynamics
- III. Jeff's Story
- IV. Impact
- V. Types of Services
- VI. Stories from an Advocate



*Adrian, a survivor of sexual abuse in a men's prison*



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# Presenters



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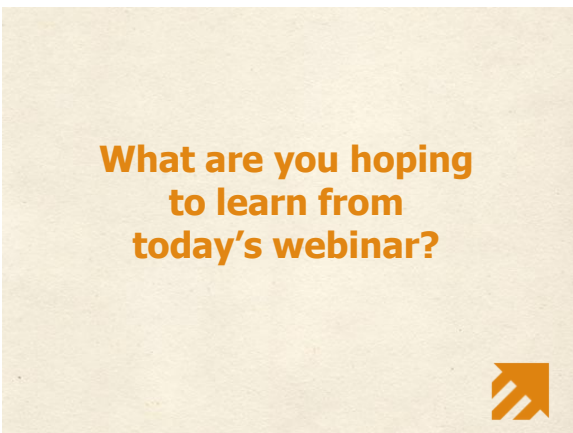
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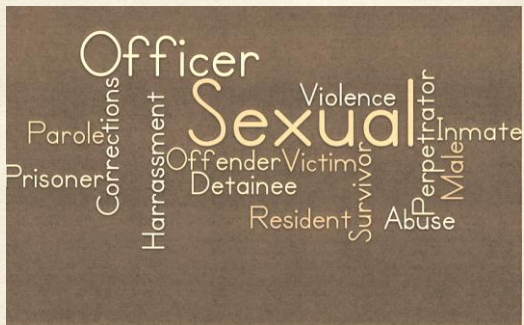
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## Understanding the Language



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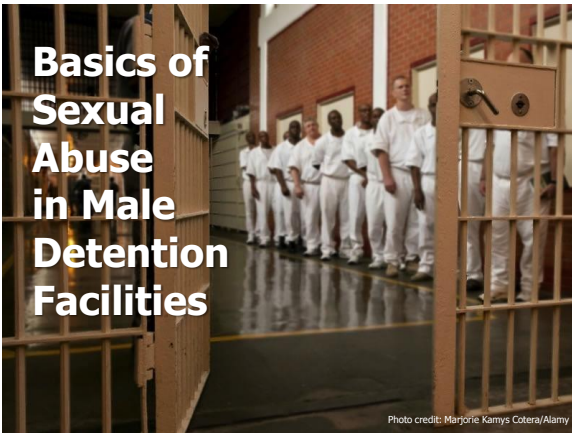
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## Basics of Sexual Abuse in Male Detention Facilities



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**OVER 2.3 MILLION ADULTS  
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

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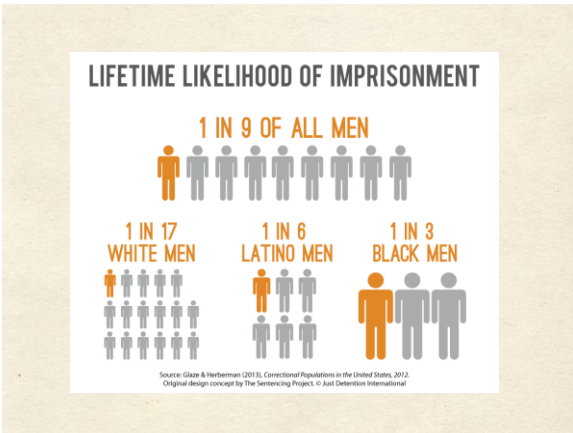
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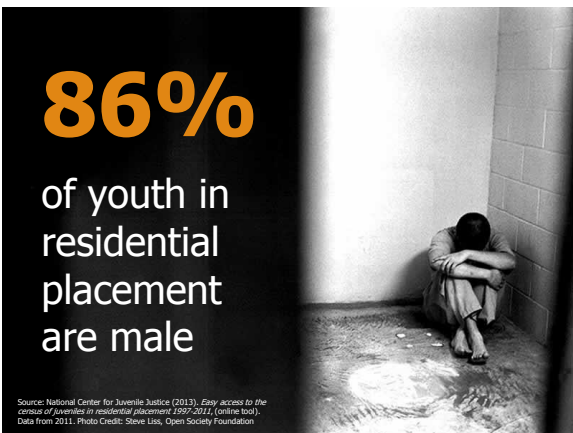
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**1 IN 11** former inmates in men's state prisons reported being sexually abused behind bars

Source: Beck, Berzofsky, Caspar, & Krebs (2013), Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails reported by inmates, 2011-2012. © Just Detention International. (Approximately 11.4% of former inmates of men's state prisons reported one or more incidents of sexual abuse during their most recent period of incarceration.)

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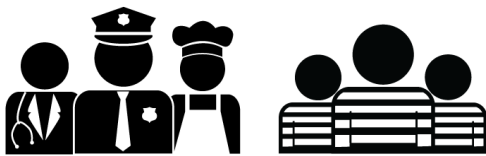
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**STUDY SHOWS NEARLY EQUAL  
RATES OF SEXUAL ABUSE BY  
STAFF AND OTHER INMATES**



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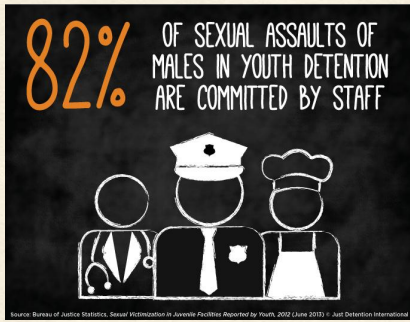
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### Prisoners Most At Risk

- Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender
- Mentally ill
- Survivors of previous trauma
- First-Timers
- Young
- Small in stature
- Minorities
- Physically disabled

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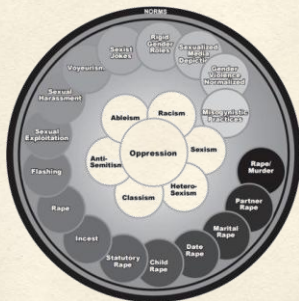
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### Sexual Violence Spectrum




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**What factors do you think influence someone in sharing that they have been victimized?**



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### **Jeff's Story**



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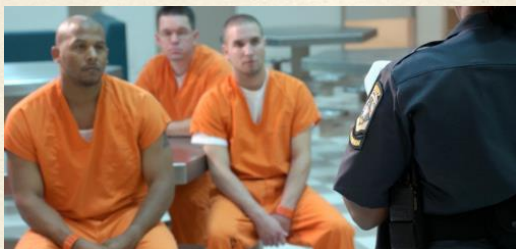
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### **Reframing**



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## Safety



### Question for your organization:

What can our advocates do to assist incarcerated survivors in creating safety?



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## Anger

- Meet people where they are at emotionally
- Know that anger may be the first emotion
- Understand that they may be labeled as troublemakers



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## Fear

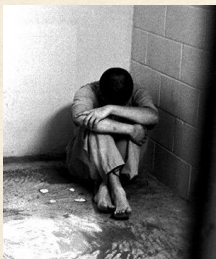


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- Fear is there for a reason
- It may be expressed as fear of another person, a system, or of the future
- Don't brush it off



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## Isolation/Despair

### Question for your organization:

How can we decrease the sense of isolation and despair for incarcerated survivors?



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## Drug Use



There are many different ways that we try to regulate ourselves with "addictions" after sexual violence has taken place.



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## Suicidal Thoughts

### Questions for your organization:

- How do you support incarcerated survivors who have suicidal thoughts?
- What are some resources?



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## Complex Trauma Histories

- History of trauma
- Sexual harassment
- Lack of control in the corrections environment
- Retaliation
- Repeated abuse



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## Ivory's Story

"Often, people think that you deserve whatever happens to you in prison because you have committed a crime. But no one should be sexually assaulted by an officer. Inmates have no power to protect themselves, so we rely on the officers to make it a safe environment."

— Ivory, prisoner rape survivor



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## Relationship to Perpetrator



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## Stories From an Advocate



**Jessica Seipel**

**Prevention Education  
Coordinator & Trauma Counselor**  
Rape Trauma Services, San Mateo  
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## Trace's Story



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## Initial Concerns

- What if this person has a violent past?
- What if he threatens me?
- What if I am threatened by other inmates?
- What if this person is in prison for sexual assault?
- What if he's just mean to me?
- What if this is all a joke?

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## Tips

- Accept that your feelings of fear and nervousness are normal
- Process your feelings beforehand
- Avoid asking about the survivor's crime
- Try to remain non-judgmental, non-blaming, and non-shaming

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## Jose's Story



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## Initial Challenges

- Jose was closed-off and intimidating
- He did not want to talk about the attempted rape



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## Tips

- Meet survivors where they are at
- Understand that “intimidating” behavior is likely a natural trauma response
- Show survivors your commitment
- Be patient
- Find similar interests and build trust

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## Services That Can Be Offered

- Hotlines
- Written Correspondence
- Individual Meetings
- Group Meetings\*
- Medical Advocacy
- Legal Advocacy
- Systems Advocacy



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## Hotlines



- How long will the calls be?
- How confidential is the line and phone area?
- Do you have a plan for off-topic calls?
- Do you know how someone can make a report?



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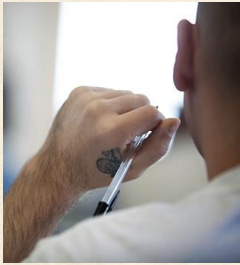
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## Written Correspondence



- Are there limits to confidentiality?
- What can you provide?
- Who on staff will be responding?



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## Individual Meetings



- What is the direction the individual wants to take?
- What is the goal of the meeting?
- What considerations do you need to plan for?
- What communication do you need with the facility?



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## Group Work

Use educational groups to communicate available services



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## Medical Advocacy



### Questions for your organization:

- What is your agency's policy around medical accompaniment?
- Has your agency been trained on medical accompaniment for males?



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## Legal Advocacy

- Does your agency provide legal advocacy through collaboration or referrals?
- What is the role of your legal advocacy?
- What are some of the common needs?



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## Systems Advocacy



- Who are the individuals at your agency that provide this support?
- What are their individual roles?



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**What concerns do you  
have about working with  
this population?**



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Question to Take With You:

**What are ways that we  
can support each other?**



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**Any questions?**



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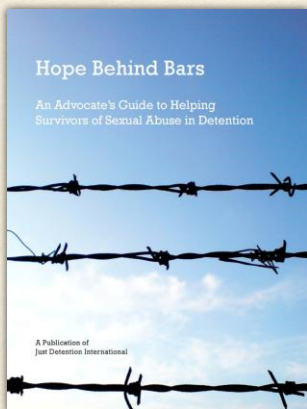
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## Resources

- JDI's Advocate Resources: [justdetention.org/advocate-resources](http://justdetention.org/advocate-resources)
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center: [nsvrc.org](http://nsvrc.org)
- PREA Resource Center: [prearesourcecenter.org](http://prearesourcecenter.org)
- 1 in 6: [1in6.org](http://1in6.org)

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## Resource Guide for Survivors

Add your agency to JDI's  
**Resource Guide for  
Survivors of Sexual  
Abuse Behind Bars:**

[bit.ly/VDap7i](http://bit.ly/VDap7i)




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## Upcoming Webinar

### The World of Corrections (Part 2): Perspectives on Prisoner Culture in Men's Prisons

**Date:** Thursday, September 30, 2015

**Time:** 11am-12:30pm Pacific

**Register:** [bit.ly/1MwEn2M](http://bit.ly/1MwEn2M)



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## For More Information


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