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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.

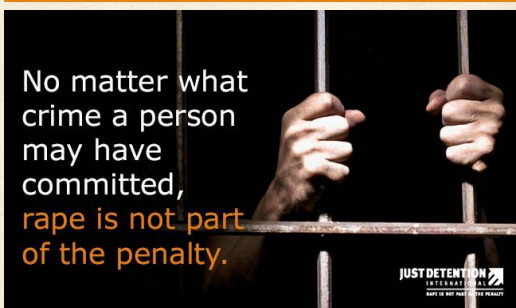


JDI's Core Goals

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



JDI's Core Belief



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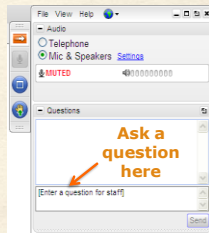
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Webinar Logistics

- Questions
- Archived recording
- Resources



Webinar Agenda

- I. Overview of Men's Prisons
- II. Demographics, Prison Hierarchy, and Language
- III. Gender Roles and Dynamics of Sexual Violence in Men's Prison
- IV. Safety Planning and Barriers to Healing in Prison
- V. How Advocates Can Help



**What are you hoping
to learn from
today's webinar?**

***Submit your answers
in the questions box.***

Overview



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Overview of U.S. Men's Prisons



Photo credit: Sam Hodgson/Bloomberg

Minimum and Medium Security

- For prisoners considered to pose little public risk
- Housing is dormitory-style or cells with multiple prisoners
- Require less supervision
- Work assignments or community projects common



Close Security

- One- or two-person cells
- Prisoners leave cells for work assignments, prison programs, or supervised recreation



Photo: Corrections.com



Maximum Security

- Individual cells
- When out of their cells, prisoners remain in the cellblock or an exterior cage
- Movement is tightly restricted



SuperMax Security

- House those who are considered the most dangerous
- Prisoners spend 23 hours per day in their cells
- Communication with the outside world is extremely limited



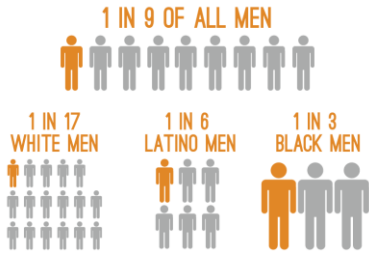
ADX Florence Prison, Colorado



More than 90% of all prisoners in the U.S. are male



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Source: Glaze & Herberman (2013), Correctional Populations in the United States, 2012. Original design concept by The Sentencing Project. © Just Detention International

Prison Hierarchy



"For eighteen months, I was subjected to a system of gang-run sexual slavery. I was an openly gay, first-time offender convicted of nonviolent drug charges — in other words, a target."

— Roderick, Texas



Prison Language/Terms



What are some ways that you've learned prisoner language? What are some of those words?

Please submit your answer in the questions box.



Prison Gangs

- Often responsible for drug, tobacco, or alcohol inside facilities
- Facilities prohibit gangs
- Many prison gangs continue to operate with impunity



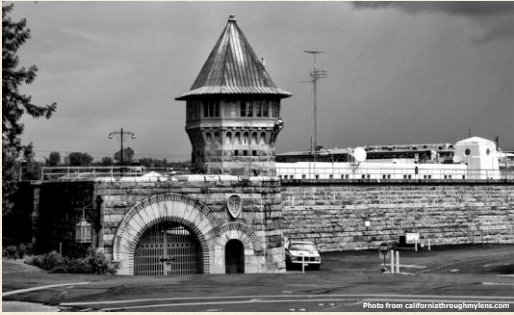
Gender Roles

OUT
OF
BOUNDS



Photo credit: Mark Boster, Los Angeles Times

Howard's Perspective



Prisoner Culture and Sexual Violence



Linda McFarlane
Deputy Executive Director
Just Detention International

**"In the community,
women have to fear being
raped everyday. As men,
we don't have that same
fear until we enter
prison."**

— A Prisoner in New York



Sexuality


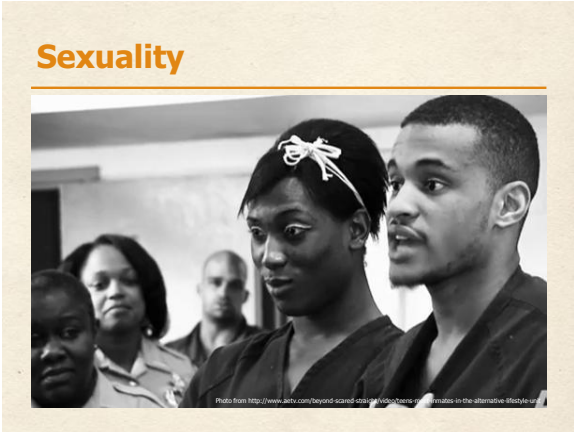


Photo from <http://www.ajcs.com/beyond-scand-osa-010000.htm> illustrates the alternative lifestyle



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Power and Control

A black and white photograph capturing a moment of protest. In the foreground, a person is seen from the chest up, holding a large, hand-drawn sign that reads "RAPE IS NOT ABOUT SEX" in bold, capital letters. The person is wearing a light-colored jacket. The background is blurred, showing a street scene with a car and other figures, indicating a public demonstration or rally.

What do you think are some similarities between prisoner rape culture and rape culture in the community?

Submit your answer in the question box.

Consensual vs. Coerced



Scenario on Consent



José is a 30-year-old first-time prisoner. He is offered protection from a gang member in exchange for sexual favors. José agrees to submit to oral sex with the gang member on a weekly basis.

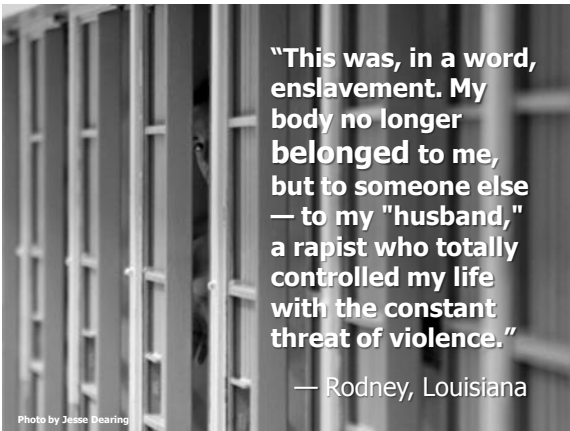
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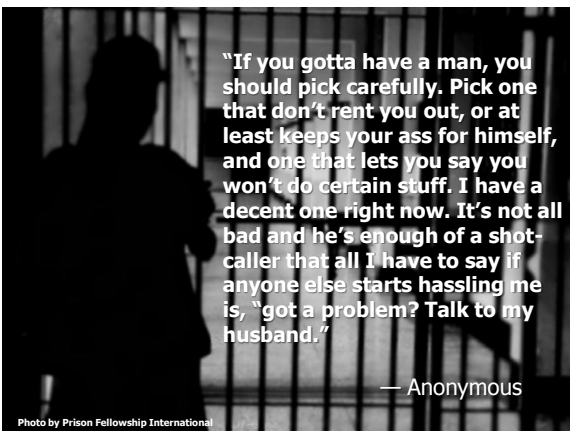
Powerful Prisoner:

- Daddy
- Old man
- Jocker
- Pitcher

Less Powerful Prisoner:

- Punk
- Girl
- Wife
- Kid



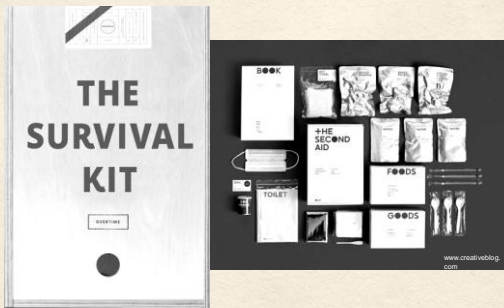




— Rodney, Louisiana



A Prisoner's Safety Plan



The Black Market Economy and Group Affiliation



Desperate Measures/ Cries for Help

- Purposely starting fights
- Resisting authority
- Self-harm
- Flooding cell



**"The only way
I could stay
safe was to
deliberately
disobey the
rules so I could
get away from
my predators."**

— Bryson, Arkansas



Barriers to Healing in Prison



Potential Responses to Abuse

Survivors of sexual abuse in the community are:

3x more likely to suffer from	Depression
6x more likely to suffer from	PTSD
13x more likely to misuse	Alcohol
26x more likely to misuse	Drugs
4x more likely to contemplate	Suicide

Sources: World Health Organization (2002), *World Report on Violence and Health*; Herman, J. (1981), *Trauma and recovery: The aftermath of violence from domestic abuse to political terror* (New York: Basic Books)

Common Barriers

- Lack of privacy and control
- Trauma triggers
- Long sentences
- Isolation
- Victim-blaming

No Privacy

"To make matters worse, I have to get in the shower with the same gang who raped me."

— A transgender woman in an Illinois men's prison



Long Sentences

"I have to live here the rest of my life, to snitch would only make things worse, and the guards would make it a hundred times worse."

— John, Texas



Isolation and Retaliation

"The retaliation that I have suffered by guards and inmates alike for reporting my sexual assaults has been horrible. I have received written death threats, had glass put into my food, and had urine and feces thrown at me. I am now in a cell for 23 hours a day. Despite my desire to leave my cell, I rarely do so because I fear for my life."

— Anonymous, Texas

Fear of Being Blamed

"When I informed my counselor that I was raped and needed counseling, he replied loudly in the main hallway for all to hear that I should suck it up and be a man about it. I felt embarrassed, stupid and humiliated by it all. I blame myself thinking I wasn't good enough and deserved being attacked and hurt."

— Anonymous, California

Providing Hope and Support

- Understand and recognize stereotypes and bias
- Explore options to help prisoners regain a sense of control
- Discuss realistic safety planning options
- Focus on available coping tools



Providing Hope and Support



- Write back
- Make it legal
- Highlight safety
- Remember the small things



Challenges for Advocates

"We had to raise our voices to hear each other, which of course is contrary to a basic principle of counseling."

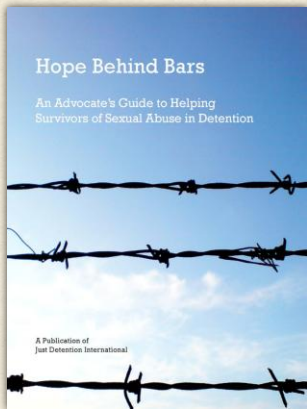
— Karin Stone, Women's Center High Desert



"Mail is your sanity. It's your way of knowing that someone out there still cares about you. It means that someone out there in the free world put my name on a piece of paper and mailed it to me. You get forgotten and start thinking that everyone out there doesn't care if you live or die anymore. Then someone sends you mail and it means they took the time to write you."

— Howard, California





Advocate Resources

- Advocates Manual

- SART Toolkit

- Archived Webinars

- Technical Resources

- Request for Assistance

- PREA Resource

Center:

prearesourcecenter.org



Resource Guide for Survivors

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

bit.ly/VDap7i



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<http://svy.mk/1MC8mWn>

Please also forward it to anyone else who may have
joined you.

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