



1 IN 8: THE REALITY OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN YOUTH DETENTION

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Today's Moderator



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Mission and Core Goals

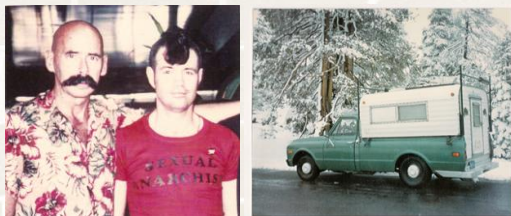
JDI is a nonprofit health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual violence in all forms of detention.

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



History of JDI



On the left, former JDI presidents Tom Cahill and Stephen Donaldson. At right is JDI's first "office," then known as People Organized to Stop the Rape of Incarcerated Persons (POS RIP).



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Webinar Agenda

- I. Overview of Juvenile Justice System
- II. Prison Rape Elimination Act
- III. Prevalence of Sexual Abuse of Youth in Custody
- IV. LGBTQ Youth at Risk
- V. Dynamics of Sexual Abuse
- VI. The Impact on Survivors
- VII. Question and Answer

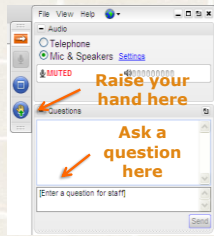


Chino was in an adult prison and was sexually abused by an older inmate when she was 15.



Webinar Logistics

- Use the **question box** to submit requests for help, questions, or comments
- An archive of this webinar will be emailed to you in the next few days
- It will also be posted on the National Sexual Violence Resource Center website:
<http://nsvrc.org/projects/NSDVERP>



Overview: The Juvenile Justice System



Jody Marksamer, Esq.
Juvenile Justice Consultant



Overview: The Juvenile Justice System



Photo: Jim Huddlestone/The Times



Photo: Getty Images

- The difference between adult and juvenile systems
- Range of facilities that detain youth
- Type and size of facilities across the country
- Average lengths of stay



Who Are Youth Behind Bars?

Demographic breakdown

- Race, ethnicity, identity, sex
- Average age and age range



Breakdown of offenses committed

- Status offenses vs. violent crimes
- Girls vs. boys

Mental health and past trauma

- High percentage of youth have mental health needs
- More prevalent among girls



Entrance to the Juvenile System

- Social and Economic Factors
 - Poverty, homelessness, child welfare system



- Targeting by police
 - Over incarceration of youth of color and LGBT youth

- Trauma often plays a role
 - Physical/sexual abuse at home, bullying at school, family rejection, sex-work, and exploitation



Experiences & Needs of Youth Behind Bars

- Detention's impact on youth and families:

- Loss of relationships and support
- Loss of individual identity, loss of childhood

- High level of abuse and mistreatment

- Physical, sexual, and emotional
- Denial of rights

- High recidivism rates

- Real need for youth advocates



Photo: Richard Ross



Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)



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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

- Passed in 2003
- First federal law to address sexual abuse in detention
- Requires funding for corrections agencies, yearly research on prevalence, and the creation of national standards



President George W. Bush signing the Prison Rape Elimination Act in 2003.



PREA Standards

- Released by the Department of Justice on May 17, 2012
- Apply to all corrections facilities
- Comprehensive set of guidelines related to all aspects of custodial sexual abuse



PREA Standards

- Improved classification and screening
- Training for custody staff, medical, and mental health staff
- Resident education
- Multiple avenues for reporting



JDI staff member with Chino, a survivor of sexual abuse in a youth facility. Photo: AP Images



Standards and Service Providers

Youth facilities must:

- Offer survivors emergency care, a forensic exam, and ongoing treatment
- Follow a coordinated response to incidents
- Attempt to enter into working agreements with community service providers



Standards and Service Providers

Youth facilities must:

- Allow survivors access to advocates in as confidential a manner as possible
- Provide treatment that is consistent with the community standard of care



Dolls used for counseling kids who have been sexually assaulted. Photo: Richard Ross



Opportunities for Service Providers

- Advocates **may partner** with corrections to:
 - Provide in-person counseling to survivors
 - Join institutional SARTs
 - Train institution staff on the dynamics of sexual abuse as required by the PREA standards
 - Apply for Federal grants **together** to implement the PREA standards



Prevalence of Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention



Survivor Art, 2012



Bureau of Justice Statistics Research Highlights



Source: Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09. January 2010. Allen J. Beck, Ph.D., Paige M. Harrison, and Paul Guerino.



Bureau of Justice Statistics Research Highlights

81%
of victims report **more than one** incident of sexual abuse

Source: Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09. January 2010. Allen J. Beck, Ph.D., Paige M. Harrison, and Paul Guerino.

Bureau of Justice Statistics Research Highlights

Youth are **FOUR TIMES** more likely to be abused by staff than by other youth

Source: Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09. January 2010. Allen J. Beck, Ph.D., Paige M. Harrison, and Paul Guerino.

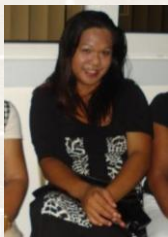
Research Highlights

- 65% of victims of sexual abuse in custody had been victimized in the past year
- In boy's facilities, **GAY & BISEXUAL BOYS** are targeted
- Majority of staff sexual abuse incidents involve **FEMALE STAFF & MALE YOUTH**
- Incidents most likely to occur in **COMMON AREAS**
- Incidents most likely to occur **6PM - MIDNIGHT**
- Youth who are survivors of previous sexual abuse are **2X MORE LIKELY** to be abused in their current facility
- Youth on youth sexual violence is more prevalent among **GIRLS**

Source: Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09. January 2010. Allen J. Beck, Ph.D., Paige M. Harrison, and Paul Guerino.

Perpetrators Tend to Target:

- Younger inmates
- Survivors of prior sexual abuse
- Youth with disabilities
- Those convicted of certain crimes
- Minorities in the facility
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) residents



Cyryna, a survivor of sexual abuse in youth detention



Audience Question

Why do you think these groups of people are targeted the most?

Please submit your answers in the question box



LGBTQ Youth in Custody



Wesley Ware
Director
BreakOUT!



Krystal
Youth Advocate, Survivor



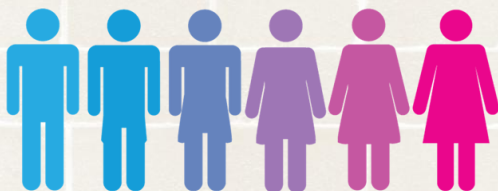
LGBTQ: Basic Terminology

Lesbian
Gay
Bisexual
Transgender
Questioning

Sexual Orientation
vs.
Gender Identity



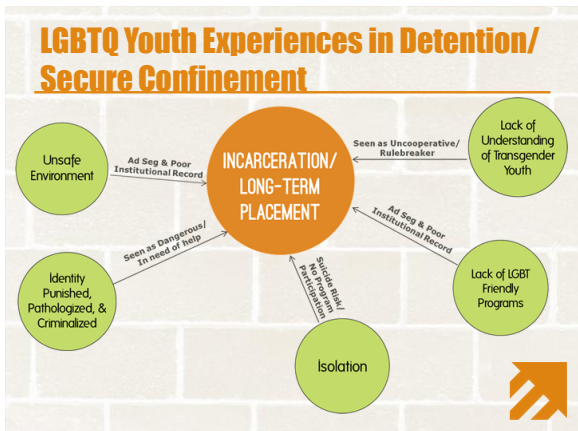
The Gender Spectrum



LGBTQ Youth in Detention = 15%



Source: <http://bit.ly/10aOgdD>. Image property of BreakOUT!



LGBTQ Youth in Detention

Psychological Abuse:	Physical & Sexual Abuse:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reparative therapy/ conversion therapies • "Sex offender" treatment • Isolation • Disciplinary tickets for gender expression • Bullying by staff, youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff-on-youth • Youth-on-youth • Failure to intervene • Not believed • Seen as "wanting it" or "asking" for it

Bureau of Justice Statistics Report, 2010

12.5% LGBTQ youth* reported sexual victimization by other youth compared to **1.3%** of heterosexual youth

*Reported as "youth with sexual orientation other than heterosexual."

“We have a way harder life when we’re incarcerated. Straight people have a hard time here, but [gay youth] have it even worse. They are raped, get food thrown at them, are jumped, humiliated, god knows what will happen to them...”

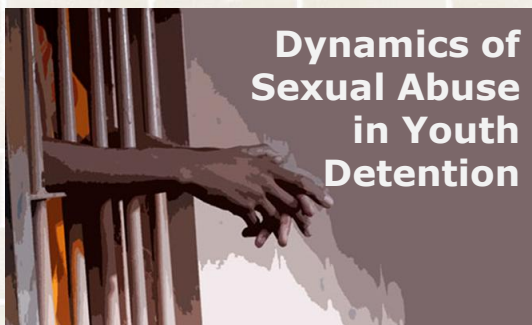
Source: *Hidden Injustice: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth in Juvenile Courts*, Katyoon Majd, Jody Marksamer & Carolyn Reyes, Nat'l Juvenile Defender Ctr., Nat'l Ctr. for Lesbian Rights & Legal Svcs. for Children (2009), available at www.equityproject.org/pdfs/hidden_injustice.pdf.



Krystal's Testimony



Dynamics of Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention



Contributing Factors

- Institutional culture and dynamics
- Ineffective leadership and accountability
- Lack of awareness and staff training



Sexual violence in custody may include the following dynamics:

- Sexual harassment
- Sexual exploitation
- Sexual abuse
- Ritual/gang abuse
- Domestic violence/battering
- Rape



Protective Pairing

An arrangement where one resident demands sexual and other favors in exchange for protection and/or assistance.

- Common terms: "hooking up" or "getting married"
- One party wields the power and exerts control
- Rigid gender roles are enforced
- Similar dynamics to dating violence in the community



Staff on Youth Sexual Violence

- Requests/Favors
- Voyeurism
- Abusive Pat Searches



Perpetrators may use any of the following methods:

Offers of protection	Coercion	Force
Authority	Medication/ Drugs	



Impact on Survivors: A Conversation with Troy Isaac



Common Effects of Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention

- Rape Trauma Syndrome and PTSD
- Sexually transmitted diseases and HIV
- Increased suicidal thoughts or attempts
- Worsening of psychiatric disorders



Impact of Detention

- Survivors have little control over their bodies and surroundings
- Survivors may be placed in isolated housing after reporting
- Survivors may be re-victimized multiple times



Photo: Richard Ross



Long Term Effects

- Harm to sexuality
- Substance abuse
- Depression
- HIV and STIs
- Recidivism



Photo: James Stenson
Troy Isaac



Access to Services

- Residents often have limited access to medical, mental health, and rape crisis services
- Some youth facilities may only offer limited services



Upcoming Youth Webinars

Part 2

Connections: Working Together to Stop Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention

- April 11, 2013 at 11:00AM (PDT)

Part 3

Safe and Secure: Providing Services for Youth Survivors Behind Bars

- May 01, 2013 at 11:00AM (PDT)





To: Angel
From: Little Justice 7/27/10

Access to rape crisis services can be one of the single most important factors in survivors' healing.

If you aren't there for these survivors, who will be?



For More Information

For more information about the **Sexual Abuse in Detention Resource Center** and additional resources, visit:
<http://nsvrc.org/projects/NSDVERP>

Direct questions to: info@justdetention.org

For more information about **Just Detention International**, visit www.justdetention.org.

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Here is a link to the evaluation (we will also email it to you shortly). www.justdetention.org/en/one-in-eight-evaluation.aspx

Please forward it to others who may have joined you.

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