


Supporting Incarcerated Survivors: Advocate Readiness Assessment

Once you are trained on how to serve incarcerated survivors, you should assess your readiness to provide support to this population. Use the statements below to determine what your strengths are in understanding the needs of incarcerated survivors. What are the areas where you can grow? What are some action steps you can take to learn more about the needs of incarcerated survivors?



Assessment Statements

- I have a practical understanding of what incarcerated survivors' lives are like on the inside of correctional facilities.
- I have an awareness of the needs of incarcerated survivors from various backgrounds, including survivors of color, LGBTQI+ survivors, and survivors who have a disability.
- I feel comfortable providing support to men.

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- I feel comfortable providing support to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.
 - I have the capacity to address the specific needs of incarcerated transgender survivors.
 - I am comfortable providing services to survivors who may have a mental illness.
 - I know what detention or corrections facility(s) is in my agency's service area or region, and what services we provide.
 - I have a basic understanding of the rights of incarcerated survivors, including under PREA.
 - I understand my organization's policies regarding mandated reporting and confidentiality with regards to working with incarcerated survivors.
 - I know how survivors who are incarcerated can report sexual abuse or sexual harassment (both inside the facility and to an outside entity) if they choose to.
 - I feel ready to help incarcerated survivors identify coping skills that are applicable to detention settings.
 - I can explain how incarcerated survivors can receive follow up support from my agency.

