Presentation Overview

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Agenda

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Resources and Priorities
- Audit Update
- New Auditor Field Training Program
- Training and Technical Assistance Highlights
Update from the Bureau of Justice Assistance

Resource commitment

- Since 2011, over 100 awards, more than 35 million

- Forthcoming PREA solicitation with FY15 funds

- President’s Budget request of 10.5 million for FY16

- National PREA Resource Center funded through September 2016

- Creation of a PREA Management Office (PMO) within BJA
BJA Current Priorities and Next Steps

Focus of BJA’s/PMO’s Work to Date, in Collaboration with the PRC

- Implementing the PREA audit function, including training and certifying auditors, and developing the audit tools.

- Leading the efforts of DOJ’s PREA Working Group to issue interpretative guidance related to the standards.

- Providing technical assistance and training to the field.

- Supporting the work of BJA’s PREA Grantees.

- Conducting proactive outreach to, and seeking input from, key constituent groups.
Looking to the Future

- Continue to focus on and address current priorities
- Support states that provided DOJ with an assurance or certification.
- Work with states that submitted neither an assurance nor a certification, so they may submit this year.
- Implement quality improvement (QI) and peer review (PR) processes to enhance the PREA audit function.
Governor’s Certification

Certification or Assurance Forms

- Process will follow last year’s protocol
- Likely due date is May 15, 2015
Audit Activity
Collecting the data

- **Oct 2014 – Auditor reporting requirements announced**
  - Auditors must submit reporting forms detailing their audit activity to the PRC.
    - 8/2013 – 9/2014
    - 10/2014 forward
  - Auditors must submit both interim and final reports to the PRC.

- **Nov 2014-Jan 2015: PRC staff analysis of received reports and reporting forms**
  - Process
  - Outputs
Audit Activity

Results Snapshot: Audit Reporting forms

There are 539 audits in some stage of progress, including:

- 168 prisons
  - 154 complete

- 79 jails
  - 51 complete

- 86 community confinement facilities
  - 66 complete

- 206 juvenile facilities
  - 148 complete
Audit Activity

Results Snapshot: Reports

Audit reports received

- Total: 456
  - 335 final reports
  - 121 interim reports

Reporting still incomplete, follow up proceeding.
Audits by Facility Types – Details

Prisons & Jails

- 247 prisons and jails in some stage of the audit process.
  - 205 of those are reported as complete
- Audits reported in 48 states and the District of Columbia.
  - 121 state-run facilities
    - AZ, CO, IA, MD, NJ, NV, OH, TX, VA
  - 43 county-run facilities
  - 11 multi-jurisdictional or regional facilities
  - 33 federal facilities
  - 39 privately-run facilities

78 auditors active on these audits
Community Confinement Facilities

- 86 Community Confinement facilities are in some stage of the audit process.
  - 66 of those are reported as complete

- Audits reported in 19 states.
  - 32 state-run facilities
    - CT, IA, KY, OH
  - 4 county-run facilities
  - 1 federal facilities
  - 49 privately-run facilities

- 23 auditors active on these audits
Juvenile Facilities

- 206 juvenile facilities are in some stage of the audit process.
  - 148 of those are reported as complete

- Audits reported in 27 states.
  - 118 state-run facilities (including state courts)
    - AR, FL, GA, MA, MO, PA, TX, and WA
  - 30 county-run facilities
  - 2 municipal facilities
  - 56 privately-run facilities

- 34 auditors active on these audits
## Corrective Action Trends

### Most Common Corrective Action Needs

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Audits Quality Improvement Process

Overview

• Purposes include:
  – Collecting and sharing information about past, planned, ongoing, and completed PREA audits
  – Identifying trends in agencies’ and facilities’ efforts and ability to comply with the standards
  – Helping to guide PREA training and technical assistance, and BJA’s PREA Grant Program
  – Ensuring certified auditors meet or exceed expectations as defined in the PREA Auditor Training, and forthcoming PREA Auditor Handbook

• Process to be finalized and published this Spring
  – To include ongoing education, documentation requests, peer review
Auditors and Training

Auditor Numbers and Upcoming Trainings

• Eight trainings delivered to date

• 650 candidates trained

• 527 auditors certified currently
  – Adult – 451
  – Juvenile – 175
  – Both – 99

• Three trainings planned for 2015 (San Diego, CA)
  – March 30 – April 3, 2015
  – May 18 – 22, 2015
  – September 14 – 18, 2015 (June 12 deadline)
Field Training Program
Auditors and Training

Field Training Program – NEW

• Post-certification training that supplements the classroom training with hands-on, in-facility experience

• Pairs experienced auditors (Field Training Auditors – FTAs) with trainees desiring field practice (Certified Auditor Trainees – CATs)

• Training audits take 1 FTA and up to 6 CATs into a facility for a practice audit

• Facilities get the benefit of a practice audit and access to subject matter experts
Field Training Program – continued

• Eight facilities selected for 2015
  – 130 applications

• Additional facility application to be released for 2016 sites – with additional consideration given to applications already submitted

• Certified Auditor Trainees (CATs)
  – Up to $1,200 in CAT travel costs reimbursed
Auditors and Training

Field Training Program

Monroe Correctional Complex, Prison, Monroe, WA: May 3-8, 2015

Mt. Olive Correctional Complex, Prison, Mt. Olive, WV: June 21-26, 2015

State Training School, Secure Juvenile Facility, Eldorado, IA: July 19-24, 2015

Racine Correctional Institution, Prison, Sturtevant, WI: August 9-14, 2015

Rhode Island Department of Corrections, Prison, Cranston, RI: August 23-28, 2015

Lafayette Parish Correctional Center, Jail, Lafayette, LA: October 11-16, 2015

Cook County Department of Corrections, Jail, Chicago, IL: October 18-23, 2015

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Jail, Sacramento, CA: November 1-6, 2015
Training and Technical Assistance
Continuing core services

- Field initiated technical assistance
  - Questions
  - Remote assistance
  - Onsite assistance

- Conference workshops and presentations

- Demonstration site coaching

- Targeted tools and publications

- Website resource clearinghouse
Targeted Training and Technical Assistance

Key Resources

• Nine training curricula
  – Specialized training – investigations
  – Specialized training – medical/mental health care
  – Preventing sexual abuse in tribal detention
  – Inmate education
  – Human resources and administrative investigations
  – Gender responsive strategies – adult and juvenile
  – PREA employee training
  – Victim services

• Inmate education video in English, Spanish, Hmong
Targeted Training and Technical Assistance

Recently released publications

• Guide: Alternative Strategies to the Use of Segregation Keeping Vulnerable Populations Safe under PREA

• PREA in Action web content - Lessons From Two Agencies—is a case study of two agencies’ work to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) youth and adults in confinement

• Third-party reporting fact sheet

• Analysis of relevant sexual assault laws

• Legal resources related to confidentiality including: frequently asked questions and a 50-state survey on relevant confidentiality laws

• Three graphic novels (comic books) for inmate education
Targeted Training and Technical Assistance

Recent (Archived) and Upcoming Webinars

Recent Webinars – Archived on the PRC website
- Understanding LGBTI Inmates and Residents
- Asking Adults and Juveniles About Their Sexual Orientation: Practical Considerations for the PREA Screening Standards

Upcoming Webinars
- Keeping Vulnerable Populations Safe Under PREA: Alternative Strategies to the Use of Segregation in Prisons and Jails Thursday, March 12, 2015 (3:00–4:30 p.m. EST)
- Untangling the PREA Standards: Outside Reporting, Confidential Support, and Third-Party Reporting- Thursday, April 16, 2015 (2:00–3:30 p.m. EST)
For More Information

For more information about the **National PREA Resource Center**, visit [www.prearesourcecenter.org](http://www.prearesourcecenter.org).

Direct questions to [questions@prearesourcecenter.org](mailto:questions@prearesourcecenter.org)

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Reentry Initiatives, Programs & Resources

International Community Corrections Association

DC Public Policy Forum

March 3, 2015
Our Vision

OJJDP envisions a nation where our children are healthy, educated, and free from violence. If they come into contact with the juvenile justice system, the contact should be rare, fair, and beneficial to them.
FY14 Juvenile Reentry Programs and Initiatives

• Second Chance Act

• Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative

• Correctional Education Package

• Other Federal Partnerships
Second Chance Act

- Two-Phase Juvenile Reentry Demonstration Program

- Comprehensive Statewide Juvenile Reentry Systems Reform Planning Program

- Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children: A Reentry Mentoring Project
Second Chance Act Two-Phase Juvenile Reentry Demonstration Program

- Twelve month planning grants
- Develop and finalize comprehensive statewide strategic plans
- Improved assessment policies and practices
- Integrated planning and service delivery
- Enhanced program and policy monitoring
Second Chance Act Comprehensive Statewide Juvenile Reentry Systems Reform Planning Program

- Twelve month planning grants
- Reentry task force
- Comprehensive statewide strategic plan
- Guide system reform efforts
- Future implementation grants
Second Chance Act Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children: A Reentry Mentoring Project

- Mentoring and comprehensive transitional services
- Reduce recidivism
- Improve outcomes for young fathers and their families
- Promote responsible fatherhood
Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative

• Attorney General Holder announced September 2014
• $2.2MM
• Promote system-wide reform and bolster our efforts to end racial and ethnic disparities
• Support programs that address key recommendations from President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper Task Force
Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative

• Technical Assistance To End Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

• Juvenile Prosecution Curriculum Development, Training, and Technical Assistance Program

• Comprehensive Strategy to Juvenile Justice Reform
Smart On Juvenile Justice: Technical Assistance To End Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

- W. Haywood Burns Institute
  - National training curricula
  - Technical assistance delivery plan
  - Standard practices for reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

- Development Services Groups
  - National resource center
  - Collect and analyze data
  - Produce material regarding DMC efforts
Smart on Juvenile Justice: Juvenile Prosecution Curriculum Development, Training, and Technical Assistance Program

- Georgetown University’s Center for Juvenile Justice Reform
- Comprehensive training for juvenile justice prosecutors
- Specialized training in prosecution of youth arrested for missing and exploited children related offenses
- Development and dissemination resources
- T&TA to Smart on Juvenile Justice States
**Smart on Juvenile Justice: A Comprehensive Strategy to Juvenile Justice Reform**

- Georgia, Hawaii, and Kentucky
- Crime and Justice Institute of Community Resources for Justice
- Pew Charitable Trusts’ Public Safety Performance Project
  - Targeted and intensive 12-month T&TA project
  - Comprehensive legislative juvenile justice reform packages
  - Reduce recidivism, decrease correctional spending, improve public safety, and reduce number of youth who come into contact with the system
Correctional Education Guidance Package

1. Guiding Principles for Providing High-Quality Education in Juvenile Justice Secure Care Settings

2. Dear Colleague Letter on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for Students with Disabilities in Correctional Facilities

3. Dear Colleague Letter on the Civil Rights of Students in Juvenile Justice Residential Facilities


Resource: www.ed.gov/correctionaled
Federal Partnerships

- Juvenile Reentry Legal Assistance Program
- Youth Opportunity Americorps Program
- Juvenile Reentry Subcommittee of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council
Current Funding Opportunities:
http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingList.asp

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Reentry Council Agencies

DOJ  DOL  ED  HHS  HUD
USDA  VA  DOI  DPC  WHFBN
FTC  OMB  SSA  OPM  USICH
IRS  ONDCP  CSOSA  EEOC  SBA
Reentry Council Mission Statement

To support the Administration’s efforts in advancing public safety and well-being through enhanced communication, coordination, and collaboration across Federal agency initiatives that:

1. Make communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization;
2. Assist those returning from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens; and
3. Save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.
What Can the Reentry Council Do To Make an Impact?

- Use the bully pulpit to advance effective reentry strategies and provide visibility and transparency to reentry programs and policies.
- Coordinate and leverage federal resources for reentry.
- Remove or help navigate federal barriers to reentry.
The Reentry Council is working to
Coordinate and Leverage Resources

National Reentry Resource Center
inventoried and mapped major federal reentry resources going to states and localities

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org
Using the Bully Pulpit to Advance Effective Strategies
Reentry Council Website

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/reentry-council

Public Education Materials
Each sheet addresses a common ‘myth’ about reentry, ranging from federal financial aid to employment issues.

It lists facts debunking the myth, answering common misperceptions...

...describes the details of each, including explanations of different state policies...

...and lists important suggestions and recommendations for readers.

At the end of the form, each sheet lists useful online resources.
**myth**

Individuals who have been convicted of a crime are “banned” from public housing.

**fact**

Public Housing Authorities have great discretion in determining their admissions and occupancy policies for exoffenders. While PHAs can choose to ban ex-offenders from participating in public housing and Section 8 programs, it is not HUD policy to do so. In fact, in many circumstances, formerly incarcerated people should not be denied access.
## What topics are covered?

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The Reentry Council working to

Address Barriers to Reentry

- Public Housing
- Barriers to Employment
- Veterans
- 38,000 Collateral Consequences
- Health
- Access to Benefits
Tackling Employment Barriers

✓ 5 Employment-related Myth Busters
✓ EEOC Updated Guidance
✓ DOL Guidance and Directive
✓ OPM Best Practices Memo
✓ SBA MicroLoan Proposal
✓ New EEOC/FTC Resources - “What Every Employer/Job Seeker Should Know” and “Background Checks: Tips for Job Applicants and Employees”
Access to Benefits

✓ Administrative Policy Changes - VA

✓ 10 benefits-related MythBusters
   ➢ Medicaid suspension vs termination
   ➢ TANF, Social Security, VA, SNAP benefits
   ➢ Student financial aid


✓ Health Reform Opportunity!
Reentry Council Links

Reentry Council Website

Reentry Council One-Pager

Reentry MythBusters

Reentry Snapshots

SSA Webpage - Benefits after Incarceration: What You Need To Know
http://www.ssa.gov/reentry/