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Jails and PREA
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Agenda

- Dynamics of Jails
- Jails in North Carolina
- PREA & Jails
- Stories from the Field
 - Buncombe
 - Mecklenburg
 - Jones
- Q&A



DYNAMICS OF JAILS



Demographics of Jail Inmates

- Estimated 721,300 people in jail
- Nearly 13 million people admitted to jails every year
- Average jail inmate:
 - Adult male
 - Not sentenced

Todd D. Minton, and Zhen Zeng, US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (2016, December). *Jail Inmates in 2015*.



Jail Dynamics

- Types of jails: bed rating
- Urban
 - High rise style
 - Combined with courthouse
- Rural
 - Varied designs



Types of Supervision

- Based on physical structure
 - Linear
 - Direct
 - Indirect



NC Prisons vs. Jails

Adult Prisons

- Operate multiple facilities
- Sentenced only
- Facilities vary by security level

Jails

- Usually only one facility
- Mixture of sentenced and pre-trial
- House ALL security levels



JAILS IN NORTH CAROLINA



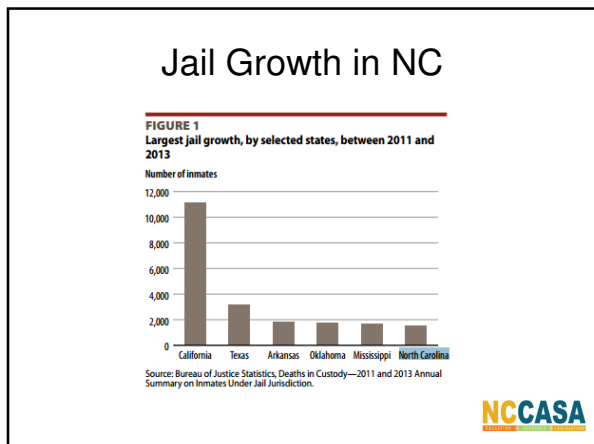
NC Jail Population

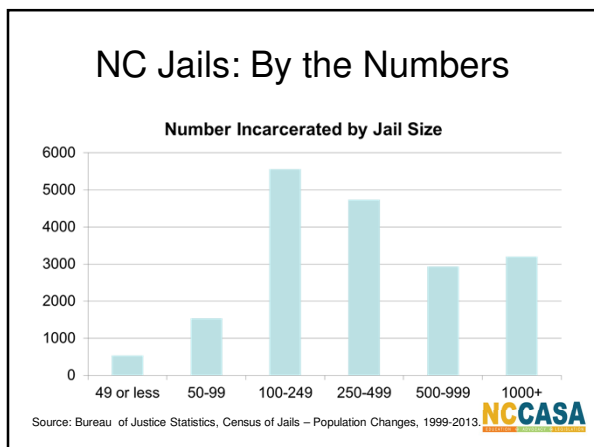
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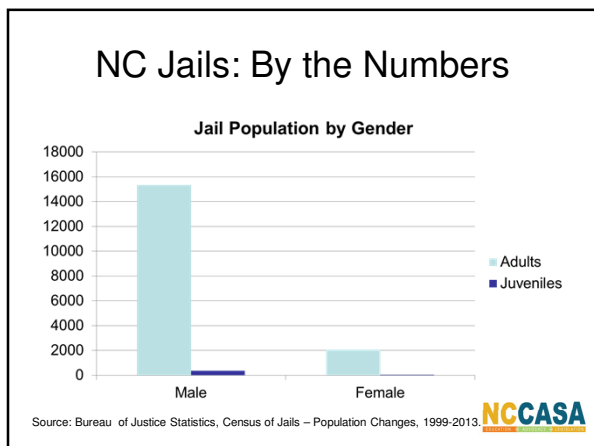
NC Jail Inmates (Dec. 31, 2013)

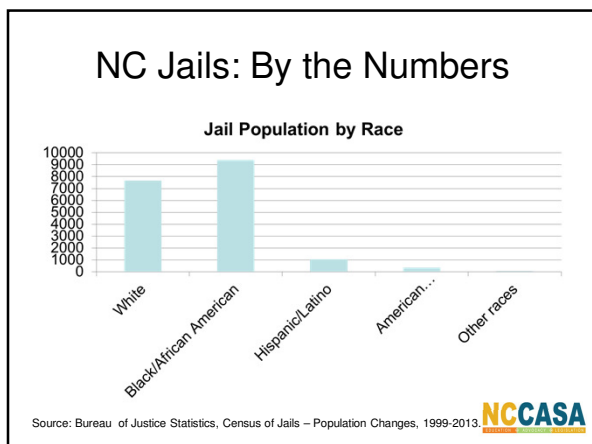
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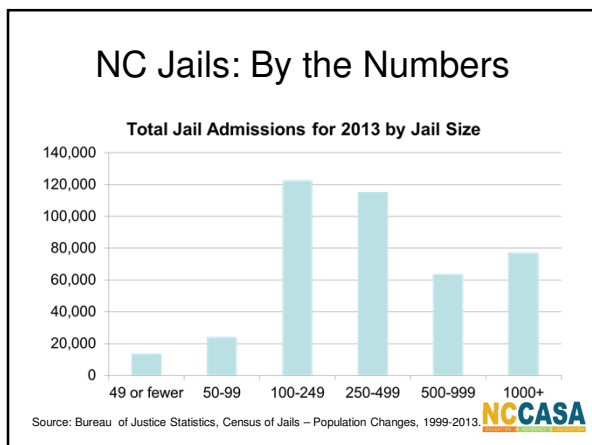













Other Stats

- Estimated expected average stay: 17 days
- Average daily population percent capacity occupied: 80.9%
- Correctional officers in local jails in NC:
 - 3,820 male
 - 1,900 female

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Census of Jails – Population Changes, 1999-2013. **NCCASA**


PREA & JAILS



Prevalence of Sexual Abuse in Jails

- 1 in 5 male inmates who report sexual abuse by ***another inmate*** were abused within first 24 hrs
- Most survivors of staff sexual misconduct are men
 - Most perpetrators are women
- 1 in 3 male inmates who report sexual abuse by ***staff member*** were abused within 24 hrs


Bureau of Justice Statistics. (2010, August). *Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails Reported by Inmates, 2008-09.*



Facility Factors

- Large jails
- Female-only jails
- Location
- Night time

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Jail Perpetrators Target:

- Female inmates
- Biracial or multiracial inmates
- Younger inmates
- College-educated inmates
- Inmates who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and "other" sexual orientation
- Inmates who experienced prior sexual abuse

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Prison Rape Elimination Act Overview

2003- PREA Legislation passed unanimously
2012- DOJ issues final PREA standards

National Standards are binding to:

- Prisons
- Jails
- Youth Detention Facilities
- Police Lockups
- Community Corrections



Why the Confusion?


- State prisons
- Local jails
- Financial penalties



PREA's Impact on Jails

- Federal Prisoners
- SMCP
- Accreditation
- Civil Liability
- G.S. 153A-224(a)


Markham, James. UNC School of Government. (2013, June 17). *The Prison Rape Elimination Act and Its Impact on County Jails.*



PREA Standards

- Keep people safe
- Protect survivors from abusers
- Provide multiple ways to report
- Offer medical and mental health care
- Increase accountability
- *Provide survivors access to victim services*


Just Detention International (2016, March 16). *Learn the Basics: PREA for Victim Service Providers.*



Importance of Advocates


- Impact of sexual abuse in jails
- Need for rape crisis advocacy
- High rates of sexual abuse in large jails (urban)
- Lack of available services (rural)

Just Detention International (2013, February 6). *The Right Response: Addressing Sexual Abuse in Large, Urban Jails.*
Just Detention International (2013, January 23). *It Can Happen Anywhere: Responding to Sexual Abuse in Small, Rural Jails.*




Providing Services to Jail Inmates

- Be sensitive to high level of need among the inmate population
- Anticipate resistance and possible disruptions in services
- Focus on continuity of care for survivors leaving jail

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Tips for Working with Inmates

- Focus on the victimization, not the incarceration
- Get to know the jail facility, staff, and inmates
- Remember that most inmates are members of your community
- Affirm your commitment to serve all survivors, regardless of their background

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Partnership Opportunities

- Contact jail administrators and offer to provide services to survivors
- Invite a jail official to community SART meetings
- Cross-training and facility tours
- Provide SA education for inmates

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Mecklenburg County



Officer Malinda
Ingram
• ACA Coordinator
• Mecklenburg County
Sheriff's Office



Jones County

Capt. Jason Jarman
• Chief Detention
Officer
• Jones County
Detention Center

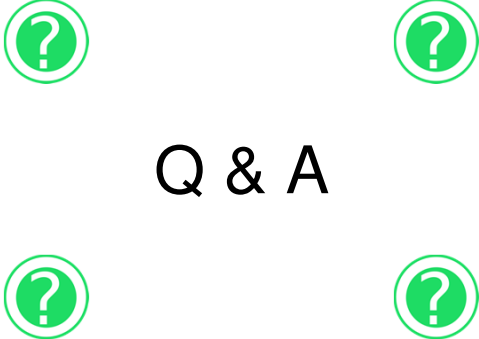



Lessons Learned

What lessons did you learn from this process that you'd like to share with other advocates?

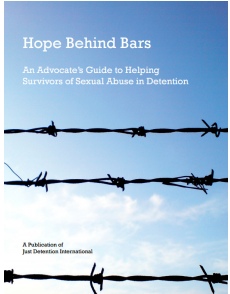



Q & A

Helpful Resource for Advocates

- JDI's *Hope Behind Bars: An Advocate's Guide to Helping Survivors of Sexual Abuse in Detention*
- http://justdetention.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Advocates_Manual_FINAL.pdf


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- Just Detention International (2012, November 28). *A New Approach: Providing Services to Survivors of Sexual Abuse in Prison.*
- Just Detention International (2015, April 30). *Beyond the Basics: Troubleshooting Through Scenarios.*

Resources:

- Just Detention International (2014, January). *Hope Behind Bars: An Advocate's Guide to Helping Survivors of Sexual Abuse in Detention.*
- National PREA Resource Center & JDI (2016). *PREA and Inmate Education: A Resource Guide.*



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