



The Prison Rape Elimination Act Implications for Community Corrections

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How PREA Applies to Community Corrections

- Residential facilities
 - Work release
 - Halfway houses
 - Treatment programs
- Data Collection
 - BJS data collection efforts
- Reporting
- Intent of proponents



Remember

- Prior to the enactment of PREA CC agencies were liable for abuse of inmates under their authority
 - Administratively
 - Legally
 - Smith v. Cochran
 - Sepulveda v. Ramirez



Remember

- PREA is a floor or springboard
- Creates important visibility for issues
- Creates national standards
- Will not cover every possible situation
- Will have to take charge for running of own agency –PREA won't do it
- Responsibilities preexisted enactment of PREA
- Creates opportunities to do things and look at issues that should have been examined before