



**U.S. Department of Justice**

**National Institute of Corrections**

*Washington, DC 20534*

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Dear Participant:

Welcome to the National Institute of Corrections training program on *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Youth in Custody*. This program is offered through two cooperative agreements with the American University, Washington College of Law and the Moss Group.

As you know, a key element of the National Institute of Corrections' mission is the provision of training, resources and technical assistance to meet the needs of the corrections field. With the passage of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, NIC's role has become ever more important. We see this program as helping to meet the critical needs of the field in identifying and developing strategies to address, reduce and ultimately eliminate sexual assault in juvenile settings.

We plan to offer an interactive and engaging training program with a superb training staff. We urge you to challenge the staff, yourself, and your fellow participants to ask the difficult questions and to ultimately address your specific concerns. Together we can develop a better understanding of how to address staff sexual misconduct with youth in custody.

We are pleased to have you participate in this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris J. Thigpen".

Morris Thigpen, Director  
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