3.3—Federal Partners and Their Roles in Implementing PREA

The United States Department of Justice
The U.S. Department of Justice has many different components that have responsibilities under PREA for the implementation of the standards, compliance monitoring, operational reviews, and provision of assistance. Below is a brief summary of those partners and their roles.

The Office of the United States Attorney General (OAG)
The Office of the U.S. Attorney General is responsible for issuing a final set of National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Eliminate Prison Rape. The OAG also manages the Review Panel on Prison Rape.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
Within the Office of Justice Programs, the following agencies play major roles in PREA-related areas, as well many other areas within the criminal justice field.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
BJS is required to carry out an annual comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape. This statistical review will identify the common characteristics of both victims and perpetrators of prison rape and the prisons and prison systems with a high incidence of prison rape through scientifically appropriate sampling methods. The review is also required to study the characteristics of current and former inmates. Finally, the review is to provide a listing and ranking of institutions according to the incidence of prison rape as well as a list of institutions that did not cooperate with the survey.

To this end, BJS has published a number of reports since 2004. All of these reports can be found on the BJS website, http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
BJA (www.ojp.gov/BJA) provides funding and technical assistance to assist criminal justice agencies' in the development of policy and training materials. BJA has provided several years of funding to state departments of corrections to assist them in responding to PREA.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
OJJDP (www.ojjdp.gov) assists with development of policy, training, and coordination among all juvenile justice agencies across the United States. OJJDP manages technical assistance and provides a network for communication across the country.

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

NIC (www.nicic.gov), provides jails, community corrections agencies, and prisons with training, technical assistance and resources.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

NIJ (www.nij.gov) — the research, development, and evaluation arm of the Department of Justice — provides grants for research on a variety of topics including prisoner rape, encouraging academics and research-based agencies to expand further the breadth of knowledge regarding the prevalence of sexual violence in detention, vulnerable populations, and best practices for prevention and response efforts.