After release, you or your family can access a confidential Community Sexual Assault Advocate by contacting a local program.

To find services in your area, dial 211. This is a confidential community service line and a one-stop connection to local services.

You will reach a referral specialist who will assess your needs and provide a list of referrals to available resources in your community.

Call the Office of Crime Victim Advocacy
1-855-210-2087
Hours of operation
Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Calls are not monitored or recorded and you do not need to enter your IPIN.

OR

Write to Just Detention International (a national victim advocacy support organization).

Mail must be sent as legal mail in order to remain confidential.

Just Detention International
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010
What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault occurs when a person is forced, coerced, exploited, and/or manipulated into unwanted sexual activity. It can include completed or attempted assault and may or may not involve force or threats.

Sexual assault is a range of behaviors that abusers use to establish and maintain power, control, and domination over their victim. It can begin with words, gestures, favors, jokes, or intimidation. It can progress to coercion, threats, sexual violence, rape, retaliation, and other forms of violence.

Aggravated sexual assault includes a staff-on-offender or offender-on-offender sexual act that occurred within the previous 120 hours and involved penetration or the exchange of body fluids.

If you have been affected by sexual assault or abuse, you can get help by contacting a victim advocate through the Office of Crime Victim Advocacy at 1-855-210-2087 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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What to Expect

During your first call or meeting with an advocate, they:

- Will listen to you and provide support to help you cope with what you are experiencing.
- Can provide information and options for you to make decisions.
- Will keep the information you share confidential

Advocate Services

Some specific services an advocate can provide to a someone who has experienced sexual assault includes:

- Explaining the facility’s PREA investigation process.
- Supporting a survivor at an investigatory interview related to an aggravated sexual assault.

An advocate can also serve as a liaison between the survivor and the correctional facility or other systems that are involved. In addition, an advocate can inform survivors of other resources and services available to them.

What an Advocate’s Role is Not

There are some things that an advocate cannot help with such as:

- Providing legal advice
- Making decisions for you
- Telling you whether to report the sexual assault or not
- Investigating a crime
- Providing therapy or other mental health treatment services