

CCA's Opening Remarks for PREA Hearings

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Good afternoon and thank you on behalf of CCA for giving us this opportunity to provide remarks with regard to this important subject of eliminating sexual abuse in this country's correctional facilities. My name is Steven Conry and I am here today supporting our Warden, Mary Brandin, as CCA's company-wide PREA Coordinator.

CCA is proud to be a leader in the PREA field and is deeply committed to the elimination of sexual abuse inside correctional facilities. We have worked diligently as a company and with our government partners to make significant changes that are changing inmate and staff behaviors. These changes or strategies are broken out into three distinct categories.

1. A focus on the **prevention** of incidents;
2. A focus on not meeting, but **exceeding** our contractual requirements and the current draft PREA standards; and
3. A focus on **continual improvement** of our policies and practices.

It is our belief that through execution of these strategies we have changed the culture in our facilities across this country in a very positive way and stand ready to share those best practices with this panel today.

Thank you.