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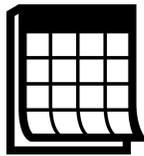
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# **End Abuse of People with Disabilities**

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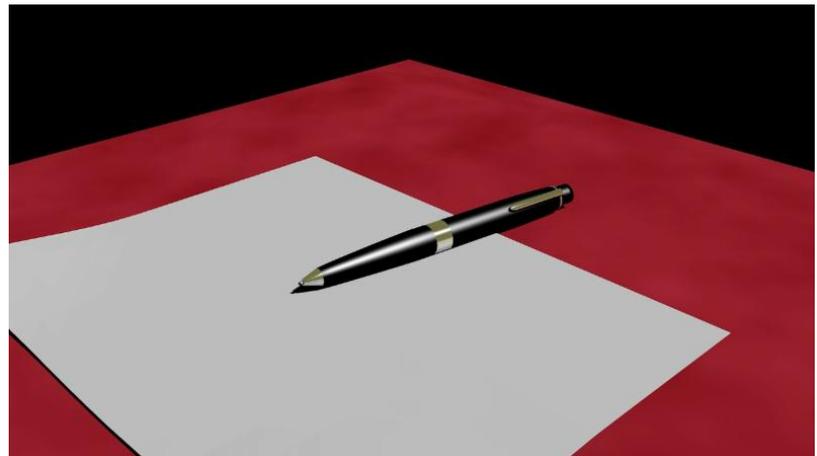
## **Upcoming Webinars and Trainings**

### **2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series**

#### **Working with Interpreters: Enhancing Communications with Individuals Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

March 20, 2018  
2 - 3:30 pm ET

This webinar will help participants distinguish between interpreter qualifications, certifications, and specializations to ensure quality and appropriate language access delivery. Presenters will discuss interpreter codes of conduct and the roles of interpreters. They will highlight the



## **A Letter From the Director**

Happy New Year from the Center on Victimization and Safety! As we enter this new year, I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to you all for reading this newsletter and engaging in our efforts to increase awareness of violence against people with disabilities and Deaf people. We could not do this work without your continued support, partnership, and willingness to share your expertise with us as we grow together.

In the coming months, you may notice this newsletter trying out different approaches to spreading the word about domestic and sexual violence in the lives of people with disabilities. For instance, each newsletter will feature a "blog" from one of our team members or partners in the field. The blogs will highlight trends, resources, news, and projects that are important to both CVS and the movement in general. We hope this new addition to our newsletter will foster a

importance of confidentiality, impartiality, and accuracy. Participants will gain practical strategies for working with interpreters and improving working relationships as well as what to do when an interpreter is not available.

[Register here.](#)

As a reminder, registration closes one week prior to the webinar date for all of our webinars.

## Save the Dates for our 2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series!

We have an exciting new line-up of End Abuse webinars planned for 2018 that we hope you will enjoy.

Save the Dates:

March 20, 2018  
 May 15, 2018  
 July 17, 2018  
 August 14, 2018  
 September 18, 2018

Don't forget - you can view all of our archived [webinars](#) on our End Abuse of People with Disabilities website.



## Share Your Ideas!

Do you have ideas about issues we could highlight in our monthly newsletter, topics for our monthly webinar series, or information about new initiatives that seek justice for

greater sense of community between everyone doing this work.

Additionally, we will continue supporting people with disabilities and Deaf people to lead the efforts to end abuse of people with disabilities. In addition to actively engaging people with disabilities in our outreach efforts, trainings and webinars, we will be enlisting them to contribute directly to this newsletter. Additionally, we will be releasing resources in the coming months about how your organization can safely encourage and cultivate the leadership of people with disabilities and Deaf people.

We are excited for you to join us on this journey and hope you have a productive and meaningful 2018!

Thank you,  
 Nancy Smith, Director  
 Center on Victimization and Safety



## In the News

NPR highlighted sexual abuse of people with intellectual disabilities in a series entitled "Abused and Betrayed: People with Intellectual Disabilities and an Epidemic of Sexual Assault" that aired between January 8th and January 18th and also included written articles. [Explore the "Abused and Betrayed" series on the NPR website.](#) The series explored the epidemic of sexual abuse against people with intellectual disabilities, spoke to professionals in the field, and, most importantly, featured individuals with intellectual disabilities discussing sexual abuse from their perspectives.

An opinion piece in The Guardian laments the lack of representation of women with disabilities in media and social justice campaigns. Exclusions "eventually finds a place inside of you: a shameful message that you're not quite like other women," the author writes. [Read "Vogue's New Suffragettes: Where Are the Women with Disabilities?" on The Guardian's website.](#)

In Missouri, a new Deaf Crisis Line has officially been launched to respond to the needs of Deaf survivors of crime. [Read "DeafLEAD Launches Services to Aid](#)

people with disabilities? We want your feedback! Take advantage of this feature in our newsletter and submit your ideas thoughts and feedback by emailing [cvs@vera.org](mailto:cvs@vera.org).

**[Deaf Victims of Crime."](#)**

Recently, Bustle highlighted the need for sexual abuse of people with disabilities to be a part of the #MeToo movement. **[Read "These Intellectual Disability Sexual Assault Statistics Will Alarm You" on Bustle's website.](#)**

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