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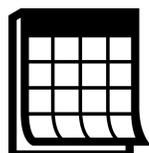
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Upcoming Webinars and Trainings

Funding to Make Services Safe and Accessible for Survivors with Disabilities and Deaf Survivors: OVW's Disability Grant Program

January 4, 2019
2 - 3:30 pm ET

This webinar will provide information about the Office on Violence Against Women's Disability Grant Program. This Grant Program provides an opportunity for sexual assault, domestic violence, disability, and Deaf organizations to increase the accessibility and safety of their services.

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

Addressing Trauma in the Lives of People with



2018: A Year in Review

By: Ashley Brompton, Program Associate

2018 was a year of progress at the intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, disability, and Deafness. Conversations that started decades ago deepened to reflect a more complex analysis of violence in the lives of people with disabilities and Deaf people. Self-advocates continued to bring their voices to these conversations and reminded us of the importance of cultivating their leadership in the movement to end violence against people with disabilities and Deaf people. Throughout the year, the Center on Victimization and Safety continued our effort to elevate these conversations to the national level through platforms such as our website, our

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

February 12, 2019

2-3:30 pm ET

This webinar will explore the complicated manifestation of trauma in individuals with I/DD, as well as techniques for supporting survivors with intellectual and developmental disabilities experiencing trauma to facilitate the healing process.

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

Please hold dates for our 2019 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series.

- March 19, 2019
- April 16, 2019
- May 14, 2019
- June 18, 2019
- July 16, 2019
- August 20, 2019
- September 17, 2019
- October 15, 2019

A Note From CVS: We have been working to address technical difficulties during our webinars. We hope your viewing experience has improved. If you have concerns or questions about the webinars, please email abrompton@vera.org.

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



Share Your Ideas!

webinars and our monthly newsletter. In 2018, we reached unprecedented numbers and are grateful for the increased interest. Here is a snapshot of those numbers:

1,373 people watched live [webinars](#) on topics including:

- Navigating Domestic Violence Amongst Service Users;
- Consent to Sex for People with Disabilities;
- Centering the Anti-Violence Movement Around Self-Advocates;
- Creating and Maintaining a Safety Net for Survivors with Disabilities; and
- Best Practices for Legal Advocacy for Survivors with Disabilities

12,048 people used our [End Abuse of People with Disabilities website](#) to find resources, including our newest tip sheet, [Compensation Considerations for Self-Advocates on Government Benefits](#).

This newsletter was opened by over 14,500 people with information about important information on the intersection of domestic and sexual violence and disability.

In 2018, our work has continued to grow and adapt to a changing field to ensure that self-advocates, practitioners, and others interested in the intersection of domestic violence and disability are able to engage with resources and information to help them provide safe and accessible services. We look forward to providing more innovative and helpful information to all of you in 2019.



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OVW's Disability Grant Program (DGP) gives organizations an opportunity to make their services safe and accessible for survivors of domestic and sexual violence with disabilities and Deaf survivors. If you are interested in learning more about the Disability Grant Program, find the grant solicitation on the [OVW website](#). The due date for the application is February 7, 2019. And don't forget to attend our webinar about the Grant Program on January 4th.

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 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.

Women Enabled International and the United Nations Population Fund recently released a new set of guidelines, *Women and Young Persons with Disabilities: Guidelines for Providing Rights-Based and Gender-Responsive Services to Address Gender-Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*. The purpose of the Guidelines is to provide practical guidance to ensure that gender based violence and sexual and reproductive health services give full effect to the rights of women and young persons with disabilities. You can find the Guidelines on the [Women Enabled International website](#).

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