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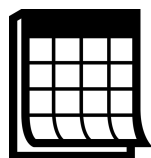
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2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series

Nothing About Us Without Us: Centering the Movement Around Self-Advocates

July 17, 2018
2-3:30 pm ET

This webinar will provide an overview of how to facilitate the effective participation of self-advocates at the intersection of violence and disability as well as some of the many benefits of doing so.

[Register here.](#)

Please be on the lookout for the rescheduled date for our

LGBTQ People with Disabilities: Embracing Intersecting Identities



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LGBTQ people who have disabilities may experience domestic and sexual violence at rates higher than their counterparts without disabilities. We know that lifetime rates of intimate partner violence and sexual abuse of LGBTQ people range from 25% to 47%. Considering that people with disabilities are 2.5 times more likely to be victimized than people without disabilities, we can assume that LGBTQ persons with disabilities are at an even higher risk of intimate partner violence than their counter parts without disabilities.

Across the country, Anti-Violence Projects are providing valuable and life-saving resources to LGBTQ survivors. These organizations work to prevent, respond to, and end all forms of violence against and within LGBTQ communities through education, legal services, mental health care, housing services, and more.

Given the likelihood of high rates of victimization of LGBTQ people with disabilities, it is likely that Anti-Violence Projects nationwide are already serving people with disabilities - and should be prepared to do

March webinar. More information will be available soon.

Registration closes one week prior to the webinar date for all of our webinars.

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

- July 17, 2018
- August 21, 2018 - DATE CHANGE
- September 18, 2018

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

so. They can provide more inclusive and welcoming services for LGBTQ survivors with disabilities by taking a few important first steps:

- Conduct universal screening for accommodations during intake;
- Conduct a review of physical spaces to ensure they are accessible;
- Provide training for staff on disability in the lives of LGBTQ people and their unique experiences and needs;
- Ensure outreach materials reflect members of the disability community and include the universal symbols of access;
- Collaborate with local disability organizations;
- Include disability as a studied demographic in annual reporting on incidence and prevalence of intimate partner violence amongst LGBTQ people.



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 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.



In the News

In New York City, Deaf people are getting specialized cards to help them communicate with law enforcement. Read more on the [NBC New York website](#).

A woman reflects on the ableism she has faced in seeking sexual health services and that ableism's perpetuation of domestic and sexual violence against people with disabilities. "If your doctor can't even be bothered to see you as a sexual being, wouldn't you consider yourself lucky to find one person who did? Would you care if he was manipulative, or forced himself on you, or left you without help when you needed to eat. At least there's one guy who's willing to have sex with you. He's clearly willing to put up with a lot if he's with you." Read the entire blog on the [HuffPost UK website](#).

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