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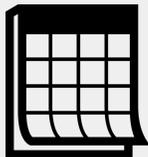
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2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series

Creating and Maintaining a Safety Net for Survivors with Disabilities

May 15, 2018
2-3:30 pm ET

This webinar will provide information to domestic violence and sexual assault providers on how to connect survivors with disabilities to additional, necessary resources and how to ensure that those benefits and resources are protected even when an individual with a disability is employed as a part of the movement.

[Register here.](#)

Not on the Radar: An Epidemic of Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities

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In the past 10+ years, much attention has been paid to the issue of sexual assault on college campuses, leading to changes that have improved safety and justice for many victims. However, students with disabilities and Deaf students have remained largely invisible to these efforts, despite being at increased risk. A [study](#) found that 31.6% of undergraduate females with disabilities reported nonconsensual sexual contact, compared to 18.4% of undergraduate females without a disability. Despite this risk, the National Council on Disability's recent report, [Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities](#), found that many campuses are unprepared to respond to sexual assault of students with disabilities. The report outlines barriers students face and provides a number of recommendations, some of which are outlined below:

Inquire about and provide accommodations. All campus sexual assault responders and support services should have policies in place to provide accommodations in a timely manner, including crisis situations or those that occur during off hours. We recommend screening all victims for the need for accommodations.

Provide training. Anyone involved in responding to

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.](#)

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!

- May 15, 2018
- 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](#).



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

sexual assault on campus should understand the increased risk of victimization and unique experiences and barriers faced by students with disabilities.

Involve disability services in coordinated campus response (CCR). Disability services should be invited to participate on coordinated community response teams on campus, as they can provide vital information about the needs of students with disabilities.

Provide accessible and inclusive information. Any digital information on the topic must be accessible to screen readers. In-person events should be designed to be accessible to as many people as possible, and should include mechanisms to request accommodations. Additionally, any prevention or other education materials should include examples of survivors with disabilities.

The NCD report also outlines recommendations for Congress, some of which are included in the SECuRE Act, recently introduced by Senators Casey and Hassan.



In the News

A case to follow: In California, a complex legal case involving people with disabilities' right to be married, guardianship, violence, manipulation, and the need for informed consent, is making it's way through the court system. To learn more details, [read the Disability Scoop article](#).

An op-ed explores the dynamics of disability and sexuality and the idea of "forced intimacy." Read the article on [The International Examiner website](#).

A new report on abuse and neglect at Carlton Palms Educational Center in Florida, the only institution left in the state, was released by Disability Rights Florida this month. Read [an article on a recent death at Carlton Palms here](#). Read the scathing [Disability Rights Florida report here](#).

An article explores how the disability rights movement has struggled more than other civil rights movements to gain momentum and why that is the case. Read the article on the [Nation of Change website](#).

Don't forget to check out the 2018 National Crime

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Victim's Rights Week [Resource Guide](#) and Sexual
Assault Awareness Month [Resources](#) this April.

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