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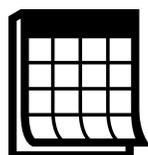
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Funding to Make Services Safe and Accessible for Survivors with Disabilities and Deaf Survivors: OVW's Disability Grant Program
January 2019 - exact date TBA
2 - 3:30 pm ET

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. Join us in the webinar to learn more about the Grant Program and next steps.

Self-Advocates Leading the Way: Creating Accessible Materials

By: Sandra Harrell, Associate Director

Meaningfully engaging people with disabilities in the movement to end violence against people with disabilities requires that information be presented in an accessible format and in plain language. Everything from the weight of paper to the size of font can affect the accessibility of information. Additionally, delivering concepts and information in the simplest possible way can ensure that everyone can fully engage with your materials.

Access for print and electronic resources involves many design considerations, such as font choice (sans serif) and size (14 point+), color choice and contrast, and the type of graphic elements and how they are used. Additional access considerations for electronic materials entails captioning for audio and video media, including alternative text for photos, and providing website accessibility certification.

Another important feature of accessible materials is writing in plain language. Some tips to write in plain language include:

- Use common words;
- Define any words that may be unfamiliar to readers;
- Avoid or explain acronyms, jargon, and idioms; and
- Write in short sentences that convey one idea.

[Register for the webinar here](#). Be on the lookout for a registration email with more information in your inbox soon.

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

- February 12, 2019
- 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 apologize for the technical difficulties you may have experienced in our webinars. We are aware of the issue and are exploring solutions to continue our dedication to accessible webinars while also creating a smoother user experience. If you have specific questions or concerns about the webinars, please email Ashley Brompton at 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!

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

There are a host of resources that anti-violence and disability organizations can use to ensure that their materials, both print and electronic, are accessible.

First, explore the [End Abuse of People with Disabilities website](#) for information on ensuring that your materials and events are accessible so that everyone working to end violence against people with disabilities can access them.

Then check out these additional resources:

- [A Guide for Making Easy Read Information](#) - Learn about creating Easy Read documents.
- [Making Written Information Easier to Understand for People with Learning Disabilities](#) - Learn about making your written materials accessible.



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On November 14th, the Center on Victimization and Safety hosted an orientation for new recipients of OVW's Disability Grant Program (DGP), which gives organizations an opportunity to make their services safe and accessible for survivors of domestic and sexual violence with disabilities and Deaf survivors. During the meeting, new DGP awardees were able to work with grantees who have been in the DGP for several years. At the end of the orientation, they were asked to team up and create "tweets" about the DGP and the work that they do. Below is a sampling of those tweets.

"The purpose is implementing planning that creates safe, effective, and barrier free services for individuals with disabilities and Deaf survivors."

"The process IS the product."

"Authentic Inclusion."

"Break down barriers across agencies.
#Collaborate4Equity."

"Together we will end the stigma and violence against people with disabilities."

"Two worlds coming together for meaningful change."

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.

If you are interested in learning more about the Disability Grant Program, be on the lookout for the grant solicitation being released this week. You can find the solicitation on the [OVW website](#). The due date for the application is in mid-January. And don't forget to attend our webinar about the Grant Program which will be in early January, with more details to come.

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