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# End Abuse of People with Disabilities

## Monthly Newsletter

**Vera** Center on Victimization + Safety



### Upcoming Webinars and Trainings

**Addressing Trauma in the Lives of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**  
February 12, 2019  
2-3:30 pm ET

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

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

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

- March 19, 2019



### VDay: Until the Violence Stops for Everyone

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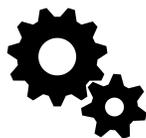
Since the 1990s, Eve Ensler's popular stage production, *The Vagina Monologues*, has raised awareness of the epidemic of violence against women. *The Vagina Monologues*, and its associated VDay Campaign, have come to be seen as a reflection on body image, sexuality, abuse, and its impact on women. Valentine's Day has been reclaimed by the movement as VDay, a day to raise awareness of violence in the lives of women.

Each year, hundreds of performances of *The Vagina Monologues*, and other events, are hosted worldwide to amplify the issue. As the movement has grown, so has its diversity: you can find performances of the show in communities around the world, from Zimbabwe to Afghanistan to the Philippines to a college campus near you. Last VDay, Eugene, Oregon hosted a performance that featured Deaf

- 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](mailto: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 people with disabilities? We want your feedback! Submit your ideas thoughts and feedback by emailing [cvs@vera.org](mailto:cvs@vera.org).

actors. Yet, while women with disabilities are three time more likely to be victims of sexual assault, few of the performances and events associated with the VDay Campaign are inclusive of women with disabilities or Deaf women. We think that should change.

There are already 1000 VDay events being planned for this season. You can find out if one is being planned in your community and encourage the producers to engage actors with disabilities and Deaf actors. Or, you can consider hosting your own accessible and inclusive event or performance. You can also reach out to the national movement via its [website](#) to advocate for disability inclusiveness.

If you do host a disability or Deaf inclusive and accessible performance of *The Vagina Monologues* or VDay Campaign events or if you know of a community doing so, please share them with the Center on Victimization and Safety by emailing us at [cvs@Vera.org](mailto:cvs@Vera.org). We would love to highlight any performance or event that centers the voices of people with disabilities in this global movement to address sexual assault.



## In the News

An indigenous woman in coma for over a decade was sexually assaulted and the crime was only uncovered when she gave birth. This incident is just an example of the pervasive issues of sexual assault against women with disabilities and indigenous women. For more information about the case, as well as an overview of the systemic issues the case shines a light on, [read this Rewire article](#).

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