

*“Serving Survivors Who Have Service Animals”*  
*End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Discussion Guide*  
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This guide is an invitation to have a discussion about the content discussed in the *End Abuse of People with Disabilities* webinar to help you engage with the material. If you have questions or concerns, please email Ashley Brompton at [abrompton@vera.org](mailto:abrompton@vera.org).

*A Note on Self-Care*

We recognize that many of the topics discussed in our webinars, and the accompanying discussion guides, may be difficult and/or triggering. We ask you to practice self-care. Here are some suggestions for practicing self-care when watching *End Abuse of People with Disabilities* webinars or using the discussion guides.

- Be mindful of trigger or content warnings during webinars, as well as your body’s own reactions. Center yourself and your needs. Do whatever you need to do to feel comfortable and safe.
- If you need to take a break, allow yourself to do so. The webinar can be paused and re-started as needed.
- Plan out ways to decompress and regroup after consuming heavy content.
- Identify supports in your community or organization that you can reach out to for assistance as needed.

*Discussion Questions*

1. What barriers do survivors who have service animals face in receiving victim’s services?
2. What are your obligations as a service provider to ensure access for service animals?

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3. What are some strategies you can implement to create a safe and welcoming space for service animal handlers?
4. How can your agency navigate complexities to ensure that service animal handlers are able to access services appropriately?