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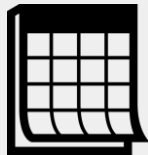
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Upcoming Webinars and Trainings

Leveraging Worldwide Perspectives on Serving Survivors with Disabilities
November 19, 2019
2-3:30 pm ET

In this webinar, *Guidelines for Providing Rights-Based and Gender-Responsive Services to Address Gender-Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights* will be reviewed and best practices that agencies in the United States can learn from international agencies will be explored.

[Register for the November webinar](#)

Hosting Accessible In-Person Events for Survivors with Disabilities

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Many of you host in-person events whether they are trainings, awareness events, or meetings. It is likely that those meetings will be attended by survivors with disabilities. When serving survivors with disabilities, spaces need to be safe and accessible. Creating accessible spaces allow survivors with disabilities full participation without barriers and ensure that they have the same experience as survivors without disabilities.

Making in-person events safe for survivors of domestic and sexual violence requires prior planning and anticipating the needs of your attendees. You must prioritize access, prepare presenters to use appropriate and thoughtful language, provide separate safe spaces for survivors to decompress, and give survivors with disabilities plenty of opportunities for input and participation. Inclusion is so much more than just *providing* accommodations-it is building a program, meeting, or event to be accessible at the onset.

The National Center for Victims of Crime's National Training Institute will be held in Denver, CO on December 4-6, 2019. The Institute will feature a number of sessions focusing on survivors with disabilities and other historically marginalized groups. For more information, contact Richard Washington at RWashington@victimsocrime.org or register by clicking the link below.

[National Training Institute Registration Page](#)

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

- December 10, 2019

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.

A few questions you can ask as you plan events for survivors with disabilities:

- Does our budget include considerations for access such as American Sign Language or other interpreting, extra printing costs, or CART?
- Is the building or room we are hosting the meeting in accessible to wheelchair users or low-vision participants? Is the space large enough to accommodate accessible aisles and seating?
- Did we ask about accommodations in registration? Do we follow up with participants about their requests?
- Do our campaigns and flyers clearly advertise accessibility and accommodations?
- Do we think about access in our programming?

The Center on Victimization and Safety provides training and technical assistance on planning accessible meetings and events for survivors of domestic and sexual violence with disabilities. Some of our offerings include:

- A tip sheet series on [Designing Accessible Events](#);
- Trainings, including *Creating Accessible Training and Technical Assistance* and *Layering Access: Accounting for Survivors with Disabilities and Deaf Survivors in Training and Technical Assistance*; and
- Technical assistance on a variety of subjects including best practices for registration, providing accommodations, and accessible event planning.

If you are interested in learning more about the training and technical assistance we provide on planning accessible events, please contact us at CVS@vera.org.

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