

INTERVIEWING VICTIMS WITH DISABILITIES

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Studies have long established that children with disabilities suffer a higher risk of becoming victims to sexual violence and other crimes. The rate of violence is almost triple the rate compared to children without disabilities.

Children with disabilities are more likely to experience physical abuse resulting in bodily injury and to experience serious sexual offenses. A number of factors are related to children with disabilities susceptibility to interactions with the criminal justice system. Significant barriers limit investigation and prosecution of these cases. Understanding and communicating effectively with these children who come in contact with the criminal justice system are necessary skills for child protective services, law enforcement, children's advocacy center staff, and other social service personnel. Participants will develop a broader understanding of children with disabilities and new strategies for effective interviewing and communicating. Video clips of real individuals with disabilities are integrated into the presentation to maximize the effectiveness of the training.

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Time: 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

(Registration begins at 8 a.m.)

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Community College
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Butler, PA 16002**

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