

ODP Announcement

Training Opportunity Related to Interviewing Individuals with Disabilities that are Victims of Crime

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.

AUDIENCE: Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordination Organization (SCOs), Supports Coordinators (SCs), Direct Service Providers, Public and Private Intermediate Care Facilities/Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID), Certified Investigators and other professionals and entities who have an interest or role in conducting investigations.

PURPOSE: The Office of Developmental Programs is pleased to announce a free training opportunity sponsored by Milestone Health Care Quality Unit West (HCQU) related to best practices for interviewing individuals with disabilities who are victims of a crime.

Presenter Scott Modell, Ph. D., is a national expert on the topic and is cofounder of Collaborative Safety, LLC. Dr. Modell is a nationally recognized speaker in the areas of child abuse, crime victims with disabilities and the application of safety science to human services agencies. He has conducted workshops and trainings reaching thousands of police officers, educators, child protective service and adult protective service professionals across the country.

DISCUSSION: 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 most 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.

This training is applicable to all professionals that may conduct interviews of persons with disabilities or have a role in incident and risk management.

TRAINING DETAILS: Training registration must be completed through the Milestones HCQU West website. Please use the following link to register and obtain more information:
<http://milestonepa.org/health-care-quality-units/milestone-hcqu-west/special-speaker-series>

Continuing Education Units (CEU) are available. Classes have a finite number of seats and may fill up quickly.

This one-day training is scheduled to be held in various Western Region locations:

DATE	LOCATION	CITY or TOWN, COUNTY
5/14/18	New Beginnings Church of God	Meadville, Crawford Co.
5/15/18	Butler County Community College: Succop Theater	Butler, Butler Co.
5/16/18	Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex	Indiana, Indiana Co.
5/17/18	Scottish Rite Cathedral: East Dining Room	New Castle, Lawrence Co.
Please plan to arrive at all locations between 8:00 and 9:00am. Registrations begins at 8:00am and class begins at 9:00am.		



Milestone HCQU West is committed to supporting and improving physical and behavioral health care services to citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by building

health care service delivery capacity and competency. If you encounter difficulties with registration, please contact Milestone Centers at 412-243-3400.

INQUIRIES

If you have questions regarding this announcement please e-mail RA-PWODP_OUTREACH@pa.gov