

What's Happening in New Jersey To Help People with Developmental Disabilities New Direction

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- This Webinar will give an overview of activities going on in New Jersey over the last year.
- Important to see how initiatives to empower people with I/DD all connect.





June 14, 2018 Leadership Summit on Sexual Violence

- Bringing together stakeholders in New Jersey who are committed to ending sexual violence and/or work in the field of I/DD
- Provide real solutions to preventing future sexual violence and redressing the abuse of the past





- People with I/DD
- Family members
- Direct Support Professionals
- Service providers/administrators
- Law enforcement
- Prosecutors
- Victim-Witness Advocates
- Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence professionals
- Social services professionals – disability/mental health
- Health care providers
- Disability advocates
- Sex educators
- Government officials

Prevention of Sexual Violence



Primary prevention refers to preventing sexual violence before it occurs.

Secondary prevention emphasizes an immediate response after sexual violence occurs.

Tertiary prevention emphasizes long-term survivor services to support the process of recovery.

Addressing Sexual Violence Against People with I/DD: Blueprint for an Empowered Future

<https://www.arcnj.org/information/sexual-offenses.html>

**The White Paper can be accessed at the link above.

Summit recommendations

- Conduct a survey about what is happening in other states.
- Reconvene the Partners in Justice multidisciplinary group.
- Improve access to health care for people with I/DD.
- Address the Direct Support Professional (DSP) staffing crisis.

Activity since the release of the white paper

- Reformation of Partners in Justice
- Subcommittees on Policy, Education and Awareness and Training
- Prioritization for the recommendations
- Acquisition of a graduate research intern to gather data from other states
- Training for law enforcement, victim service providers and attorneys



Awareness

Needs Assessment

Promote safety, respect & equality

**County Task Forces
on Healthy Sexuality**

Hotline

#MeToo

**Speakers'
Bureau**



Policy

**Special Education
Regulations**

Codify language

Teen PEP

Policies and Regulations



Training for:

**students and adults
with I/DD**

law enforcement

**parents and family
members of people
with I/DD**

DSPs/Staff

- **What is Sexual Violence?**
- **Sexual Violence and Prevention**
- **Primary Prevention Efforts**
 - General Concepts
 - Awareness
 - Policy
 - Education
 - Support
- **Other Considerations**



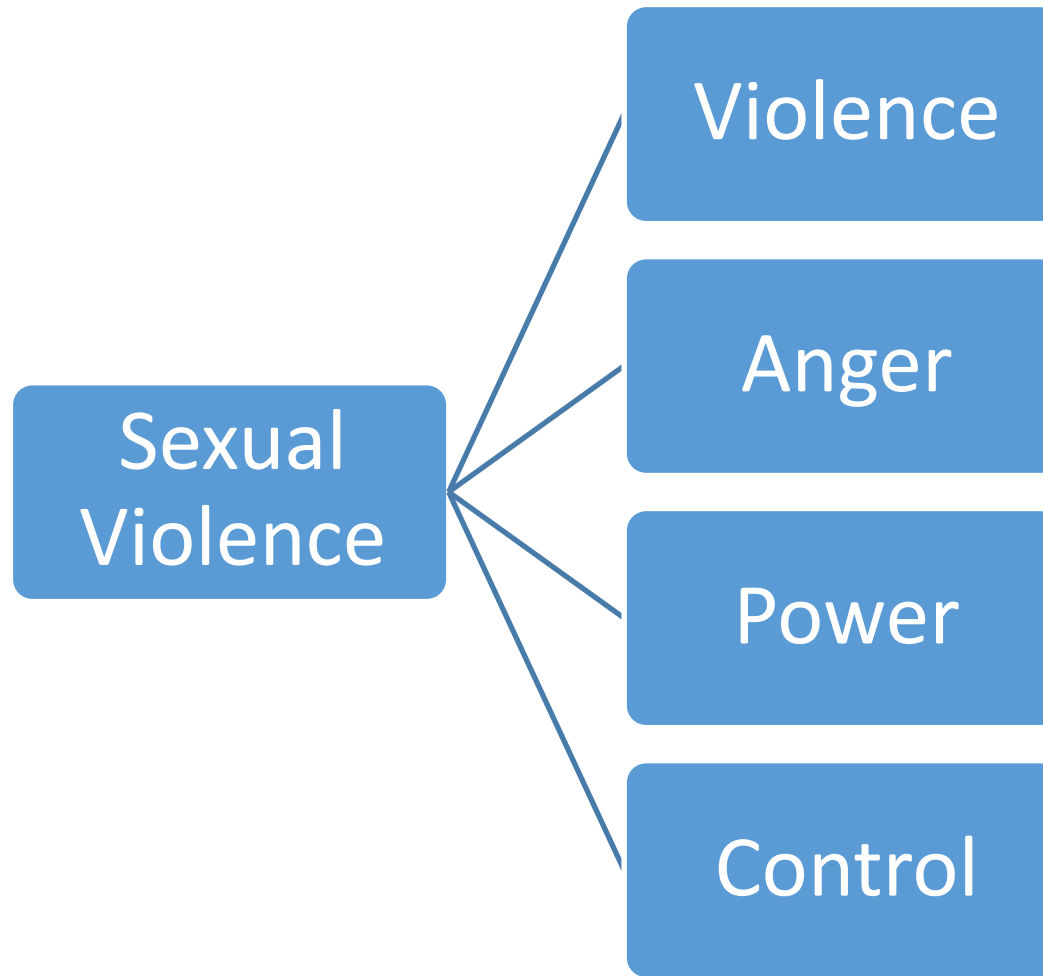
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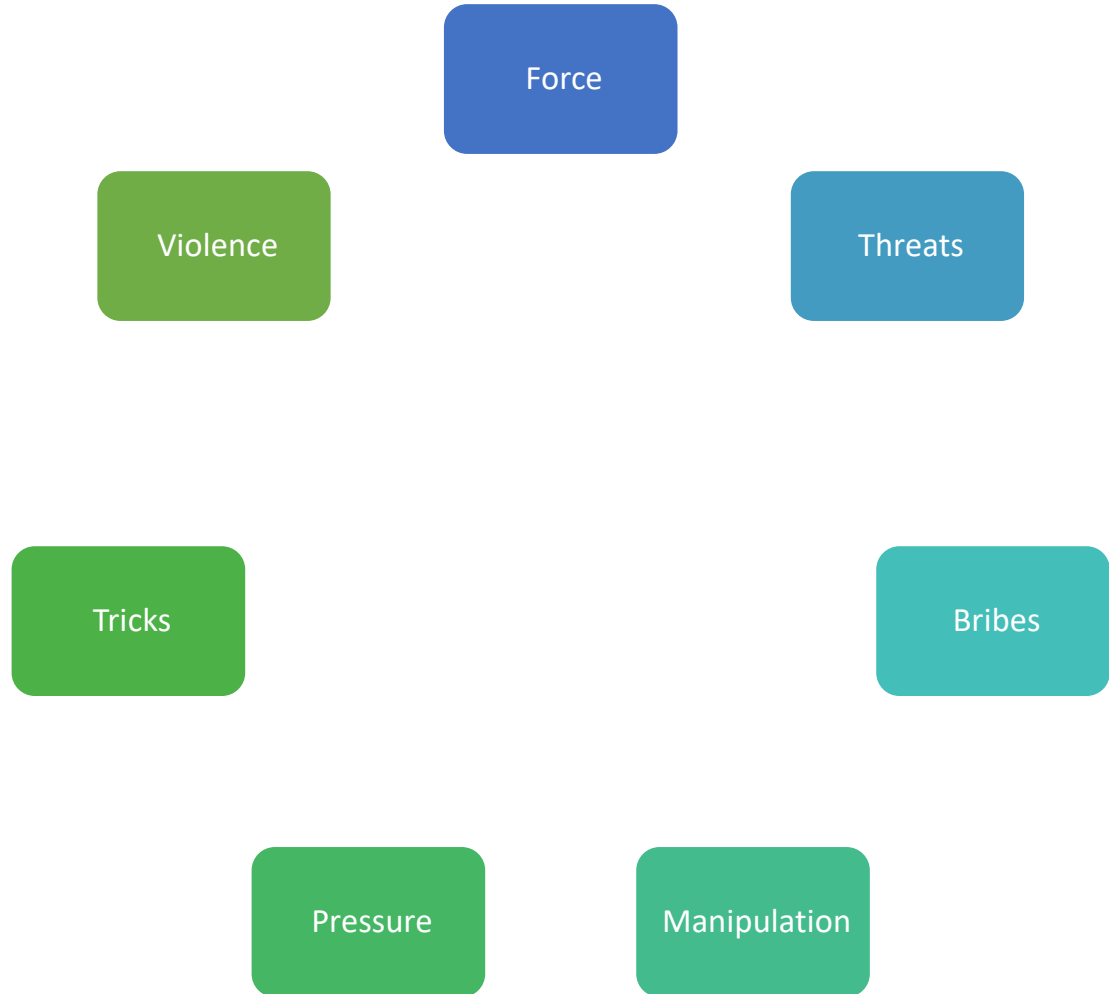
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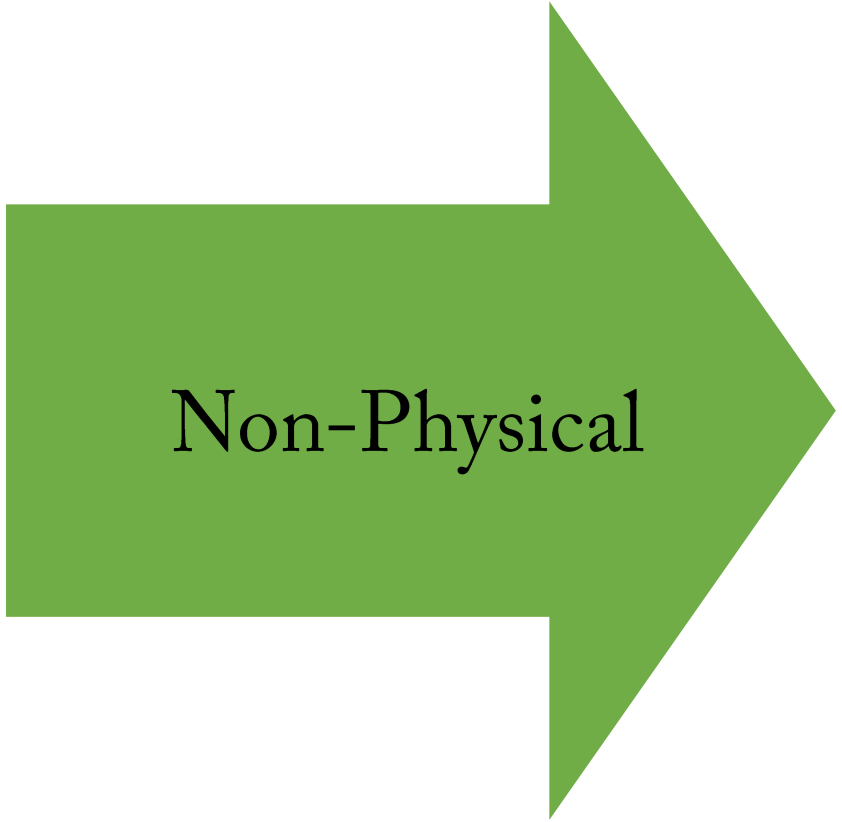
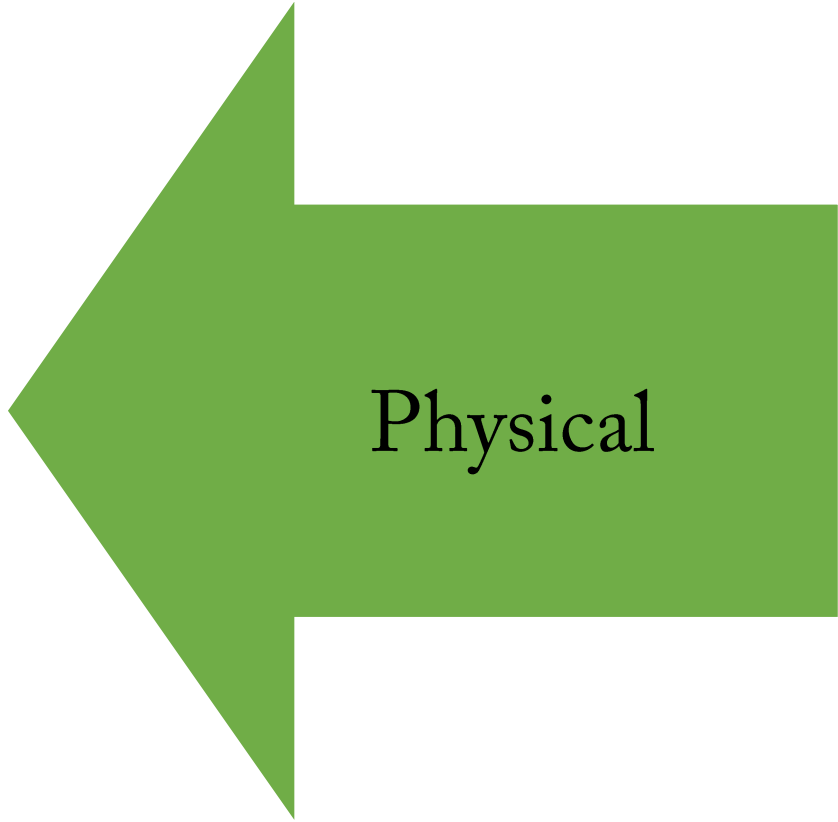
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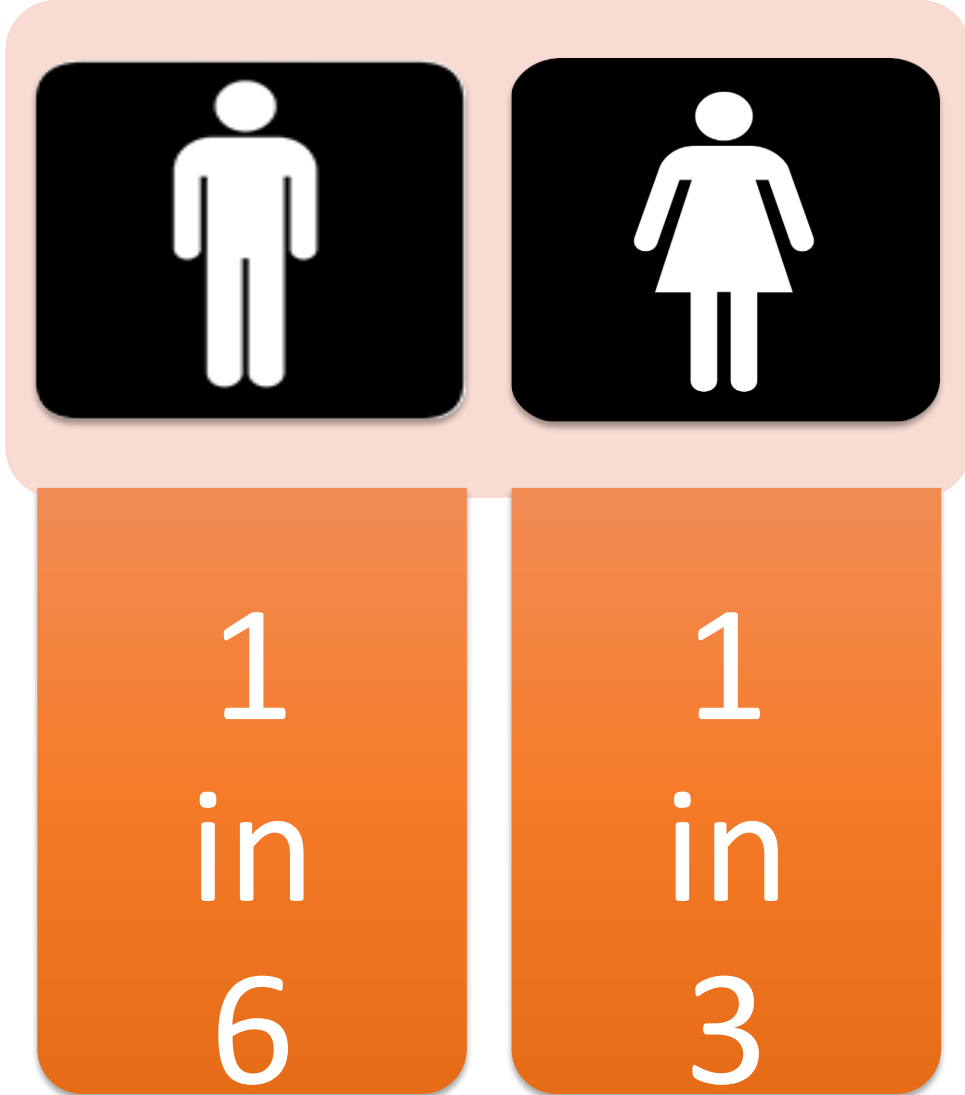
Also go to the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault for a discussion of the definition of “sexual violence”:

<https://njcasa.org>







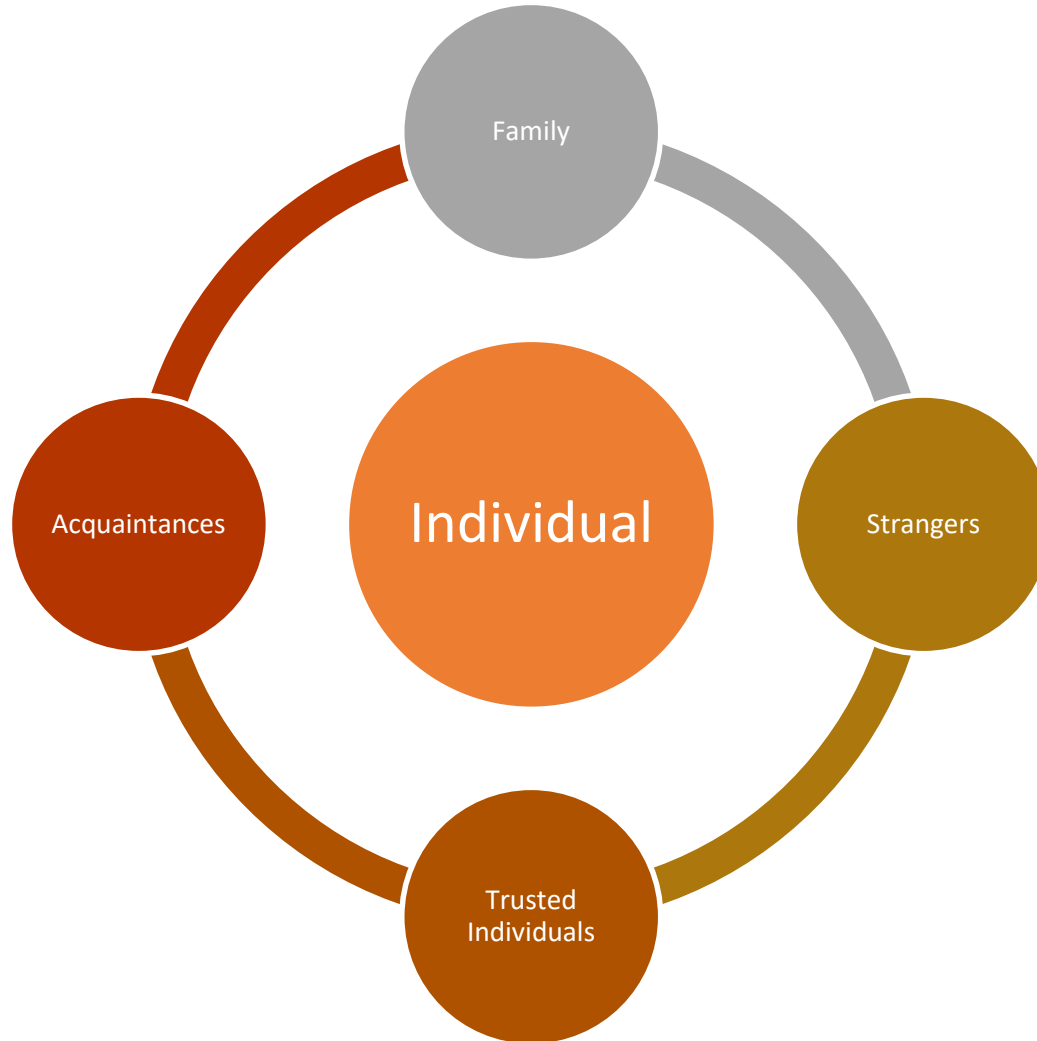


People with I/DD are sexually assaulted at **7x the rate for people without disabilities.**



Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence result in TRAUMA

- What trauma looks like in this population
- Mistaken identification of “behavior” issues
- A history of violence can make a person more vulnerable



General Concepts

- Proactive
- Empowerment
- Avoidance
- No blame
- Positive messages
- Responsibility
- Healthy sexuality
- People with I/DD as leaders



Education

Common core concepts:

- self-worth
- empowerment
- Identifying and reducing risk factors
- sexual abuse is linked to bullying
- Identifying healthy sexual relationships
- sex literacy
- boundaries
- sexual harassment
- prevention training
- consent
- self-advocacy
- implicit bias
- yes means yes and everything else means no



Support

Coping skills

Resiliency

Trust

Transparency

Communication

Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence

- Executive Order 40 established the Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence in 2002.
- Meets quarterly discuss strategies to combat and prevent sexual violence in New Jersey.
- Recent meetings include focus on marginalized citizens.
- NJCASA (NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault) have been developing surveys for victims and other groups to gather data regarding these marginalized populations.

The latest survey: Statewide Stakeholder Survey

NJCASA has received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to conduct a statewide needs assessment of sexual violence services.

The data or information collected from various stakeholders will inform the many ways NJCASA can narrow the gap of justice and healing for survivors, particularly those from historically marginalized communities. The survey is part of this ongoing process.

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5053678/Stakeholder-Survey>

Please feel free to contact NJCASA's Assistant Director Robert Baran at rbaran@njcasa.org with any questions or comments.

The Survey can also be found at www.arcnj.org on the Survey Page.



New Jersey- Signed into Law

A4482 - establishes, within the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the “Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Persons with Developmental Disabilities.”



New Jersey-Signed into Law

Requires school districts incorporate age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education grades preschool through 12 as part of NJ Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education



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CAVNET
Communities Against
Violence Network



#DisabledResilient





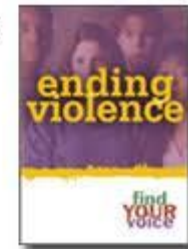
1 Develop a school policy

The School Policy Kit will help your school develop a comprehensive policy that addresses teen dating violence.



3 Reinforce student learning

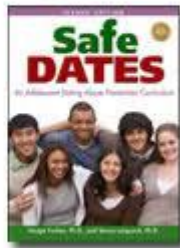
The Ending Violence program educates students about their rights and responsibilities in a dating relationship.



Safe Dates

2 Educate about dating abuse

Safe Dates teaches students the difference between caring relationships and controlling, manipulative relationships.



4 Activate student leadership

Speak.Act.Change engages students through youth activism and peer-leadership to address teen dating violence.



Other work is being done to educate the community, provide new opportunities for people with disabilities, empower and improve lives



Pathways to Justice and Growth Through Opportunity

- Pilot program in Monmouth County
- PTJ Training for multidisciplinary group of law enforcement, victim services and lawyers
- GTO-Placement of “Cadets” with law enforcement agencies



Pathways to Justice Training

- One day training for law enforcement, service providers, attorneys
- At the county level
- A “next level” program for CIT graduates as well as stand alone training program
- Conducted by and based upon curriculum developed by The Arc of the US



GROWTH THROUGH OPPORTUNITY



A HIGHLY INNOVATIVE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Endorsed by the NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION in 2018

- GTO creates transferable job, life, and social skills for individuals with I/DD
- GTO strengthens personal safety, confidence & community connectivity
- GTO enhances disability awareness and forges long lasting relationships



“Every day is an opportunity to change a life!”



- GTO Cadets training program is 4 days/week for 16 weeks
- Operates alongside law enforcement & firefighters

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www.facebook.com/GTOcadets



Law and Law Enforcement Summit

- Sponsored by the NJ Bar Foundation
- Bringing together law enforcement and social services on a statewide basis to:

1. Talk about handling sexual assault allegations
2. Talk about consent and guardianship and the interplay of these legal ideas coming up in the spring

Goals

- Prevention
- Education
- Empowerment
- Prosecution
- Trauma Informed Care



If you want to report an incident or allegations:

To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability, call 800.832.9173 (then press 1) or [email DDD](#). For more information about reporting suspected abuse and the abuse investigation process, go to [Report Suspected Abuse](#).

<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/staff/email/index.html>

<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/reporting-abuse-of-individual-with-developmental-disability.pdf>

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/adultpsp.html>

Office of the Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and their Families. The Ombudsman, Paul Aronsohn, can be contacted directly at paul.aronsohn@treas.nj.gov or (609) 649-1734.

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