

“Stop Hurting Me!” Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence Who Have Disabilities

While each survivor that we work with has a unique story and unique needs, sometimes domestic violence programs must think outside the box to provide effective and appropriate services to survivors with disabilities. A legal and ethical obligation, domestic violence programs must provide equal services to survivors who have disabilities. In this training, participants will have the opportunity to learn about different types of disabilities, how batterers may manipulate a survivor’s disability, things to take into consideration when working with survivors with disabilities, and ways to safety plan with survivors.

Training Outline

(Breakfast and registration begins a half hour prior to training start time)

9:30-4:00

- Understanding different types of disabilities, including physical and cognitive disabilities
- Learning about power and control wheels that apply to specific populations with disabilities
- Doing outreach and creating access to your agency with survivors who have disabilities
- Information on agencies and services that individuals with disabilities access and what you need to know about them

Training Facilitators

This training will be facilitated by ODVN staff.

CEU Information

This training provides 5 CEUs for social workers and counselors.

Specific Training Details

Date: December 8, 2010

Location: Waverly

Host Agency: Pike County Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Cost: \$25 for members, \$60 for non-members

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2010

Special Note: If you feel you are unable to attend the entire training please check our calendar for future dates. Participants must attend the full training to receive CEUs and an attendance certificate.

What to Expect:

- An opportunity to learn from others about their approaches to working with survivors with disabilities
- A laid-back atmosphere with many opportunities for questions and discussion
- New ways and strategies to better serve survivors with disabilities

Who Should Attend?

- Domestic violence advocates who work directly with survivors
- Domestic violence program staff who develop and implement best practices
- Anyone interested in learning more about unique issues related to working with survivors with disabilities