

Period 1 - 16CL14SC16 Best Practices for First Responders and Forensic Interviewers – Approved 2/15/17

Ohio Association of County Boards of DD

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Council Comments

Council in the past supported efforts by the Partners in Justice team and while that particular project ended when request come in around the area of victims of crime with disabilities or educating law enforcement and other non-dd agencies about people with disabilities, Council will take a second look. In this case, Council did take a second look and in September 2016 funded the collaborative work of the County Board Association and Stark County Board of DD. Council did receive a notebook that outlines everything that happened at the training and I believe this report does a wonderful job and expressing how valuable this training was. Read below....

Program Narrative

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The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council grant enable over 70 participants to attend a free training related to Best Practices for crime victims who have a developmental disability. The pilot training was focused on providing First Responders and Forensic Interviewers with awareness of the capabilities and communication needs of people with developmental disabilities and tools to use to gather information that can be used to support a prosecution when a crime toward a person with a developmental disability has been committed.

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, basic support and advocacy grant #16CL14SC16 enabled participants from the following agencies participate in the pilot training:

- APSI
- County Boards of DD
- County Children's Services
- County JFS Offices
- DODD
- OACB
- Ohio JFS
- Ohio AG's Office
- Sheriff/Police Departments
- Probation Office
- Prosecutor's Offices

Objective - 1

#1: Educate law enforcement officers & other first responders (child/adult protective services) on how to interact with individuals with Developmental Disabilities who have been a victim of abuse.

State Plan Objective: Not selected

Timeline: 2016-10-03 through 2016-12-31

Activity - 1

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Description	Timeline
On October 3 & 4 of 2016, invited representatives from local law enforcement, child & adult protective services will attend a 2 day training using materials from Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Victims w/Disabilities: Collaborative, Multidisciplinary First Response , techniques for First Responders called to help crime victims who have disabilities.	2016-10-03 - 2016-12-31
October 24 & 25, invited representatives from local courts in Stark county will attend a 2 day training on Forensic Interviewing with materials from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Victims w/Disabilities: The Forensic Interview, techniques for interviewing victims with communication and/or cognitive disabilities.	

Narrative

We believe that this pilot project was valuable for participants as indicated by some of the comments that were shared at the conclusion of the training during the evaluation. Some of these comments are listed on the following page:

- This was a great opportunity to bring multiple disciplines together to discuss individuals with intellectual disabilities as victims of crime. Having IA's, police, children's services, adult probation and the AG's office all together discussing outcomes was tremendous. I'm hopeful that this training session will prompt further discussions and allow more information to be shared.
- I have attended extensive Forensic interviewing training. The videos and demonstrations of actual forensic interviews with victims and people that have a developmental disability was extremely beneficial.
- I really enjoyed the training and feel that I learned a lot of good information. The one thing that has stuck with me and I shared with some co-workers is the need to wait and let the client answer a question before you ask it again. I tried the technique today with a young man I was interviewing and I found that it really worked well. I know now that I need to slow down and allow the person time to process the question and give an answer.
- Very Good Training! I've already recommended this training to others in the Court I work for.

SC.1.4.1 - The number of people trained or educated through Council systemic change initiatives.

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Narrative

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For the First Responder training that was completed on October 3 & 4, included 32 attendees. The Forensic Interviewing training was held on October 24 & 25 and included 40 attendees.

Objective - 2

Participants will leave the training with a resource/reference guide with training materials including Power Point slides, handouts, and DVD for reference and use beyond the in person training.

State Plan Objective: Not selected

Timeline: 2016-10-03 through 2016-12-31

Activity - 2

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Description

Timeline

First Responder training:Using materials from Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Victims w/Disabilities: Collaborative, Multidisciplinary First Response, techniques for First Responders called to help crime victims who have disabilities. Each participant will receive a training resource/reference guide with training materials including Power Point slides, handouts, and DVD for reference and use beyond the in person training.

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training manual and DVD

Forensic Interviewing: using materials from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Victims w/Disabilities: The Forensic Interview, techniques for interviewing victims with communication and/or cognitive disabilities.

Each participant will receive a training resource/reference guide with training materials including Power Point slides, handouts, and DVD for reference and use beyond the in person training.

Narrative

Each participant that attend the First Responder & Forensic Interviewing received a DVD and workbook from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime and training packet for each of the respective trainings.

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