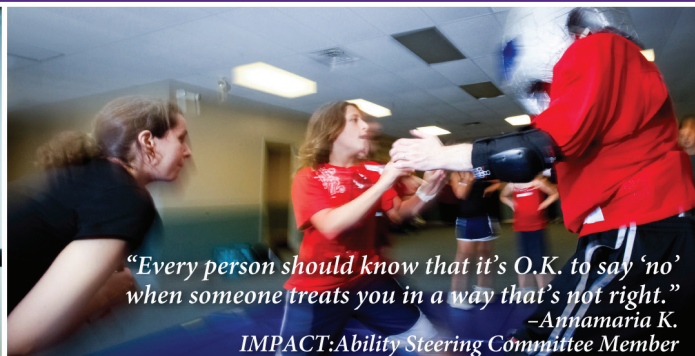


We **empower** people
and communities to
PREVENT abuse.

IMPACT:Ability

Triangle believes that safety is the foundation for career and personal success. IMPACT:Ability provides comprehensive safety training for youth and adults with disabilities and gives teachers and service providers the tools to respond effectively to abuse.



"Every person should know that it's O.K. to say 'no' when someone treats you in a way that's not right."

-Annmaria K.

IMPACT:Ability Steering Committee Member

Comprehensive Abuse Prevention and Response

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, people with disabilities are twice as likely as people without disabilities to be victims of sexual assault & violent crimes¹. In 2011, thanks to support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Triangle created the IMPACT:Ability program to address this epidemic of abuse by providing personal safety and self-advocacy training for youth and adults with disabilities while helping schools, organizations, and state agencies increase their ability to prevent and respond to abuse.

IMPACT:Ability empowers youth and adults with disabilities by:

- Providing 8-session Safety and Self-Advocacy Classes for youth and adults at Boston Public Schools (BPS), the Department of Developmental Services, The Meeting Point, and Triangle. Students learn to establish healthy boundaries, use their voice to discourage potential threats, physically defend themselves in a moment of imminent danger, and report unsafe situations to at least two safe people
- Partnering with Mass Advocates Standing Strong to provide two self-advocacy training sessions for the youth and adults identified above. Self-advocacy skills help people clearly communicate their choices, identify and achieve their personal goals, and work for social change
- Encouraging leadership development by including youth and adults with disabilities in every aspect of the IMPACT:Ability initiative

IMPACT:Ability helps schools, organizations and state agencies prevent and respond to abuse by:

- Providing abuse awareness, response, and reporting training to 200 executive leaders, educators, direct care providers, and parents at BPS, DDS, and Triangle
- Developing of Abuse Prevention Leadership teams that will increase awareness of abuse, encourage prevention, and promote healthy relationships within BPS, DDS, and Triangle
- Encouraging awareness and investment in abuse prevention by partnering with statewide leaders to create a multimedia campaign that emphasizes that abuse prevention is "Everyone's Responsibility"

Join IMPACT:Ability's Effort to Stop Abuse by:

- Sharing the IMPACT:Ability story with friends, educators, service providers, and your personal network

- Organizing an IMPACT:Ability training class for your company, school, community group, or organization
- Inviting IMPACT:Ability team members to speak about abuse prevention at your company, school, community group, or organization
- Making a financial contribution to help match the 4-year, \$500,000 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation matching grant that funds this vital program

Fast Stats:

- 1 Over the next four years IMPACT:Ability will: provide Safety & Self-Advocacy Training to 350 students and adults at BPS, DDS and Triangle; and offer abuse awareness, response, and reporting training to more than 200 executive leaders, educators, direct care providers, and parents associated with these organizations
- 2 The "Everyone's Responsibility" public awareness campaign will be produced by Triangle's Ablevision program and will air in 50 Massachusetts and 15 nationwide communities
- 3 From July 2010 to June 2011 IMPACT provided safety & self-advocacy training to 92 people with disabilities at 6 community partners including Emarc, Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, and Work, Inc.

IMPACT:Ability Program Partners

Boston Public Schools
Cambridge Health Alliance
Keith Jones
Department of Developmental Services
Disabled Persons Protection Commission
Mass Advocates Standing Strong
The Meeting Point
Dr. Anita Raj
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