

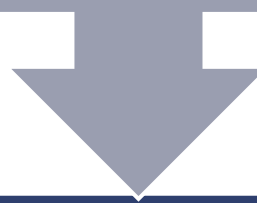
The Work of NAPSA's Disability Advisory Group (DAG)



NATIONAL ADULT PROTECTIVE
SERVICES ASSOCIATION

About NAPSA

Over 3,600 members across the country and in the territories



Provides:

Advocacy

Training

**Technical
Assistance**

**Research
to Practice**

Networking

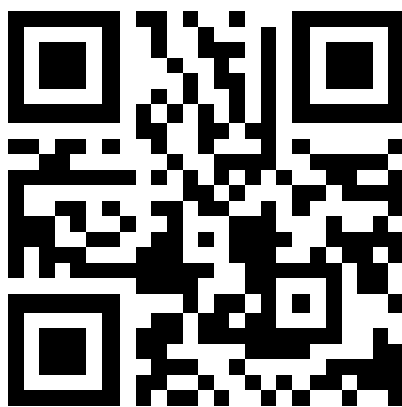
Why a Disability Advisory Group?

25-30% of reports made to APS involve people with disabilities

- Underreporting
- Lack of trauma-informed training
- Need for Peer Support Specialists

Disability Advisory Group's Mission

People with disabilities will lead and inform the Adult Protective Services field on how to positively impact the lives of persons with disabilities who experience abuse, neglect and/or exploitation.



<https://tinyurl.com/NAPSADIAPS>

Disability Advisory Group's Goals

- Education for the field of APS
- APS policy and funding advocacy
- Outreach to people with disabilities regarding access to APS
- Empower people with disabilities to **SHINE
THEIR LIGHT**

A Brief History...

 **2021**

The DAG began meeting

Purpose: To ensure people with disabilities are included in APS in empowering ways

 **Today**

We empower people with disabilities to:

Improve outreach

Offer specialized training for APS professionals

 **2022-2025**

Regular meetings to build the DAG and increase capacity

Hosted a national webinar series highlighting the importance of disability inclusivity in APS

2023 Post Webinar Survey



What Did People Want to Learn More About?


- Breaking down silos of reporting and collaborating
- Recruitment and retention of APS staff

Top Training Priorities


- Trauma informed interviews
- Alternatives to guardianship
- Disability 101

Over half of respondents said they “definitely would” be interested in future trainings about working with people with disabilities.

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NAPSA DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP

To empower and include people with disabilities in APS

Learn more about the mission, history, and goals of the NAPSA Disability Advisory Group.

[CLICK HERE FOR A PDF SUMMARY OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP](#)



<https://tinyurl.com/DIAPShome>

What's Next?

2025

Continue building awareness

Develop training materials to offer in 2026

2026

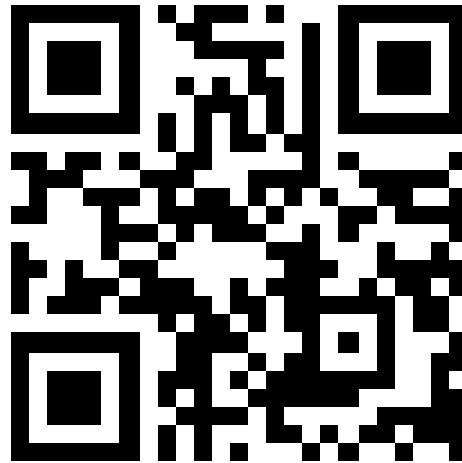
Grow the group (DAG)

Training and Outreach Topics:

- Trauma Informed Interviews
- Alternatives to Guardianship
- Disability 101

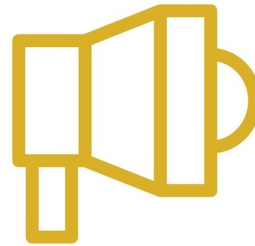
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Complete the Join DIAPs form online!



<https://tinyurl.com/JoinDIAPS>

Happenings At the National Level



- President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)
- Changes at HHS
- Priorities on inclusion of younger adults with disabilities
- Funding and need for continued advocacy

What's Happening in the Field?

Kecia Weller

- Silence=Violence Network (Co-Founder)
- Disability Rights California (PAIMI Advisory Committee)
- The Arc's Transforming Healthcare Project (Co-Leader)
- The Natalie Project (Advisor)
- Down to Defend (DEI Liaison)

Work with Office on Violence Against Women

- **Examining Mandatory Reporting Across 50 States - Thoughts from APS and the Disability Community**

Persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are more likely to be victims of crime and might not report a crime for many reasons.

- The *Language Access Barriers to Justice Among Victims of Violence Against Women with IDD* project, funded OVW is looking at barriers to reporting and reviewing existing policies and accommodations for victims with IDD, including mandatory reporting policies that apply to adult victims with IDD.



Check out the research on inclusive partnerships!

<https://tinyurl.com/InclusivePartner>

The Arc of the United States

The Arc's Mission: *To promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.*

- Largest organization in the U.S. that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families
- Policy, program, and legal advocacy
- 550+ chapters across the country



National Center on
Criminal Justice & Disability
Visit: thearc.org/

The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability

- Created in 2013 with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Mission: Advocate at the intersection of criminal justice reform and the advancement of disability rights
 - Work on both victim/witness issues and on issues facing those who are charged with crimes
- Broad portfolio of projects and contracts from the federal government and foundations
- Target audiences: Disability advocates, criminal justice professionals, people with IDD and The Arc's chapter network



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NCCJD: What We Do



Training and technical assistance

- Pathways to Justice®
www.nccjdpathwaystojustice.org
- Community-based program that creates Disability Response Teams (or DRTs)



Information and referral

- For people with disabilities and their families as well as criminal justice and allied professionals
- <https://thearc.org/our-initiatives/criminal-justice/>



Resource collection and creation

- Policy briefs, fact sheets, other publications



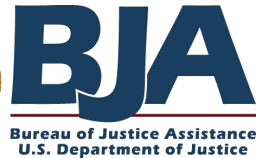
Education

- Social media, webinars, and conferences



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Project Partners



Cornell University



National
Policing
Institute



Autism
Society



The Arc's NCCJD Projects & Initiatives

- *Just Policing: In-Person and Online Training for Police on IDD*
- *Language Access Barriers to Justice Among Victims with IDD*
- *Crisis Response Intervention Training & Technical Assistance*
- *Interviewing People with IDD – International Assoc of Chiefs of Police*
- *Home Safe: People with autism/IDD and wandering*
- *Transforming Healthcare: Sexual Violence Prevention in Healthcare*
- *International work: Access to Justice International Knowledge Hub*
- *The Arc's NCCJD Pathways to Justice Training Program*
- *Arizona Sexual Violence Disability Network – The Arc of Arizona*
- *NCCJD's Community of Practice for The Arc's chapter network*



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DPPC's New Website and Materials



L.I.S.T.E.N.: Interviewing People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



L.I.S.T.E.N.: Interviewing People on the Autism Spectrum



L.I.S.T.E.N.: Interviewing People with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Three New Training Videos and an App for Adults with Disabilities

Recently released video series on interviewing:

- [L.I.S.T.E.N.: Interviewing People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [L.I.S.T.E.N.: Interviewing People on the Autism Spectrum](#)
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DPPC Apps



<https://dppcmass.gov/the-s2-app/>

- DPPC launch of the **S2 Self-Care for Survivors app**, created in partnership with adults with disabilities. This app allows users to learn how to practice self-care, embrace their emotions and benefit from interactive activities.



<https://dppcmass.gov/resources/elementor-2862/>

- This follows the launch of DPPC's **R3 app** to assist adults with disabilities to **Recognize, Report, and Respond** to Abuse.

How are you partnering?

- Are you making connections so that people with disabilities can lead advocacy?
- Outreach and training efforts?
- Any challenges?

APS Technical Assistance Resource Center Podcast




Serving APS Clients with Disabilities

Jennifer Spoeri (NAPSA) interviews
Patty Quatieri (Massachusetts' DPPC)
& Leigh Anne McKingsley, (The ARC)

Listen in at:
<https://apstarc.acl.gov/podcasts>



Questions?



After today's
discussion, what
would you like to
learn more about?

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Thank you!