

Disability Rights Oregon

Enhancing Commitment and Capacity to Serve Survivors with Disabilities

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Today's Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Commitment
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Introduction

Bringing awareness to the victimization of people with disabilities



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The Intersection of Violence and Disability

- People with disabilities experience violent victimization at rates **three times higher** than people without disabilities
- They routinely face barriers when reaching out for help
 - Communication
 - Physical
 - Programmatic
 - Attitudinal


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The Intersection of Violence and Disability Continued

- Programs must actively work to remove these barriers and enhance their capacity to effectively serve survivors with disabilities



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Commitment

Demonstrating willingness and determination to address domestic violence and sexual violence against people with disabilities

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Commitment

- Recognize violence against people with disabilities as a priority
- Budget considerations
- Partner and collaborate with other organizations that serve people with disabilities

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Commitment Continued

- Improve accessibility
- Include people with disabilities
- Affirm your agency's mission to serve people with disabilities



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Capacity

Proactively accounting for survivors with disabilities



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Capacity


- Accessible and inclusive material resources
- Ensure that programs' resources and activities account for the unique needs of survivors with disabilities

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Capacity Continued

- Ensure staff and volunteers represent the diversity of the communities served, and that they have the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to effectively serve all survivors with disabilities



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