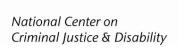
Creating Pathways to Justice® for People with I/DD in 2018 and Beyond

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Learning Objectives

- Background on both NCCJD and Pathways to Justice training
- Accomplishments/resources available
- Current projects
- Looking to the future





National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability®

Overrepresentation as both Victims and Suspects/Defendants

- Represent 4-10% of prison population
- 2 in 10 prisoners and 3 in 10 jail inmates report having a cognitive disability* (BJS, 2015)
- They also experience highest rate of victimization compared to other types of disabilities (NCVS, 2015)
- 65-70 percent of justice-involved youth have a disability (3x higher the rate)



* Cognitive disability: Because of a physical, mental, or emotional problem, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?

Achieve with us.

About NCCJD

- Created in 2013 grant from Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- \$800K from Nov 2013-Nov 2017
- Create NCCJD and Pathways to Justice
- 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







DISABILITY RIGHTS

rotection & Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities



AUTISM SOCIETY
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism

NASDDDS Nonal Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

















Institute on Disabilities

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NCCJD: What We Do

- Training and technical assistance
 - For criminal justice professionals (Pathways to Justice)
- Information and referral (800+ calls)
 - For both disability and criminal justice
 communities

- Resource collection and creation
 - White papers, fact sheets, articles
- Education
 - Social media, archived webinars, and conferences

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I&R, TA, Consultation

- White House Domestic Policy Council
- Policing Post-Ferguson Conference, Yale Law School
- DOJ's COPS program article for online newsletter and current MOU
- IACP revise model policy and issues paper
- Vera Institute of Justice male victims with disabilities, judicial curriculum
- US Dept. of State, International Disability Rights
- DOJ's Community Relations Services hate crimes panel
- Georgia Dept of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties & VA agency (AL)
- ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives)
- Numerous individual requests re: death penalty, suspects of sex crimes, assistance with IJPs, etc.



Criminal Justice & Disability

Training: NCCJD Webinars

- Conducted 23 webinars with 4,500 attendees
- Archived webinars available
- Broad range of topics covering:
 - Intersection of race and disability
 - Disability awareness and CIT training
 - Crime victims with disabilities
 - Supporting victims re: sexual violence
 - Alternatives to incarceration
 - People with FASD in the CJ system
 - Services/supports for sex offenders with I/DD



NCCJD White Paper Series

- Violence, Abuse and Bullying Affecting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (April 2015)
- Sex Offenders with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (July 2015)
- Justice Involved Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Sept 2015)
- Competency of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System: A Call to Action for the Criminal Justice Community (Sept 2016)

http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD/publications

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NCCJD Web Site

- Pathways to Justice video & conversation guide
- State-by-state map; list of resources searchable by target audience and location
- Revamping site to make more user friendly overall and accessible
- Social media presence via Facebook page
- Pathways to Justice page



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Pathways to Justice®

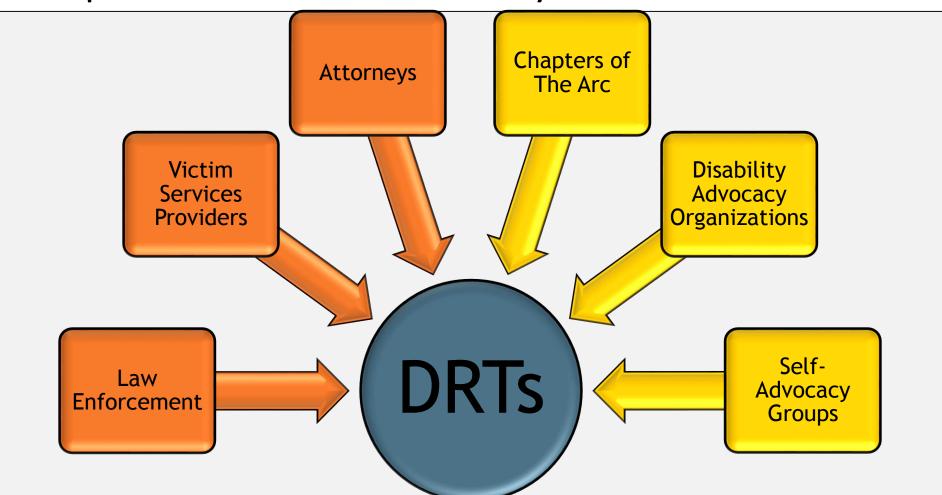
- Community-based program
 - Includes self-advocates and other key stakeholders
- Multi-disciplinary approach
 - Training for law enforcement, legal professionals, and victim services providers
- Disability Response Teams (DRTs)



www.NCCJDpathwaystojustice.org

Disability Response Teams (DRTs)

 Multidisciplinary teams of criminal justice professionals and disability advocates.



Pathways to Justice® Overview

- One day, 8 hour training
- Core Components
 - Increasing awareness, debunking myths
 - Identifying disabilities (with disability rights focus)
 - Providing supports/accommodations
 - Knowing/using vital resources
 - Sustaining training efforts



Pathways to Justice Modules

Module 1: Introduction to DRTs and the Pathways to

Justice Training Program

Module 2: *Disability Basics*

Module 3: Law Enforcement

Module 4: *Victim Service Providers*

Module 5: Legal Professionals

Module 6: Developing a Pathways to Justice Plan



Pathways to Justice® Profession Specific Tip Sheets



- 10 Facts Law Enforcement Needs to Know When Serving & Protecting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)
- <u>5 Facts Attorneys Need to Know When Representing or Working</u>
 With Citizens with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)
- 10 Facts Victim Service Providers Need to Know When Serving & Protecting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)



Available at: http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD/publications

Pathways to Justice ®

- Piloted PTJ at 5 chapters in 2015 (including The Arc of New Jersey)
- Conducted PTJ trainings at 6 chapters in 2017
- First Train-the-Trainer in Ohio in 2018
- Over 500 participants to date
- Findings (from pilot sites)
 - 49% of participants filled out pre/post test
 - 92% indicated knowledge level increased and intent to use new strategies learned



NCCJD's Projects



New Projects (2018-2020)

Serving Safely: The National Initiative to Enhance Policing for Persons with Mental Illnesses and Developmental Disabilities

Funder: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Dates: April 30, 2018 - April 30, 2019

Amount: \$330,000 for 1 year

Description: Provide training and TA on the

topic of people with I/DD in the

criminal justice system

NCCJD's Role: Partner with Vera Institute



https://www.vera.org/projects/serving-safely/overview

What "Serving Safely" Offers

- No cost trainings with police officers, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement leaders, legal professionals, victim service professionals, peers, and family members
- Assistance with the development, review, evaluation, and implementation of policies and protocols that aim to improve police responses to persons with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities
- Support after crisis incidents—and tailored solutions to promote long-term safety improvements in police departments and the communities they serve.

Apply for FREE training and TA here:

https://www.vera.org/projects/serving-safely/training-and-technical-





New Projects (2018-2020)

Supporting Crime Victims with Disabilities

Funder: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Dates: March 30, 2018 - Sept 30, 2020

Amount: \$320,000 for 3 years

Description: Ensure the voices of people with

I/DD are key in the process of

revising two OVC publications

NCCJD's Role: Partner with Vera Institute



Other Projects/Contracts

- Ohio UCCEDD Pathways to Justice® Train the Trainer (piloted)
- Vera Institute of Justice National Center on Underserved Victims
- Council of State Governments (CSG)
- Speaking and consultation fees
 - ATF request to review training
 - Growing number of requests for speaking engagements (many from NPR series)



Unfunded Projects/Partnerships

- Vera Project: Ending Violence of People with Disabilities (NoVo Foundation)
- National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges
- COPS Office, U.S. Department of Justice
 - Creating videos with supplemental information
- Legal Reform for People with I/DD (LRIDD)
 - https://lridd.org/
- National Coalition for Sexual Health
- 1in6; No More Steering Committee



Looking to the Future

- Applying the lens of intersectionality
- Supporting self-advocates as leaders in the #MeToo movement and criminal justice reform
- Create and support innovative ways to educate officers and others about I/DD (ie, procedural justice, CIT advanced course)



Criminal Justice & Disability

2018 Priorities

- Addressing police misunderstandings of and misconduct toward people with disabilities
- Healing victims with disabilities, especially survivors of sexual assault
- Increasing attention on the plight of people with I/DD accused of sex offenses
- Increasing professional competence
 - Using Pathways to Justice as a primary tool
 - Targeted outreach to the legal community



Intersectionality











Improving NCCJD's Diversity & Cultural Competence

- Nature of criminal justice advocacy is <u>intersectional</u>
- NCCJD's Strategies:
 - Information and resources (e.g., current white paper)
 - Strategic planning
 - Staffing



NPR's Abused & Betrayed Series

The rate of rape and sexual assault against people with intellectual disability is **more than seven times** the rate for people without disabilities.

Image: Three pictures of people with disabilities whose stories were shared in NPR's Abused and Betrayed series.





The Arc of New Jersey's Blueprint to Address Sexual Violence



Photos available at: https://www.npr.org/2018/06/25/623189167/ states-aim-to-halt-sexual-abuse-of-people-with-intellectual-disabilities

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- At least 1 in 6 men have been sexually assaulted
- PSA first time included a man with disabilities
- Over 4 million views to date
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p06x-yumc0

Image: Picture of man (James Meadours) shaking hands with woman who just read his story about surviving sexual assault for the first time. Both are sitting on stools and smiling.





Pathways to Justice & Procedural Justice **Highlighted in UMN Impact Publication**

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Future Activities

- Pathways to Justice®
 - Focus on outreach to chapters in 2018-9
 - The Arc of Georgia, The Arc of NM, The Arc of Texas, The Arc of Oregon,
 The Arc of Philadelphia, The Arc of Kent County (MI)
- Kessler Foundation
 - Innovative project combining employment with police training
- WITH Foundation
 - Talk About Sexual Violence project
- People with Disabilities Foundation
 - Support Pathways to Justice training
- Open Society Foundation
 - International hub project



NCCJD's 5-Year Strategic Plan

- NCCJD's advocacy is growing; time and resources can become strained
- Questions:
 - How do we meet the demand with limited resources?
 - What's most important to those we serve?
 - Where do we have the most expertise to offer?
 - How can we expand our impact?
- The solution & the challenge: goal-directed advocacy, with measurable impacts overtime



Criminal Justice & Disability

NCCJD Policy Priorities

- Require training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and public defenders
 - So that individuals with I/DD are supported throughout their experience in the criminal justice system (whether as defendant, suspect, witness, victim, or incarcerated person)
- Create opportunities for alternatives to sentencing and pre-trial diversion for suspects/defendants with I/DD
- Ensure individuals with I/DD have access to sentencing reduction programs with needed accommodations and support
- Ensure individuals with I/DD obtain needed support and accommodations while incarcerated
- Create effective systems for identifying individuals who have I/DD in all stages of the criminal justice system



NEW Chapter Community of Practice

- Online community to support chapters providing criminal justice advocacy:
 - Share practice resources
 - Identify and discuss common practice issues
 - Jointly problem-solve and discuss solutions
 - Celebrate good practice and good ideas
 - Promote a culture of shared learning and continuous improvement
 - Disseminate valuable information and transfer of best practices



Take Action!

- Learn more about the intersection of disability and criminal justice
- Support organizations like The Arc's NCCJD
 - Sign up for emails and follow us on Facebook
 - View webinars, download white papers
 - Use NCCJD's request assistance online form
- Support/collaborate with The Arc of New Jersey's Criminal Justice Advocacy Program
- Offer Pathways to Justice training to raise awareness



https://www.thearc.org/NCCJD/about/request-assistance

Questions?

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