

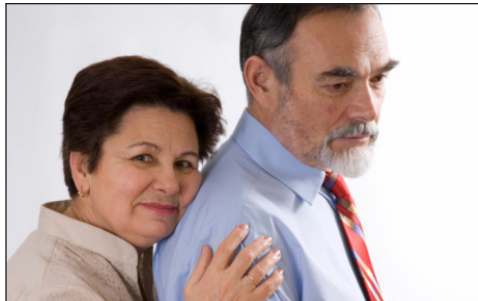


The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability



The Arc received funding from The U.S. Department of Justice to create The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability. This two-year project is the first national effort of its kind to bring together both victim and offender issues involving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (or I/DD) under one roof. The Center will serve as a national clearinghouse for information and training on the topic of people with I/DD as victims, witnesses and suspects or offenders of crime. The Center's goal is to build the capacity of the criminal justice system to respond to gaps in existing services for people with I/DD. The Arc will partner with a wide spectrum of criminal justice professionals, including law enforcement, legal and disability fields at the national, state and local levels. The Center's products and services include:

- ❖ Training and technical assistance (including a certified training program, toolkits and web-based training)
- ❖ On-line resource library (including fact sheets, current research, state-by-state database of resources and relevant laws and legislation and directory of expert attorneys, witnesses, forensic interviewers and victim advocates)
- ❖ White papers, literature reviews and reports to promote identification and evaluation support of promising practices
- ❖ Public awareness via a robust web site housing The Center's resource library and other materials, issue-specific marketing, communication and promotion about The Center's work, and exhibits/presentations at key conferences



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The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability will pursue and promote safety, fairness and criminal justice for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as suspects, offenders, victims or witnesses. The Center will become the national focal point for the collection and dissemination of resources and serve as a bridge between criminal justice and I/DD professionals.

