Our Vision:
A Society For All; Equal Access, Equal Opportunity, Empowerment

Our Mission:
We serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through support and advocacy.
SERVICES

• Home Based Support Program /Service Facilitation
• Guardianship Assistance
• Money Management
• Life Skills Classes
• Project Art
• Social Activities
• Advocacy
• Community Outreach
Why a Disability Response Team (DRT)?
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCERNS

- Unrecognized as having a disability
- Victimized at high rates
- Denied redress
- Denied due process
- Discriminated against in sentencing, confinement, and release
- Safety- Individuals with a diagnosis as well as 1st responders
CHALLENGES

Problems in Communicating

- Limited Vocabulary
- Speech Impairment (or may be afraid to talk)
- Unable to read or write
- May say what they believe others want to hear
- Difficulty in understanding directions or answer questions

Behavior

- Easily influenced by others or anxious to please others
- Easily victimized
- Easily frustrated due to not understanding others
- Doesn’t want their disability noticed
- Difficulty making change, using telephone, telling time, giving accurate directions or other “Life Skills”
DISABILITY RESPONSE TEAM

- Formed through a grant from the NCCJD
- Provide a unified voice through the disability community for criminal justice reform throughout the country
- Identify and address opportunities for training, education and advocacy around structural systems change
- Provided Pathways to Justice training to 90 individuals- first responders, lawyers and social service providers
What is NCCJD?

- NCCJD® is a training & technical assistance center funded by Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- First national effort to address both victim/witness and suspect/offender issues at the same time
- National clearinghouse for information and training on people with disabilities in the criminal justice system (focus on I/DD)
Disability Response Team (DRT)
Hosted by Chapters of The Arc

Criminal Justice Professionals
- Law Enforcement
- Victim Services Providers
- Legal professionals

Disability Community
- Family advocates
- Disability advocates (other than The Arc)
- Self-advocates
The Disability Response Team is made up of local stakeholders wanting to make a change:

Jennifer Clifford, Associate Judge
Joel Givens, Rkfd Police Dept
Shauna Gustafson, Win Cty Public Defenders
Ronald Jackson, RAMP/self advocate
Shannon Kopp, Rkfd Fire Dept
Maureen Mustacci,
Rebecca Rankins, The Arc
Lisa Seger, Parent
Peter Del Pra, Win Cty Sherriff
Bob Vertiz, Rkfd Fire Dept
Pathways to Justice® Conference

A comprehensive Training Program for Law Enforcement, Victim Service Providers and Attorneys on Intellectual, Developmental and Other Disabilities

Thursday, March 2, 2017
9am - 4pm
Prairie Street Brewhouse
200 Prairie Street
Rockford, IL 61107

The Arc’s National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability (NCCJD) is excited to offer the first-of-its kind training program—Pathways to Justice

This FREE conference will:

- Cover victim/witness and suspect/offender issues
- Address pervasive problems faced by criminal justice professionals
- Empower individuals, professionals and communities
- Reveal “hidden” disabilities and increase awareness of intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Create site-specific, holistic solutions to complex challenges that occur when people with disabilities become involved in the criminal justice system

Under review for continuing legal education (CLE) and continuing education units (CEU) and continuing law enforcement training credit. We will notify all registered participants of specific credit details when they become available.

Lunch will be provided. RSVP is required as space is limited.

RSVP or for more information, contact Amy Newell or Pamela Scott:
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PATHWAYS TO JUSTICE: PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

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: Attorneys
Module 6: Developing a PTJ Plan
The Arc
National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability

Pathways to Justice™ Model

STEPS:
- identification
- accommodation
- support

suspect/offender
- 911
- law enforcement
- arrest
- initial detention
- first appearance
- trial/plea agreement
- transition
- community

community
- first contact
- investigation
- jail
- trial/plea agreement
- transition
- community

victim/witness
- 911 complaint
- law enforcement
- communicate
- forensic interview
- charges filed
- victims’ rights
- prepare for trial
- witness/testimony
- crime/victim notification request
- coping/prevention
- prevention plan

This model is based on The Sequential Intercept Model, SAMHSA’s GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation. (2013). Developing a comprehensive plan for behavioral health and criminal justice collaboration: The Sequential Intercept Model. Delmar, NY: Author.
Other Trainings Done

- Chief’s Breakfast
- State’s Attorney’s office
- Public Defender/Probation Department
- Emergency Room Staff
- Family Criminal Justice Training
RESOURCES

- Video- Up Against the Fence
- The Arc of the United States has a number of useful fact sheets with statistics and information. Here are a few:
  
  Pathways to Justice: Get the Facts (4)
  People with ID/D in the Criminal Justice system: Victims and Suspects
  Abuse of Children with ID
  People with ID and Sexual Violence
  Position Statements
SOME OF THE CASES WE HAVE RECEIVED CALLS ABOUT....

- Hiring a hit man
- Battery
- Helping get an OP against a grandparent
- Parent calling for help with their adult child with dual diagnosis with extensive contact with the criminal justice system
- Support for victim of abuse to report/work through system
- Child custody for individual with diagnosis against boyfriends family
- Shoplifting
- Sexual Crimes- both as victims and suspects
WHAT ELSE ARE WE LOOKING AT?

- Specialized court- for all disabilities not solely Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Training for police and fire- possibly during roll calls (taped and played); part of their CIT training; de-escalation; lower level approaching
- Pathways Training- again
- State’s Attorneys and Public Defenders Training- again
- Criminal Justice Training- but aimed at individuals not parents/guardians
Questions?

You may also contact Amy Newell by email at

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