

Sample Focus Group and Individual Interview Questions

Persons With Disabilities

1. Why do you think crime victims who have disabilities *may not* reach out for help?
2. What can we do so that more persons with disabilities will reach out for help if they are hurt or abused?
3. What do service providers need to know to help persons with disabilities hurt by abuse or other crimes? (Service providers include police, sheriff's officers, disability services, domestic and rape crisis centers, hospital staff, and other victim service agencies.)
4. What do you think service providers should do or say if they think someone is being hurt or abused? What should they *not* do?
5. If you or someone else you know with a disability used our services, what was helpful?
 - a. Was there anything that was not helpful?
 - b. What would have made it better?
6. How can our agency improve our services and become more welcoming to persons with disabilities?

7. If you or someone you know used our services, what kinds of accommodations were provided?
 - a. Were any disability-related needs not met?
8. What advice do you have for persons with disabilities who are victimized by abuse?
9. What advice do you have for persons with disabilities about reaching out for help?
10. How can law enforcement, victim services, disability service agencies, and persons with disabilities work together to provide better services to crime victims with disabilities?
- 11. Closing question:** Is there anything else you want us to know that we haven't talked about yet?