Sample Surveys

Victim and Disability Service Providers and Law Enforcement Staff

1. Whom do you currently work for?

___ Victim service provider

___ Disability service provider

___ Law enforcement

___ Other: __________________________________________________________

2. What barriers to serving crime victims with disabilities have you seen or experienced? Check all that apply.

___ Physical inaccessibility of services

___ Inadequate knowledge about disabilities

___ Time

___ Lack of appropriate staffing

___ Personal/professional biases against persons with disabilities

___ Fear of the unknown
3. How can those barriers be removed?

4. How is a report of sexual assault or domestic violence from a person with a disability handled within your agency? If the person chooses to report the crime with your agency’s assistance, how does this occur?

5. What barriers or issues have come up when linking clients with disabilities with resources and services outside of your agency? Check all that apply.

   ___ Unaware of available resources

   ___ Takes too much time

   ___ Outside of agency scope

   ___ Cannot get client in or there is a waitlist for service

   ___ Other: __________________________________________________________

6. Does your agency track the number and types of crimes disclosed by clients with disabilities?

   ___ Yes ___ No ___ I don’t know
7. If you answered no to number 6, do you have the capacity to track this information?

___ Yes ___ No ___ I don’t know

8. If you answered yes to number 6, how does your organization collect and use this information?

9. In your experience, which type of crime is most frequently reported by persons with disabilities?

___ Financial abuse

___ Verbal/emotional abuse

___ Physical abuse

___ Sexual abuse

___ Withholding access to services

___ Fraud

___ Neglect

___ None (Do not have experience of reports of crime by persons with disabilities)

___ Other: __________________________________________________________
10. Does your organization track the disabilities of people you serve?

___ Yes ___ No ___ I don’t know

11. What kinds of information, consultation, or training could be useful to you or your organization to effectively work with persons with disabilities who are victims of crime?

Check all that apply.

[Note: The following responses are suggested for surveys directed to victim service providers and law enforcement.]

___ Overview of types of disabilities

___ Federal and state laws relating to persons with disabilities

___ Dynamics of abuse and persons with disabilities

___ Responding to disclosures of abuse

___ How to provide accessible response to crime victims with a range of disabilities

___ Information about local services for persons with disabilities

___ Other: __________________________________________________________

[Note: The following responses are suggested for surveys directed to disability service providers.]
___ Possible indicators of abuse

___ Dynamics of abuse and persons with disabilities

___ Responding to disclosures of abuse

___ Safety planning with an individual who reports abuse

___ Promoting safe and healthy relationships for persons with disabilities

___ Information about local services for persons with disabilities

___ Other: ____________________________________________________________

12. Does your agency have any trainings or programs in place to inform persons with disabilities about personal safety, sexuality, or reporting crimes?

___ Yes ___ No ___ I don’t know

13. How can community agencies such as rape crisis and domestic violence centers and other social service agencies improve our services and be more welcoming to persons with disabilities?