

Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

National Bullying Prevention Month



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Dear Samantha,

NU FRDAT celebrates its five-year anniversary with many great accomplishments. We would not be where we are at today without the many partners we have collaborated with, who put forth sincere efforts to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. One of our partners is the [University at Buffalo Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention](#). Students with disabilities are up to 60% of the bullied population in schools. October is National Bullying Prevention Month - learn what it takes to stop the issue.

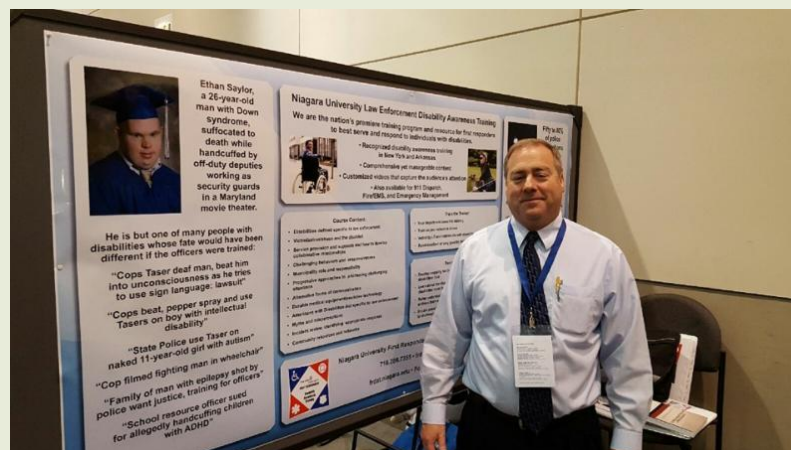
FBI Buffalo Field Office to Receive Training



NU FRDAT has accepted an invitation to train the entire Buffalo field office of the **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** at their annual conference in December. FRDAT and the Buffalo office have been working together to customize a training based on the law enforcement disability awareness curriculum.

Preliminary discussion has included ways to provide this across the nation at all 56 FBI field offices.

Project Director Presents at IACP Conference, Discusses Disability Rights



Dave at the poster session, which allowed chiefs to ask questions about the program and receive information on how to obtain it.

Project Director Dave Whalen attended the **2015 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference** in Chicago, Illinois this week. Invited by the Department of Justice Community Relations Service, he participated in a **Civil Rights Committee**, where he discussed disability rights and the challenges law enforcement faces in properly responding to people with disabilities. He also answered questions on how best to train law enforcement on this topic and how departments should receive it.

On Tuesday, October 27, **President Obama** addressed the association, noting the challenges law enforcement faces, especially within diverse communities, while recognizing the tireless efforts of chiefs and the personnel.

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NYS DDPC Five Year Run Comes to an End



At the conclusion of this month, the five year support provided by the [New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council](#) ends. NYS DDPC should be applauded for identifying the topic and funding a program that produced law enforcement, firefighter, emergency medical services, and 911 dispatch disability awareness curriculums, none of which existed anywhere in the country prior to this effort.

In total, 219 police officers representing 104 police departments, 208 firefighters & EMS personnel representing 149 fire/EMS departments, and 16 dispatchers representing 9 PSAPs were trained, leading to almost 30,000 first responders in the state of New York State having an opportunity to be trained in how to properly respond to people with disabilities.

NU FRDAT sincerely thanks NYS DDPC for their commitment, foresight & efforts in recognizing and supporting this program.

New Jersey First Responder Disability Awareness Training Concludes

Project Director Dave Whalen traveled to Burlington County, New Jersey where he provided the second session of basic disability awareness training for firefighters, EMTs, 911 dispatchers, and law enforcement personnel.



Funded by a mini-grant from the **New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities** in conjunction with Values Into Action, the program aimed at both giving first responders some basic information on how to properly respond to people with disabilities and gauge their interest in receiving the full Train the Trainer course.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, with 99% of attendees recommending the program and 100% giving it an overall rating of "Excellent" or "Very Good."

TRAINING SCHEDULE

November 4-5 - [Erie \(NY\) Law Enforcement Train the Trainer](#)

Nov 10 - [WNY Disability Education & Awareness for Municipalities](#)

Nov 13-14 - [Dutchess County \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

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