

Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

Autism Awareness Month



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New Resources

CerebralPalsyGuide.com

[Inclusive Recreation](#)

Spring has sprung! Conference season is upon us and it is Autism Awareness Month. Wear blue on April 2 to show your support. Ways to make yourself aware include: attending a community awareness event, accessing websites and social media, outreaching to service providers, and reviewing the material you have received through our training.

Missouri Introduced to FRDAT Program



Project Director Dave Whalen at the Missouri Governor's office prior to his meeting with a state official.

Project Director Dave Whalen spent the first week of March in Missouri introducing the program where he met with a total of 54 individuals, ranging from first responders to disability advocates.

Connections were made with Kansas City Police, St. Louis Police, Independence Police and Fire Departments, University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities, the State of Kansas Fire Chiefs Association, Missouri CIT Council, and Missouri Department of Mental Health, among others.

Vicky Davidson, Executive Director of **Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council**, initiated the meetings and accompanied Dave throughout the state. The response was very positive from everyone involved and efforts are under way to bring the program to the state.

IAED Conference, 911 Train the Trainer Highlight Dispatch Disability Awareness



Project Director Dave Whalen will be introducing the 911 Dispatch Disability Awareness Training course at the **2016 Navigator Conference**, "the Premier

Education Conference for Police, Fire, and Medical Dispatch," in Washington, D.C. on April 29.

The **International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED)** is the world's foremost standard-setting and certification organization for emergency communications, with more than 59,500 members in 45 countries.

The second **911 Dispatch Disability Awareness Train the Trainer** was held in Erie County (NY) on March 21 & 22 with 17

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Related Events

Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning- Projects from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) webinar - April 14

Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention - May 20-21

QUICK LINKS

Incidents Map

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attendees from 11 departments, to include Union County, PA. All attendants would recommend the training. Here is a comment from one: "Well presented, highly informational, broadened my individual awareness. Trainer was high quality, very informative, wealth of knowledge, and experience. Thank you."

Project Director to Present at Local Family Safety Conference

Several agencies serving individuals with developmental disabilities have come together to organize a "**Fire, Home and Car Safety Conference for Families of Young Children with Disabilities.**"



Dave has trained emergency personnel/first responders regarding people with developmental disabilities, raising awareness within the community about their potential needs during a time of a crisis. He will incorporate his extensive experience in the field of developmental disabilities and as a professional trainer to this family-focused presentation.

The conference will be on Saturday, May 21 at the Heritage Centers in Cheektowaga, NY. [Click here to download the flyer and register.](#)



The Peter and Elizabeth C. TOWER Foundation

NU FRDAT would like to express its sincere gratitude for the support from Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation.

Their contribution enabled FRDAT to provide all of the following:

- Fire/EMS Train the Trainer
- 2 Law Enforcement Train the Trainers
- Direct law enforcement training
- 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer
- Disability Education & Awareness for Municipalities
- FBI Buffalo field office training
- Master Trainer orientation
- Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training
- Access & Functional Needs workshops with FEMA
- Presentation at the 2015 DD Day.


The total number of individuals educated in how to properly and appropriately respond to persons with disabilities was almost 500.

TRAINING & CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

April 27-29 - [IAED 2016 Navigator Conference \(Washington, DC\)](#)

May 10-11 - [Albany \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

May 21 - [Fire, Home & Car Safety for Families \(Cheektowaga, NY\)](#)



May 26 - [DD Awareness Day \(Niagara Falls, NY\)](#)

June 11-16 - [NENA 2016 Conference & Expo \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

July 10-13 - [NYSACP 2016 Training Conference \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

July 27-29 - [NYS Probation Officer Conference \(Niagara Falls, NY\)](#)