

Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



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Dear Samantha,

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and April is Autism Awareness month.

The nation's largest single day conference on developmental disabilities, **Western New York Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day (DD Day!)**, happens to be in our backyard at the Conference & Event Center in Niagara Falls on May 28. This event, in its 27th year, includes presentations, 100+ vendors, awards, music, and a luncheon that brings the community together to highlight services and programs for and accomplishments of people with developmental disabilities. Go to www.ddday.org for more information.

Despite positive events like this and the progress that has been made within society, people with developmental and other disabilities are still the most victimized population in America. FRDAT social work intern Rachael Campbell has been researching domestic violence involving individuals with disabilities and Project Director Dave Whalen will be providing disability awareness training for employees at the **Family Justice Center** in Buffalo. FJC provides free services for domestic violence victims and their children through an extensive collaboration with 13 partner agencies.

[CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!](#)

With help from Niagara University's webmaster, Andrew Houle, we have developed a new and improved FRDAT website! We are very excited to roll out this new format and we hope you like it.

Upcoming Law Enforcement Training



For the first time, FRDAT will be offering a NATIONAL Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer. The training will be held on Niagara's campus in Niagara Falls, New York on June 11 & 12. This session is open to any law enforcement trainer across the nation that wants to bring Disability Awareness Training to their department.

This program will debut our new and improved curriculum and materials.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Project Director Dave Whalen will be presenting at the **International Law Enforcement Educators & Trainers Association (ILEETA)** Conference in Wheeling, IL on April 23. Attendants will be introduced to the Train the Trainer program and have an opportunity to visit our exhibit table.

& Prep - Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

UPCOMING WEBINAR:

[April 9 - "ADA National Network Learning Session: Looking at power issues from 2 perspectives: a utility and the Red Cross"](#)

The Arc National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability Upcoming Webinars

[April 30 - "Violence in the Lives of People with Disabilities: Emerging Issues & Solutions for 2015 & Beyond"](#)

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Upcoming Fire/EMS Train the Trainers



As always, these sessions are meant for trainers only, and those who will commit to training their department in Disability Awareness. Click the links below to register:

[May 18-19 - Jefferson Co., New York](#)

[May 29-30 - Broome Co., New York](#)

[June 1, 3, & 6 - Erie Co., New York](#)

[November 13-14 - Dutchess Co., New York](#)

New Jersey Introduction Dates Set

The introductory courses for the New Jersey FRDAT Train the Trainer programs have been scheduled!



Both the Firefighter/EMS and 911 Operators/Dispatchers presentations will be at the **Middlesex County Fire Academy**, 1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872 on June 9. If you are located in New Jersey and are interested in attending either of these sessions, please email FRDAT Project Manager at slmorgan@niagara.edu.

The Law Enforcement introductory presentation will be on June 10. Registration for this session is closed. NU is working with it's partner Values Into Action to set up the programs in Burlington County in September.