

# Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



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### New Resources

**Dear Samantha,**

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Everyone needs awareness training, hence the reason NU DAT exists.

Audiences being trained this month include: school teachers, middle school students, human resource departments, law enforcement, 911 operators, hospital staff, and parents of children with disabilities.

**Take the time to educate yourself on the many different disabilities under this spectrum.** Reference materials, visit an agency, talk to a parent group, meet with self-advocates - these are just some of the ways to enhance your understanding and knowledge.

## Healthcare/Hospital Disability Awareness Training Debuted at Niagara Falls Memorial



Niagara University's Disability Awareness Training has completed Phase One of its Healthcare/Hospital training on February 23. Project Director Dave Whalen trained the full administrative team at the **Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center**.

NFMFC received a \$3.5 million grant from the **Thomas B. Golisano Foundation** to establish a **Developmental Disabilities clinic**. The clinic, the only of its kind in Western New York, will serve individuals across the DD spectrum.

The Train the Trainer will be conducted on March 16-17, with the ultimate goal of training all 1,100 employees of the center.

## NYS Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury Unit Funds Video & Training

**New York State Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury** has funded NU FRDAT to provide a Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer with an emphasis on Traumatic Brain Injury. The program will be conducted on May 10-11 in East Greenbush, NY.



This funding will also support the development of a video featuring **Brent Feuz**, a TBI survivor and former firefighter/EMT. Brent is the author of "A Guide to Approaching Mild/Moderate Brain Injury in New York State."

NU is excited to expand its TBI educational materials in conjunction with the State of New York and Mr. Feuz.

**\*\*Map of Incidents Involving First Responders and People with Disabilities\*\***

### **Related Events**

**FEMA Promising Practice: Establishing Disability Community Preparedness through State and Local Efforts (webinar) - Mar 10**

### **QUICK LINKS**

**Request Training**

**Report an Occurrence**

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## **NU FRDAT Collaborates with Niagara Co. OEM to Debut Core Advisory Group**



In line with **FEMA Office of Disability and Integration Coordination** emphasis for counties to develop advisory groups representative of the disability and access and functional needs community, NU and **Niagara County Office of Emergency Management** held their first meeting February 17.

The intent is for individuals and service providers to connect with and provide necessary information and insight in how to best prepare, plan, and respond specific to their needs.

Niagara County Emergency Manager/Fire Coordinator Jonathan Schultz was extremely pleased with this initial meeting, noting the value of this collaboration and the input he received.

## **TRAINING & CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**March 8** - [Erie \(NY\) Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training](#)

**March 14-15** - Master Trainer Orientation (invitation only)

**March 16-17** - NFMMC Train the Trainer (closed)

**March 21-22** - [Erie \(NY\) 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer](#)

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

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

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

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