



We hope you had a great Fourth of July weekend! While summer is a time to relax and enjoy the outdoors, NU FRDAT has several projects and inquiries that will keep us busy through the coming months. July is Fragile X Awareness Month, a developmental disability that has characteristics that mirrors autism and intellectual disability. Learn more at the [National Fragile X Foundation](#).

RECENT NEWS	NEW RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Man Couldn't Find Work Because Of His Service Dog - Until Someone Hired Them Both"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Dear Hearing People" video• Crimes against Persons with Disabilities Fact Sheet

PROJECT DIRECTOR FEATURED IN BUFFALO NEWS

NU FRDAT Project Director Dave Whalen was recently interviewed by the Buffalo News and featured in the Niagara Q&A. "I don't believe in discrimination or oppression, but in order to address this, there must be action," said Whalen, who travels the county, state and country, to spread the message."

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NU FRDAT COLLABORATES WITH PROTRAINING TO OFFER LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH ONLINE TRAINING

Helping advance the mental health training of police and protective service officers with targeted and scientifically backed research.

NU FRDAT has signed an agreement with ProTraining to offer Mental Health online training to United States law enforcement professionals. NU will be providing a 90-minute eLearning course comprised of different mental health scenarios and learning objectives. Some of the objectives include positive communication techniques, recognizing emotions and responding appropriately, de-escalation strategies, and how best to address an individual who is uncooperative or threatening.

ProTraining also offers in-person interactive mental health training and an advanced 40-hour in-person intensive course.

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PROJECT DIRECTOR ATTENDS NENA CONFERENCE

Project Director Dave Whalen attended the National Emergency Numbers Association Conference July 13-15 in Indianapolis. He presented an introduction of the 911 Dispatch training and was able to share space at the NENA exhibition booth.

NENA officially announced that NU 911 Dispatch Disability Awareness Training is the recognized program on how emergency communication personnel should properly and accurately respond to people with disabilities. DAT is now featured in the NENA training catalog.



Project Director Dave Whalen (right) with NENA Director of Education Ty Wooten

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IN OTHER NEWS...

The sister program to NU FRDAT is Dave's original venture, **Disability Awareness Training**. Created in 2004, DAT covers all *other* areas of need, including educators, corporations/businesses, places of worship, transportation providers, municipalities, healthcare, and recreation/leisure.



Dave consults with several for-profit entities, develops customized training per the client's needs, addresses ADA matters of non-compliance, and conducts accessibility reviews.

Please reference his website www.disabilityawaresstraining.com and new [Facebook](#) page for more information.

TRAINING & CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

July 12 - [NYS Association of Chiefs of Police Conference](#) (Buffalo, NY)

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

July 15 - [Westchester County \(NY\) Emergency Management](#)

July 28 - [NYS Probation Officer Assn. Conference](#) (Niagara Falls, NY)

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