

Sample Focus Group and Individual Interview Questions

Disability Service Providers

1. Sometimes persons with disabilities who are experiencing domestic violence, rape, abuse, or other crimes do not seek help. Why do you think this is? *Possible prompt:* What would help persons with disabilities reach out for assistance if they've been abused or victimized?
2. Does your agency track the number and types of abuse disclosed by clients with disabilities? **If yes**, how often is your organization receiving these types of reports? Which type of crime is most frequently reported? How does your organization use this information?
If no, do you have the capacity to track this information?
3. What barriers or issues have come up when your staff and agency are responding to reports or suspicions of crimes against persons with disabilities? *Possible prompt:* What assistance or information would help solve those problems?
4. How is a report of crime against a person with a disability handled within your agency? What supports are provided to persons with disabilities who disclose that they have been victimized?
5. What do persons with disabilities need to feel welcomed in community agencies?
6. What kinds of information, consultation, or training could be useful to you or your organization regarding abuse against persons with disabilities? *Possible prompts:* What could

help you and other staff members in handling suspicions of a client who has been victimized?

Would someone from your staff be able to train our staff on disabilities?

7. Does your agency have any trainings or programs in place to inform persons with disabilities about personal safety, sexuality, or reporting abuse/crimes?

8. How could victim services agencies generate awareness of our advocacy services within the disability community? What kind of information could your organization provide to victim service and law enforcement agencies to help them best serve persons with disabilities?

Possible prompt: How can we tell persons with disabilities and disability service providers about our services?

9. Can you think of ways that victim services agencies could better work with disability service providers and law enforcement agencies to coordinate services for crime victims who have disabilities?

10. **Closing question:** Is there anything you want us to know that we haven't talked about yet?