# Serving People with Disabilities Who Experience Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence

Presented by Leanne Mull, MHA



#### **Course Overview**

This session focuses on specific strategies for an effective response to victims with a wide range of disabilities including those people with disabilities who also identify as LGBTQ. Topics include: prevalence, definitions, attitudes, obstacles, unique dynamics, accommodations, effective written and verbal communication, forensic sexual assault exams, protocols and tools for law enforcement and prosecutors. We will also look at tools and resources that can support sexual assault investigations and advocacy including accessible written materials.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Recite at least three communication tips for working with crime victims with disabilities.
- Identify and use tools for working with victims with disabilities including: law enforcement accessibility review tool; picture guide to the sexual assault forensic exam; sample victim rights statement; and others.
- Explain at least four barriers experienced by people with disabilities including those who identify as LGBTQ.

### **Presenter Information**

Leanne Mull, MHA is a national speaker and has been working to prevent abuse and neglect of people with disabilities for eighteen years. As an agency investigator in Illinois, she taught staff members working with people with disabilities how to recognize, report, and prevent abuse and neglect. Additionally, Leanne served as a Team Coordinator for the Illinois Imagines Project coordinating response to victims with disabilities between rape crisis centers, agencies serving people with disabilities, and law enforcement. Currently she serves as the Chair of the Responding with Victims with Disabilities Committee for the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council, a project of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority the entity responsible for the creation and revision of protocols for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors for Responding to victims with disabilities and older adults.



## Agenda

9:00am: Introduction
9:30am: Disability Basics
10:40am: Violence against people with disabilities including those who identify as LGBTQ
12:00pm: Lunch
1:00pm: Violence against people with disabilities including those who identify as LGBTQ continued
2:30pm: The Tools and How to Use Them
3:30pm: Enhancing Capacity through Collaboration

This course is FREE of charge. Lunch is not provided.
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Course meets qualifications for 6 hours of Continuing Education Units for MFTs/LCSWs (Provider #128510) as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. CEUs available at training for a fee of \$45.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this training should contact Emma Nichols at <u>emma.nichols@cirinc.org</u>.

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