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Polling Question

What is abuse?
Polling Question

Who should you tell if you see abuse?
Polling Question

Which of the following is true:
Molly Kennedy

Why I am involved with reducing abuse

• It’s about human rights
• I want to eliminate abuse to people like me
Why Kecia is involved with reducing abuse

- Empower with knowledge
- More people know what abuse is
- Know how to report abuse
Objectives

• Raise awareness about how often abuse happens
• Go over different types of abuse
• Learn that it is OK to report abuse
Crimes against people with disabilities

• Happens twice as often as crimes against non disabled people

• People with disabilities are less likely to report abuse

• Violent crimes do not get investigated enough

*2012 Bureau of Justice Statistics report on Crimes Against Persons with Disabilities
People with developmental disabilities are more likely to be abused

Because

• Can be segregated from others
• Reinforced for being compliant
• Don’t know how to protect themselves
• Don’t know enough about personal safety or their rights
Public Service Message

Abuse of persons with disabilities is a SILENT epidemic

Achieve with us.
4 out of 10 experience some type of abuse
• Crimes are not reported to police - Of those reported, about 15% get action

• People with disabilities are victimized repeatedly

  Abusers see people as vulnerable

  Abusers believe they will not be punished
• Abusers know their victims
  - People who have regular contact with victim

• Sexually abused females never reported
  - Lack of information about who to tell
  - When reported, 55% were not believed
**Intimidation Abuse**

*When someone acts in a way that causes fear or harm*

Sometimes people feel -

- Scared they will get in trouble
- Afraid to talk about it, they might be hurt
- Threatened something will be taken away
- Threatened with physical harm
Physical Abuse

When someone uses their body or object to hurt you

What to look for -

- Bruises
- Wounds or broken bones
- Burns
- Injuries that can’t be explained
Sexual Abuse

When someone forces a person to take part in sexual activity against their will

Evidence of abuse can include

• Bruises, scars, or pain in sexual body areas
• Sexually transmitted disease
• Torn, stained underwear
• Fear, depression or other new behaviors
Financial Abuse
When someone takes advantage of your money

- Stealing your money
- Being forced to use your ATM card
- Being forced to buy a gift for someone
- Being forced to lend money
Report abuse!

It will not stop, if you do not report

- You can report or “Tell” even if you are not sure
- Report to:
  - People you trust
  - Authorities like police, adult protective services
PLAN

1 ✓
2 ✓
3 ✓

• Write a Blog
  Abuse against people with disabilities

• Train police, fire, emergency service people
  How to interact with people with disabilities

• Speak about the abuse prevention video
  CA State Council/Self Advocates Committee
  Regional Advocacy Board

Achieve with us.
• Send emails about the abuse video
  Professional contacts, advocacy leaders

• Share abuse video with national network
  Facebook and other social media

• Write letters to California legislators
  Share my thoughts about new laws for abusers
Self-Advocates

- If you experienced abuse - report it!
- Educate your friends about types of abuse
- At meetings, talk about how to report abuse
- Share the Arc Fact Sheet with advocacy groups
Professionals

- Listen and observe!
- Share the abuse video with advocacy groups
- Learn how to support a person you think may have been abused
If you or someone you know are abused:

- REPORT
- Call 911 if it is an emergency
- Other resources:
  - 1-800-422-4453
  - http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD/about/request-assistance
- Questions?

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