AUDIENCE: Administrative Entities (AEs) and Supports Coordination Organizations (SCO’s).

PURPOSE: Educate participants about sexual violence, available supports to victims (including medical and other supports available through the local rape crisis centers), and the criminal justice system related to the disclosure of a sexual assault.

DISCUSSION: Historically, families, professionals, and policy makers have erroneously believed that people with disabilities, especially people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, are not able to make responsible choices in regard to developing relationships and sexuality issues and therefore, they have been denied access to sexuality education, personal safety/risk reduction trainings, and support to understand their rights and responsibilities (adapted from TASH Resolution on Sexuality, 2000).

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) has partnered with the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) to offer this free training opportunity. This multidisciplinary, skilled-based training will provide a framework for understanding the challenges sexual assault survivors with autism and intellectual disabilities face related to sexual violence. This includes navigating a support system that may require interactions with the criminal justice system, local victim services system, and medical professionals. This training will focus on the following topical areas: recognition of sexual abuse, medical services available related to sexual abuse, victim rights, and interactions with the criminal justice system.
There are a limited number of seats available at each session. You can register in the HCSIS Learning Management System (LMS) under the course title: ODP: Fall 2016 Training-ODP and PCAR Sexual Violence Training. Description: But, They Didn’t Call it Rape: Unpacking the Dynamics of Sexual Violence and Effectively Responding to Sexual Abuse in the Lives of People with Developmental Disabilities. Registration in LMS will close one week before the session date. Walk-in registration is not available for this training.

This training will count as six (6) hours of professional development. Lunch will be on your own for one (1) hour. Registration begins at 8:30am the day of the training.

For HCSIS-LMS questions, please contact the HCSIS LMS Help Desk at 1-866-444-1264. Other questions can be directed to ra-impolicy@pa.gov.
Penn State Shenango Campus (10/12):

REACHING THE CAMPUS
- From Interstate 80 Exit 48 and Interstate 376: Follow the signs to downtown Sharon. Use Pa-70/F0/Broadway Avenue, travel 6 miles through Wheatland and Farrell (past NLMK Pennsylvania) and into Sharon. The 6th traffic signal will be East State Street in Sharon (Business Route 62). Turn left. At the 3rd traffic signal, turn right onto Shenango Avenue and continue 3 blocks to the campus.
- From Route 62 and 82 at the Ohio line:
  - The road forks at the state line; take the left street, South Irvine Avenue (Business Route 62). A block past the 4th traffic signal, turn right onto Silver Street. Cross the bridge, then turn left onto Penn Avenue. The campus will be on your right.

CCAC Allegheny Campus (10/13):