

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report to ADDPC for grant funding Education Training for Abuse Prevention March 31, 2023

## Part 1: Narrative Section

1. Provide a brief summary, no more than one page, of the progress to date, numbers of participants served, and the role of partners in your project.

The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) is utilizing these grant funds to offer continued training to service providers for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The goal of this project is to reduce sexual assault among people with IDD and increase knowledge among service providers on identifying, intervening, and reporting on sexual assault among people with IDD. For this granting period, ACESDV conducted the following activities:

- 1. Offered one virtual and one in-person training. The training is titled "Serving Sexual Violence Survivors in the IDD Community" and was offered on January 18, 2023 and March 21, 2023.
- 2. Developed relationships with directors and leaders of the ARC of Arizona to create training on IDD that is accessible to both service providers and the general public.
- 3. Updated training recruitment materials to include community members who may not know about IDD. We will continue to conduct outreach and recruitment for these trainings in the coming months.
- 4. Collaborated with Melanie Soto from the ARC of Arizona to provide extra technical assistance on sexual violence and people with disabilities.
- 2. In more detail, provide a status update on the Implementation plan. If tasks have not been met by your deadline, provide an explanation on what changes were or will be made.

During the third quarter of this grant period, the ACESDV Sexual Violence Response (SVR) team offered two trainings. In January, we offered an inperson training at Ability 360 at the organization's Downtown Phoenix office, which was both accessible to service providers and helped solidify our coalition's relationship with this partner. We learned from Jon Meyers from ADDPC that our training needed more explicit explanations of IDD and disabilities in general such as diagnoses and the specific challenges people with IDD face that contribute to higher risk for sexual victimization. His concern is that our training should be accessible to everyone regardless of their knowledge of IDD. Our SVR team updated our curriculum to make the training more accessible to a wider population.

We additionally met with Melanie Soto from the ARC of Arizona to develop an MOU for the ARC of Arizona to offer our organization technical assistance on people with disabilities and training development. This partnership will augment our knowledge on IDD, which we will incorporate into our future IDD trainings.

3. Evaluation Section: Describe your evaluation method for collecting and reporting data that is required. Provide a copy of any survey/questionnaire that is used to capture data (one time only).

ACESDV collects demographic information about our trainees in our online training registration forms. ACESDV uses a self-knowledge pre-post assessment model recommended by the CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/training/development/evaluate/trainingeffectiveness.html#anchor\_questions) to assess the percentage of knowledge gained by participants. The survey is based on a Likert model that is used by our training team to evaluate program effectiveness. This assessment asks questions related to the basis of knowledge and specific demographic represented by participants. The ACESDV SVR team provides the training and emails the pre/post tests and training evaluations to training attendees. Data for our training as well as registrant demographics are collected in Coalition Manager, a cloud-based relational database. Collected data is analyzed by the ACESDV Director of Sexual Violence Initiatives and collected data is used for grant reporting, to inform the Coalition of current community needs, and for program quality improvement. Our first quarter report included a copy of the training evaluation, pre/post test, and recruitment materials.

4. Describe any unintended barriers encountered and how any barrier is addressed.

Our team experienced some challenges updating and researching the training topics to ensure the highest quality information. However, our current trainings are on schedule and we have received positive feedback from the training attendees, which we will discuss in more detail below. 5. Share any success/personal stories from the participants in the program. You must share one story by the end of the contract period that shows the personal impact of your program on the participant's life.

ACESDV's January 2023 training was a great success. 100% of the 10 training attendees rated the training as exceptional or good. Most of the attendees stated that the resources we shared were invaluable for them to make their services more accessible to people with IDD and they loved how engaging and personable our trainers were. Moreover, multiple victim advocates requested more training on sexual violence among people with IDD.

One therapist who attended the January session has repeatedly requested our expertise in working with people with IDD suggesting that these trainings are effective and needed among service providers.

The March 21<sup>st</sup> IDD training had 61 attendees and was additionally well received with 98% of training attendees rating the training as good or exceptional. The training attendees were particularly appreciative of our trainers' kindness, patience, and expertise.

For example, one attendee said, "Both Liam and Carrie were knowledgeable and presented the information clearly and were able to keep us engaged." Another person said, "The trainers were very knowledgeable and open to answering questions- Both Liam and Carrie made a point to foster group discussion." Based on this feedback in addition to the feedback we received from the ARC of Arizona, we will continue to update our curriculum to best serve our community.

We noticed that our virtual training had significantly more attendees, which is why we will continue to offer both in-person and virtual trainings in the future.

6. Are there any contract amendments to request?

We do not have any contract amendments to request.

7. Is financial expense and match reporting on track?

All expense and match reporting are on track.