



Improvement Assurance Group Application Overview

Grant: Research on Arizona's Response to Sexual Violence/Abuse of Children and Adults with I/DD

Award Amount: \$92,572.50 ADDPC; \$47,883.75 match

Contract Period: 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

Improvement Assurance Group (IAG) submitted a proposal for the ADDPC's research grant to collect data about the response to sexual abuse against individuals with I/DD across Arizona. They will recruit participants and gather data from state agencies, schools, local agencies, healthcare and service providers, and community organizations serving individuals with I/DD. The research will be used to gain insight about the challenges in recognizing, reporting, and preventing sexual abuse for individuals with I/DD. IAG will be conducting focus groups, one-on-one follow-up discussions with state agencies, agency records reviews, and online surveys to gather information from individuals with I/DD and their families from more rural parts of the state. The goal of the project is to identify the gaps in the reporting, tracking, training, and prevention of sexual abuse perpetrated against individuals with I/DD in Arizona agencies and provide "actionable recommendations that can inform regulatory and legislative changes" to prevent such abuse in the future. IAG will share its findings by creating a condensed report with infographics, a longer-form final report, and a geo-map¹ of state and DDD-funded providers in Arizona.

¹ An online, interactive map that displays information based on the placement of the mouse pointer.