

- 1. Provide a one-page Executive Summary of your funded program, to include the following: What is the intent of the program; Who is the target audience; Explain how the program impacts the I/DD community; Summarize the data collected to date; and Why the ADDPC should continue funding your program for another one-year period.**

The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) is requesting continuation funding to continue to provide training to key individuals to reduce sexual assault of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD). The proposed project will provide training to service providers on the root causes of sexual assault among I/DD, the impact these abuses have on individuals and communities, and how to identify, report, and prevent these abuses.

Specifically, the target population for the education plan is providers serving the I/DD community, including staff at group homes, day treatment centers, independent living centers, community-based disability advocacy organizations, and long-term care facilities. This population was chosen because their access to free training on this topic is limited and research suggests that increasing knowledge about sexual abuse among providers will have the greatest impact toward preventing abuse and reducing retraumatization among people with I/DD (Gilloway, Smith, & Galvin, 2018). This is a statewide project inclusive of providers for people with I/DD throughout Arizona.

Using current funding, ACESDV has provided one training to service providers with a high level of turn-out and positive learning outcomes. To date we have conducted outreach with 120 providers, exceeding our goal of 50 and we engaged 149 training registrants and 82 attendees in the first training, bringing us close to our goal of 100 attendees. Over 98% of the training attendees stated that the training was exceptional or good, with the attendees indicating that all aspects of the training were useful and meaningful for their work with people with I/DD. With these high levels of success, we will far exceed the annual goals we set for this grant. Additionally, the high attendance rate and positive evaluations of the training suggest that this training are both successful and needed in the Arizona I/DD service provider community. This project should continue to be funded so ACESDV and Arizona I/DD service providers can effectively and collaboratively work to end sexual violence among people with I/DD in Arizona.

- 2. Detail the program for the current funding year based on your implementation plan and how it met the original scope of work. Include all key activities that have been undertaken. Also describe activities that are left to complete in the last quarter of your funded contract. Detail any barriers that were addressed.**

ACESDV goals for the current grant year were threefold: (1) develop sexual assault curriculum for I/DD service providers, (2) conduct outreach to 50 I/DD service providers in Arizona, and (3) train 100 I/DD providers. During the first six months of the grant period the ACESDV Sexual Violence Response team worked on the following proposed actions:

- 1) An outreach list was created that includes ACESDV listservs and grant partner listservs and contact lists.

- 2) Outreach to 120 service providers was conducted.
- 3) Grant partners including the Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council, The Arc of Arizona, and The Opportunity Tree were contacted and continue to receive information about registration for upcoming trainings by email.
- 4) The curriculum was completed and presented at the first scheduled 4-hour training on 3/31/2022.
- 5) A flyer for the training was created and disseminated two weeks prior to the first training through our partners (flyer is attached to the email with this application).
- 6) ACESDV conducted the first training on 3/31/2022 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Over 98% of the 149 attendees rated the overall training as exceptional or good.
- 7) Future training sessions are scheduled for 4/20/22 and 5/23/22.
- 8) The training is recorded and posted for community partners seeking training at the end of this grant cycle to ensure continued community education and engagement.
- 9) All trainings have been scheduled to be online due to health precautions. Though COVID-19 was a barrier for in-person trainings and caused us to postpone our first training, our training attendance does not appear to be negatively impacted with 149 training registrants and 82 attendees in the first training.

**3. Describe community partners involved and their role in this project. State if outreach to new organizations will be undertaken.**

ACESDV partnered with The Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council, The Opportunity Tree, The Arc of Arizona, and Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council to recruit training attendees and disseminate training flyers to other potential partners and training attendees. We will conduct additional outreach with these partners throughout the grant cycle to engage more community partners. Additionally, these partners helped with curriculum development to ensure the curriculum was appropriate for the intended audience. The following are our partners' organizational descriptions.

The Opportunity Tree is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides services for adults and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization has three centers that offer daytime programs in Phoenix, Casa Grande and Maricopa, Arizona. The Opportunity Tree additionally runs Group Homes and Individually Designed Living Arrangements in Phoenix, Casa Grande and Maricopa that provide full-time living assistance for individuals. Their mission is to provide quality individualized supports to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in dynamic and innovative environments.

The Arc of Arizona is a 501(c)(3) agency incorporated in 1958. It currently has over 1,000 members with 11 local chapters. The Arc of Arizona supports itself through fundraising efforts, private donations, and program contracts with the Division of Developmental Disabilities. The volunteers and staff who comprise The Arc of Arizona are individuals with developmental disabilities, parents, and friends of individuals with developmental disabilities and educators and professionals in the human services field. The Arc of Arizona advocates for the rights and full community participation of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Together with their network of members and affiliated chapters,

they improve systems of supports and services, connect families, inspire communication, and influence public policy associated with people with I/DD.

The Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (ASILC) seeks to promote equality, inclusion, and choice for people with disabilities through collaboration and public policy change. ASILC conducts assessments of independent living programs and services, facilitates community outreach through independent living forums, panels, and workshops, and collaborates in coordinating Independent Living conferences, expositions, summits, and advocates for systemic changes that exchange and/or expand independent living programs and services.

**4. Describe how feedback from participants, family members or other stakeholders is used to support or change your project.**

Training evaluations are provided to all participants in training activities. Those evaluations are reviewed by the project team, with feedback noted and tabulated. Special consideration is paid to the overall effectiveness of training activities to determine if changes are needed. For example, several training attendees experienced technological challenges during the 3/31/22 training. To reduce these challenges at future trainings, we plan to employ two members of ACESDV staff to address any technical difficulties our attendees experience during the sessions. We work to continuously improve training based on feedback as appropriate.

**5. Describe efforts to work in or promote the program in underserved or unserved areas of the state or with certain populations that are often overlooked.**

ACESDV will outreach to at least 50 more providers throughout the state, including those in rural areas and those serving indigenous or native populations. Through ACESDV's continuing work in rural communities we are specifically identifying potential attendees. ACESDV partners with the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition to identify outreach targets. We are also working with government partners, such as the Department of Economic Security's Department of Development Disabilities to utilize their contact lists for training promotion.

**6. Summarize evaluation findings to date, including the number of participants served, and their level of satisfaction. Explain if the program is on track with proposed target numbers; if not, describe barriers to reaching target numbers. Include other data/performance measures you are tracking and reporting to the ADDPC.**

ACESDV has exceeded the proposed target numbers for both outreach and engagement. We conducted outreach to 120 providers, exceeding the goal of 50. We engaged 149 training registrants and 82 attendees in the first training, which makes certain that we will exceed our goal of 100 as two training dates remain for the year.

Evaluation results from the initial training shows that 98% of the attendees felt the training was good or exceptional. Attendees expressed appreciation that all areas of training content were well-presented and useful for their work with people with I/DD. Although pandemic

responsiveness dictated that we shift our timeline, the initial numbers suggest that we will continue to be on track to achieve these goals.

COVID-19 caused timing and response issues with our partners. Our timeline for trainings had to be changed to accommodate the needs of partner organizations and ACESDV staff given varying infection and staffing rates. Proposed trainings will be presented within the grant year virtually on 4/20/22 and 5/23/22.

Our other data/performance measures included open-ended survey questions asking which parts of the training were most useful. Training attendees stated that several of the training components were very useful while some of them indicated that the entirety of the training was useful for their work. The following are some of those survey results.

“The information from the training will be most helpful in my work, especially when it comes to supporting survivors with disabilities and how we can best support them. The information that will be the most useful for me is probably the presentation regarding the dynamics of sexual violence and how it affects those in the disabled community in their trauma.”

“All the information in this training will be useful in my work.”

“Your training made me more aware of what is going on. It made me more aware of the signs of sexual abuse within this community.”

**7. Describe any new changes that will be implemented in Year 2, including program design, target numbers, collaborators, implementation, staffing, evaluation, and other activities.**

ACESDV will continue to make incremental changes to the program based on feedback received from training participants. However, overall program design will remain the same. Given the prior success of the program, ACESDV will increase the metrics for the project and intends to: (1) update the sexual assault curriculum for I/DD service providers, (2) conduct outreach to 100 I/DD service providers in Arizona, and (3) train 150 I/DD providers.

We will continue working with the same partners (i.e. The Opportunity Tree; The Arc of Arizona; Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, and The Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council) to reach service providers for people with I/DD. Given the success of our current training, we will use the same curriculum while updating and perfecting the curriculum and content delivery based on attendee evaluations. Staffing on the grant will remain similar and our evaluation process will remain the same.

**8. Provide one or two success stories, individuals with I/DD and or their family who have participated in your program.**

Our training attendees included service providers, I/DD community members, and the families of people with I/DD. In the anonymous training evaluations, they expressed appreciation for the training and several of them requested that we expand our training to anyone interested in



Facilitate trainings for providers	Sexual Violence Response Coordinators	Training attendance recorded				X		X		X		X		
Send evaluations to ADDPC	Sexual Violence Response Coordinators	Completed evaluations												X

**10. Provide a 12-month Budget Request and Match. Use the Budget Summary Form and provide a detail budget narrative for both requested dollars and match. Personnel/Salaries: Include information such as position title(s), name of employee (if known), salary, time to be spent on this program (hours or %), number of months assigned to this program, etc. If you need additional fiscal personnel to manage this grant, include those costs also. Explain how the salary rate for each position was determined. If salaries are expected to increase during the project year, indicate the percentage increases for each position and justify the percent of the salary increase. Also, be sure to include the scheduled salary increases on the Budget Form. All organizations that receive Federal funds are required to maintain appropriate documentation to support salaries and wages. All organizations will be monitored to assure compliance with this requirement. Please review the appropriate Federal Cost Principal and OMB Circular for your organization.**

The estimated cost for Personnel/Salaries for this project is \$15,195. This includes salary allocations of 5% for Lindsay Ashworth, Director of Sexual Violence Response Initiatives, 5% for Nora Espino, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, 5 % for Marli Mayon, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, 5% for Juana Galeno, Director of Finance and Administration. The salary rate was determined based on the time that is expected to be spend on the project.

Fringe Benefits: Include a benefit percentage and what expenses make up employee benefit costs. Indicate any special rates for part-time employees, if applicable. Explain how the benefits for each position were determined. If using a fringe benefit rate, explain how this percentage is justified or approved by your agency.

Fringe benefits include payroll taxes at 7.65%, healthcare benefits estimated at \$700 per month per FTE, worker's compensation insurance estimated at .38%, and 403B benefits at 3%. Fringe benefits are calculated based on the FTE allocated to the project.

**Supplies/Operating Expenses: Explain each supply item to be purchased, how the costs were determined and justify the need for the items. Items with a unit cost less than \$5,000 are considered supplies and should be listed in this category. All purchases should be made according to the Applicant's written procurement policy, which at a minimum must contain the federal procurement guidelines for federal grants.**

Operating expenses include \$100 for office supplies and printing related to the project. The operating expenses also include allocations for ACESDV learning management system Coalition Manager. The allocation method used for the learning management system is based on the monthly cost of Coalition Manager and the FTE allocated to this project ( $\$945 * 12/23 * .20$  FTE).

**Travel:** Travel costs are according to the State of Arizona Accounting Manual (SAAM), Travel written policy and can be located at <https://gao.az.gov/travel/welcome-gao-travel>. Include a detailed breakdown of hotel, transportation, meal costs, etc. Indicate the location(s) of travel and the justification for travel, how many employees will attend and how the estimates have been determined. Explain the relationship of each cost item to the project (e.g., if training or training expenses are requested, explain the topic of the training and its relationship to the project). The ADDPC reserves the right to determine the reasonableness of the applicants proposed travel costs, in accordance with the State of Arizona Accounting Manual (SAAM) Travel written policy.

To strive for statewide representation, ACESDV is allocating travel for this project to provide travel stipends to out of town attendees who request it. Eligible participants include staff from victim service programs, disability-serving organizations, and loved ones of people with developmental disabilities. We will promote the availability of travel stipends, but at least 75% of travel stipends will be awarded to rural and Tribal attendees to ensure priority is given to these communities. Twenty \$50 travel vouchers will be awarded with the possibility of a single person being given more, depending on availability.

**Rent or Cost of Space:** Costs for rental space are allowable to the extent that the rates are reasonable in light of such factors as: rental costs of comparable property, if any; market conditions in the area; alternatives available; and the type, life expectancy, condition, and value of the property leased. Define how the cost for rental space was determined and the justification for charging the cost to the grant.

The rent allocations include \$468 for the anticipated cost to rent a venue for the in-person training.

**Contracted Services / Professional Services:** If contracted services/professional services are proposed in the budget, define how the costs for these services were determined and provide the justification for the services related to the project. This category may also include Evaluation Services. Information for Evaluation Professional Services should include who will be performing the evaluation, the type of work to be performed, and how the rates and other costs are determined. Explain how all contracts will be procured.

ACESDV is allocating for interpreters for communication with project participants and meetings (how many hours per year) @ \$90-hour x 2. ACESDV will conduct three live 4-hour trainings, one in-person and two webinars.

**Administrative / Indirect Costs:** The ADDPC has authority to cap all Administrative/Indirect Costs to 10% regardless of the Applicants internal policy.

Administrative costs are general or centralized expenses of overall administration of an organization that receives grant funds and does not include particular project costs. These costs may include direct charges for: costs of financial, accounting, auditing, contracting or general legal services; costs of internal evaluation, including overall organization's management improvement costs; and costs of general liability insurance that protects the organization(s) responsible for operating a project, other than insurance costs solely attributable to the project.

For organizations that have an established federally approved indirect cost rate for federal awards, indirect costs mean those costs that are included in the organization's indirect cost rate. Such costs are generally identified with the organization's overall operation and are further described in the Office of Management and Budget Circulars 2 CFR 220, 2 CFR 225, and 2 CFR 230.

ACESDV doesn't have a federally approved negotiated indirect cost rate.

**Match: Per the DD Act-Section 126(a)(1) and Section 126 (a)(2), Applicants shall contribute 25% Match towards the total program costs, either in the form of Cash or In-Kind. The ADDPC will fund 75% of the total program costs; therefore, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to come up with the remaining Match dollars to fund the full program costs. Match is a requirement to show in your budget summary and budget narrative and must be accounted for in supporting documentation.**

The match allocations to this project includes salary allocations of 2% for Lindsay Ashworth, Director of Sexual Violence Response Initiatives, 2% for Nora Espino, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, 2% for Marli Mayon, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, 2% for Juana Galeno, Director of Finance and Administration. The salary rate allocated as match was determined based on the total time that is expected to be spend on the project. The match allocations also include \$132 for the anticipated cost to rent a venue for the in-person training. The match also include rent, the allocation method for rent allocated to this project is based on the monthly cost of rent and the FTE that will be dedicated to this project ( $5700 * 25.50 / 12 / 23 * .20$  FTE). The total rent allocated to this project is \$1,264.

**11. Provide a list of key staff and briefly summarize the job responsibilities for this grant. List any training or certification required for staff in the upcoming year. Ensure personnel costs are appropriately allocated for in the Budget. Do not attach resumes.**

Professional development is a priority for all ACESDV staff. Our Sexual and Domestic Violence Response team undergoes an average of 225 hours of professional development and continuing education annually. As such, our staff is well positioned to offer training and support for service providers for people with I/DD. The following are the qualifications and job responsibilities of the staff members working on this project.



Lindsay Ashworth, Sexual and Domestic Violence Response Manager: Lindsay will serve as project lead for development and implementation of the education plan and provide supervisory support to the Sexual Violence Response Coordinators. Lindsay joined ACESDV in 2016 as the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, transitioning to Sexual Violence Response Manager, and then the Sexual and Domestic Violence Response Manager in 2020. Lindsay has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and worked as a graduate student for 1.5 years conducting research on sexual violence prevention. Lindsay has provided training and technical assistance to sexual assault responders including providers who serve survivors with disabilities for five years. Additionally, Lindsay sat on the Governor's Abuse and Neglect Prevention Taskforce, currently chairs ADDPC's Trauma-informed Access for People with I/DD workgroup and volunteered for 2 years for a program focused on providing parents of children with autism with in-home training by providing childcare.

Marli Mayon, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator: Marli will assist with development of the education plan and recruitment flyer, engage in outreach with providers, and facilitate training. Marli joined ACESDV in 2020 as a Sexual Violence Response Coordinator. She has her Bachelor's degree in Social and Cultural Analysis with an emphasis in Women and Gender Studies and continues to engage in feminist research at Arizona State University. Currently, Marli serves as ACESDV's Project Manager for their Office on Violence Against Women's Disability Grant Program and is the lead trainer on the current ADDPC training grant. Before joining ACESDV, Marli provided advocacy services to survivors of sex trafficking and facilitated trainings to youth and adults on sexual and domestic violence prevention.

Nora Espino, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator: Nora will engage in outreach with providers, provide technical support during trainings, and provide project documentation and follow up. Nora joined ACESDV in 2015. During her time at ACESDV she has served as a Victims Assistance Coordinator, assessing clients on the Helpline, as the e Intimate Partner Homicide Project Coordinator, collaborating with a research team at Arizona State University. Nora holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

**12. Attachment 4: Provide at least two Letters of Support from collaborators.**

We have attached three letters of support from The Arc of Arizona, The Opportunity Tree, and The Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council.

## Budget Request Form

Contractor Name: Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Contractor Address: 2700 N Central Avenue Suite 11000 Phoenix Arizona 85004  
Street Address City State Zip

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Category	Requested ADDPC Funds	Non-Federal Cash Match	Non-Federal In-Kind Match	Total Program Cost
Personnel/Salaries	15,195	6,424		21,619
Fringe Benefits	3,356			3,356
Supplies / Operating Expenses	1,283			1,283
Travel	1,000			1,000
Rent or Cost of Space	468	1,396		1,864
Contracted Services / Professional Services	2,160			2,160
Administrative / Indirect Costs				-
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>23,462</b>	<b>7,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,282</b>

It is understood that Non-Federal Funds identified in this budget will be used to match only ADDPC Federal Funds, and will not be used to match any other Federal Funds during the period of the ADDPC funded Project.

Additional description and background information shall be included as a budget narrative, including for match. The contractor agrees to submit additional background information to the ADDPC upon request.

Jenna Panas  
 Name of Certifying Official

CEO  
 Title of Certifying Official

817-939-1677 Jenna@acesdv.org  
 Phone Email

**ADDPC**

**Organization:** Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

FTE %	Name of Employee	Personnel Position Title	Project Allocation	Match
5%	Lindsay Asworth	Director of Sexual Violence Response Initiatives	\$4,050	\$1,620
5%	Nora Espino	Sexual Violence Response Coordinator	\$2,988	\$1,195
5%	Marli Mayon	Sexual Violence Response Coordinator	\$2,750	\$1,100
5%	Juana Galeno	Chief Financial Officer	\$5,408	\$2,509
		<b>Total Personnel Allocation</b>	<b>\$15,195</b>	<b>\$6,424</b>

\$21,619

**ERE's**

Project Allocation
Health Insurance \$700 month x .20 FTE
Workers Compensation \$15,195 x .38%
Pension/Retirement \$15,195 x 3%
FICA \$15,195 x 7.65%
<b>Total ERE's Allocation</b>

**Operations**

Project Allocation	Match
Rent or cost of space 5700*25.50/12/23*.2 FTE	\$1,264
Supplies Supplies related to project	\$100
Travel	\$1,000
Rent or cos of space Meeting Venue	\$468 \$ 132.00
Coalition Manager \$900*12/21*.25 FTE	\$1,183
Contracted Services	\$2,160
<b>Total Operations Allocations</b>	<b>\$4,911 \$1,396</b>
<b>Total Operations Allocation</b>	<b>\$23,462 \$7,820</b>
	<b>Match Required</b>
	<b>\$7,820</b>

# Addressing Sexual Violence in I/DD Communities

This 4-hour training provides vital information on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to sexual violence in the Intellectual and Development Disability (I/DD) communities.

We will discuss the dynamics and traumatic impact of sexual violence, how to recognize abuse specifically in non-verbal populations, as well as explore strategies for a trauma-informed response to survivors.

Attendees will learn mandatory reporting requirements, local resources to provide to survivors and their families, and how to improve organizational policies to protect survivors and their wellbeing, including anti-retaliation policies.

Attendees have the option of participating in this training in March, April or May.

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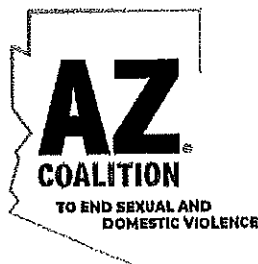
Thursday, 3/31  
12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Virtual

Wednesday, 4/20  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
Virtual

Monday, 5/23  
12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Virtual

## **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

This training is for disability service providers who serve the I/DD community and can be used for DCW continuing education.



**For more information:  
Marli Mayon at [marli@acesdv.org](mailto:marli@acesdv.org)**

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Arizona Developmental Disabilities  
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April 14, 2022

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
3839 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 306  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

To Whom It May Concern:

Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (AZSILC) is writing this letter of commitment on behalf of the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), as they apply for the 2021 Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) Education on Reducing and Responding to Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Arizona Grant, to provide virtual and in-person statewide training on recognizing and appropriately responding to sexual abuse against people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

AZSILC is federally mandated and funded under the Rehabilitation Act and is comprised of individuals appointed by the Governor. AZSILC conducts statewide needs assessments in regard to people who have disabilities, monitors, implements, and evaluates the triennial State Plan for Independent Living, facilitates community outreach, independent living forums, panels, and workshops, collaborates in coordinating disability focused conferences, expositions, and summits, and educates for systemic change to enhance and/or expand independent living programs and services.

Currently, Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (AZSILC), and four other statewide disability agencies are working as grant partners, alongside ACESDV, to enhance collective efforts to improve both prevention and response to sexual abuse for Arizonans who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Domestic and sexual violence and abuse disproportionately impacts people who have disabilities, and AZSILC is committed to supporting ACESDV by using our connections to enhance outreach and recruitment in the promotion of the training opportunities to be offered under the ADDPC grant.

Please feel free to contact me at (602)262-2900 or by email: [mellie@azsilc.org](mailto:mellie@azsilc.org), if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Santora".

Melissa Ann "Mellie" Santora  
Council Member

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April 14, 2022

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
3839 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 306  
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Dear Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council:

The Opportunity Tree is writing this letter of commitment for The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence's (ACESDV) renewal application for the 2022 Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Education on Reducing and Responding to Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Adults with I/DD in AZ Grant to provide virtual and in-person statewide training on recognizing and appropriately responding to sexual abuse against people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The target audience is providers for people with I/DD, including staff in long-term care facilities, day treatment centers, group homes, independent living centers, and disability advocacy organizations.

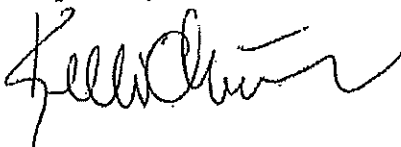
The Opportunity Tree and ACESDV have been fostering an ongoing partnership since 2019 to address the needs of survivors with disabilities and their loved ones. We are committed to increasing training about sexual violence in the I/DD community to providers who work with people with this community by conducting outreach and advertising the trainings ACESDV will provide.

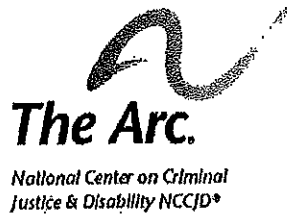
The Opportunity Tree is a non-profit organization that provides quality, individualized supports to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in dynamic and innovative environments at three different locations. We provide job training, adult day programs, creative arts programs as well as residential, home and community-based services.

We recognize the pressing need to prevent sexual violence among children and adults with developmental disabilities, as well as create a culture of healing in this community. We look forward to collaborating with ACESDV to increase attendance of disability providers in ACESDV's proposed trainings.

The Opportunity Tree fully supports ACESDV's renewal application for the 2022 Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Education on Reducing and Responding to Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Adults with I/DD in AZ Grant. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,





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April 14, 2022  
Grants Review Committee  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 306  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

**Dear Grants Committee Members:**

On behalf of The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability (NCCJD) working in partnership with The Arc of Arizona, I submit this letter of commitment for The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence's (ACESDV) renewal application for the 2022 Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Education on Reducing and Responding to Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Adults with I/DD in AZ grant to provide virtual and in-person statewide training on recognizing and appropriately responding to sexual abuse against people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The target audience is providers for people with I/DD, including staff in long-term care facilities, day treatment centers, group homes, independent living centers, and disability advocacy organizations.

The Arc of Arizona and ACESDV have been fostering an ongoing partnership since 2018 to address the needs of survivors with disabilities and their loved ones. Last year, NCCJD began working with The Arc of Arizona to provide facilitation and strategic planning for Arizona's Sexual Violence and IDD Collaborative and had the opportunity to work with staff from ACESDV who are chairing a workgroup on trauma-informed care services for victims with I/DD. We became deeply familiar with their work and have been impressed by their passion for this cause. For the purposes of this grant project, The Arc of Arizona and NCCJD is committed to helping increase training about sexual violence in the I/DD community for providers who work with people with disabilities by conducting outreach and advertising the trainings ACESDV will provide.

NCCJD was established in 2013 as a clearinghouse of training, technical assistance and information about people with IDD in the criminal justice system as either victims or suspects/defendants. The Arc of Arizona, which was established in 1958, is the only community-based non-profit working for people with I/DD throughout their lifetimes and across all diagnoses in Arizona. There are over 1,000 members with 11 local chapters. The Arc engages in public policy by mobilizing self-advocates, disability organizations, and individuals across Arizona who care about the rights of all people with disabilities, utilizing grassroots action

*Achieve with us.*



*For people with Intellectual  
and developmental disabilities*

to effect substantial and meaningful progress in the legislative landscape.

Both NCCJD and The Arc of Arizona fully support ACESDV's renewal application for the 2022 Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Education on Reducing and Responding to Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Adults with I/DD in AZ grant. We recognize the pressing need to prevent sexual violence among children and adults with developmental disabilities, as well as to create a culture of healing in this community. We look forward to collaborating with ACESDV to increase attendance of disability providers in ACESDV's proposed trainings. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,

Leigh Ann Davis, MSSW, MPA  
Senior Director, Criminal Justice Initiatives  
The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability