



May 2021 Victim Services Trainings

If you have any questions or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact MOVA at MOVA@mass.gov.

Advocating for Sexual Assault Survivors with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

May 26, 2021, 10-11:30 a.m.

Kelsey Worline and **Nora Grais-Clements**, *Victim Rights Law Center*

Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) are targeted for sexual violence at rates many times higher than the general population. They are also at higher risk for repeat victimization. Despite the numbers, this population is historically underserved by community agencies and legal services programs. This training will invite attendees to evaluate their personal and organizational practices and policies and identify opportunities to improve accessibility for survivors with I/DD. It will discuss how to incorporate plain language into client documents and outreach materials, how to build rapport with survivors with I/DD, and how to provide survivor-centered services to individuals with support caregivers or guardians.

The Evolution of MA SANE Program

May 27, 2021, 10-11:30 a.m.

Katherine Dudich, **Kristi Holden**, and **Randi Petricone**, *MA Department of Public Health*.

This workshop will give an overview of the MA Department of Public Health's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program, and its three components (Adult/Adolescent, Pediatric and TeleSANE). It will discuss how the three components of the MA SANE Program come together to ensure the delivery of compassionate, comprehensive, expert forensic nursing care to sexual assault patients of all ages across the Commonwealth. This workshop will highlight how patients and their advocates can seek care from trauma-informed, survivor-focused, do no harm practitioners, at 58 locations across Massachusetts. It will also identify innovations employed by each component and how it meets the challenges facing patients and providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.