

# About the Training

This one-day training is offered by the Partnership for People with Disabilities in response to the following realities:

- ❖ Children with disabilities are at increased risk for all types of abuse and neglect.
- ❖ Abuse and neglect of these children occurs more often in out-of-family settings.
- ❖ It can be more difficult to recognize abuse or neglect of children with disabilities.
- ❖ Many professionals are unaware of specific risk factors and indicators of abuse and neglect for children with disabilities.
- ❖ Many professionals are unfamiliar with the special needs of children with disabilities.
- ❖ Children with disabilities experience a “cascade of injustices” following abuse and neglect, in which their reports are not believed, or are not investigated, or are not prosecuted.
- ❖ Children with disabilities may not receive adequate treatment for the effects of abuse and neglect.

## Trainers

This course is presented by an interdisciplinary team of expert trainers, including an educator, a law enforcement officer, a child protective services professional, and a parent advocate for children with disabilities.

Trainers model interdisciplinary collaboration and foster discussion among participants about ways to improve the local collaborative response to abuse and neglect of children with disabilities.

*Continuing Education Credits  
and Partial In-service Credit for Law  
Enforcement available.*

## Target Audience

This training is appropriate for all professionals who serve children with disabilities, including:

- ❖ Educators
- ❖ Child Protective Services
- ❖ Law enforcement
- ❖ Foster care
- ❖ Children’s Advocacy Center
- ❖ CASA staff and volunteers
- ❖ Community Services Board staff
- ❖ Multidisciplinary Team members
- ❖ Guardians ad litem

## Questions addressed in the training:

- ◆ How widespread is the problem of abuse and neglect of children with disabilities?
- ◆ What is the relationship between abuse and disability?
- ◆ Why are children with disabilities at greater risk for abuse and neglect?
- ◆ What types of abuse and neglect are experienced by children with disabilities?
- ◆ Why is it more difficult to recognize abuse and neglect of children with disabilities?
- ◆ What are some specific signs and indicators of abuse and neglect of children with disabilities?
- ◆ What are the roles of parent advocates and professionals in identification and reporting of abuse and neglect of children with disabilities?
- ◆ How can professionals and parent advocates collaborate to prevent abuse and neglect of these children, and to improve the outcomes for those children with disabilities who experience abuse and neglect?

**Registration for CWS 5651  
Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities  
April 25, 2007 in Charlottesville  
Limited to 40 participants.  
Please register by April 4, 2007**

### Lunch Preference:

vegetarian     non-vegetarian

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First Name –    Middle Initial –    Last Name

Parent Advocate  
 Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
or 3 Initials & last 4 digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Special Needs/Accommodations:

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### Return registration form by 4/4/07 to:

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The Abuse and Disabilities Training Project began in 1997 with federal funding to develop a model interdisciplinary curriculum for educators, child protection workers, law enforcement officers, and parents of children with disabilities. Since 2000, this interdisciplinary training has been offered by the Partnership for People with Disabilities in a number of localities throughout Virginia, with the co-sponsorship of VISSTA (Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities), the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department for Criminal Justice Services, and the Virginia Department of Social Services.



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# **Abuse and Neglect Of Children with Disabilities: A Collaborative Response (VISSTA CWS 5651)**

**Interdisciplinary Training  
for parent advocates  
and professionals serving  
children with disabilities**

**April 25, 2007**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Albemarle Co.Ofc. Bldg.  
1600 Fifth St., MR A  
Charlottesville, VA

For more information contact :  
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