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Statistics

- Individuals with I/DD are 4-10 times more likely to be victimized than members of the general population.
- In about 17% of violence against persons with disabilities the victim reports they believe they were targeted due to their disability.
- Valenti-Hein and Schwartz (1995) estimated that 90% of people with disabilities will experience sexual violence at some point during their lives.



Statistics

- It is estimated that nearly half of the population of persons with I/DD will experience 10 or more incidents of sexual abuse.
- Other studies suggest that between 39-68% of girls and 16-30% of boys with I/DD will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.



Victimization Task Force Members

- MODDC
- Mo Protection & Advocacy
- University Centers of Excellence (UMKC-IHD)
- People First of MO
- DMH
- DHSS
- DESE
- DSS
- DPS
- SB 40s
- FBI
- Missouri Information & Analysis Center (MIAC)
- Highway Patrol
- Attorney General's Office
- Office of Prosecution Services
- Victim Advocacy Organizations
- Rape Crisis Centers
- Police Departments
- MO Ombudsman



Victimization Task Force

- **Aspects of victimization reviewed by Task Force:**
 - **Prevention**
 - **Identification**
 - **Reporting**
 - **Investigation**
 - **Prosecution**
 - **Services and Supports**



Workgroups

- **Prevention and Awareness**
- **Investigation and Prosecution**
- **Identification and Reporting**
- **Services and Supports**



Recommendations: Prevention and Awareness

- **Support Communities to conduct a community assessment of existing efforts/resources for prevention.**
- **Engage in efforts that identify, promote and implement policies that are intolerant of the victimization of individuals with disabilities.**



Recommendations: Prevention and Awareness

- Engage in public awareness efforts to increase awareness of victimization, provide education on how and when to report and the resources available.
- Train educators, caregivers, individuals with I/DD and families to increase their understanding of the effective principles and spectrum of prevention.



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Adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) are being verbally, fiscally, physically, and sexually abused. The abuse is prevalent and pervasive, it happens in many ways, and it happens repeatedly to victims with all types of disabilities.(1)



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Violence against persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) is a frequently unrecognized and under reported problem that has reached epidemic proportions in the United States.(1)

www.andwecanstopit.org



Recommendations: Investigation and Prosecution

- **Develop a flow chart that reflects where agencies interconnect, and will serve as a basis for developing/creating partnerships and collaboration for improved response to victims with disabilities**
- **Engage in efforts that address and distinguish the difference between criminal incidents by strangers as opposed to caregivers or service-focused traumatic events of victims with disabilities.**



Recommendations: Investigation and Prosecution

- **Create a Multi-Disciplinary Team and/or Special Investigation Team model/approach that addresses case investigations and prosecutions involving victims with disabilities. Incorporates the following elements:**
 - **Is MOU driven**
 - **Acknowledges participation based on availability, commitment of time, cost factors**
 - **Identifies a means for activation**
 - **Identifies leadership**
 - **Identifies skills needed at the local level**



Recommendations: Investigation and Prosecution

- **Develop and implement cross-training for members of Multi-Disciplinary Teams focused on investigation and prosecution associated with individuals with disabilities who have been victimized.**



Recommendations: Services and Supports

- **Identify a state department or agency to be the “lead” for promoting services for people with disabilities who are victimized. Advance, maintain, and update training and other information needed by both victim and disability service providers.**



Recommendations: Services and Supports

- **Conduct a state-wide needs assessment of victims with disabilities and victim and disability service providers.**
- **Develop and implement training that emphasizes trauma-informed care principles and practices, for both victims and disability service providers.**



Recommendations: Services and Supports

- **Pursue funding opportunities that support victim and service provider training, and the provision of victim services.**
- **Establish and maintain forums for disability service and victim service providers to share resources and data, enhance collaboration, and respond to issues.**



Recommendations: Identification and Reporting

- Enhance collaboration between state/local agencies concerning abuse/neglect/exploitation identification and reporting of the victimization of individuals with disabilities.
- MODDC to assist DHSS/DMH with establishing standardized rules for mandated reporters.



Recommendations: Identification and Reporting

- **Create and implement standardized training for mandated reporters on abuse/ neglect/ exploitation of individuals with disabilities.**
- **Streamline mandatory reporting requirements within statutes and contracts associated with supporting and serving individuals with disabilities.**



Recommendations: Identification and Reporting

- **Pursue Niagara University First Responders Disability Awareness Training**



First Responder Disability Awareness Training (FRDAT)

- **Individuals with I/DD are not seen as credible witnesses.**
- **First responders return individuals to situations where victimization continues.**
- **Forward Through Ferguson – recommended law enforcement training**
- **Ruderman White Paper – 1/2 people killed by law enforcement are people with disabilities. ~March 2016**



FRDAT

- Nationwide search for comprehensive first responder training.
- Niagara University
 - NYDDC - \$750,000 to develop FRDAT
- Law Enforcement
- Fire/EMS
- 911 Operators





FRDAT

- **February/March 2016 – Focus groups & meetings**
 - **Victimization Task Force**
 - **Governor's Office**
 - **First Responders (law enforcement, fire/EMS, 911) in St. Louis, Columbia, Jefferson City, St. Louis**
 - **DPS Director and POST Manager**
 - **CIT Coordinator**
 - **Mark Stringer & Susan Flanigan**



FRDAT

- **MODDC Funded FRDAT - \$150,000**
 - **Law Enforcement**
 - Police Officers Standard Training certified (POST)
 - Ferguson Catalyst reviewed for racial equity
 - International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards certified (IADLEST)
 - **Fire/EMS**
 - MO EMS certified
 - **911 Operators**
 - National Emergency Numbers Association endorsement





FRDAT

- **Responders will be:**
 - Provided information about disabilities (Tourette's, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, etc.)
 - Better able to understand challenges and how to address them effectively
 - Provided more information thru videos
 - Educated to ensure proactive response that is sensitive but appropriate to challenging situations
 - Able to identify characteristics of disabilities



FRDAT Advisory Council

- MODDC staff/parent
- CIT Coordinator
- POST Manager
- People First/SABE
- 911 Operators/family members
- EMS representatives
- KCPD/parent
- KCFD
- ADA Coordinator
- Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- DMH
- SEMA Volunteer Coordinator/parent/ILC board member



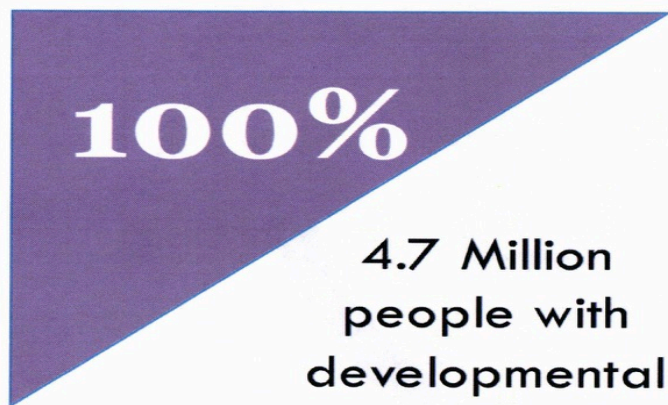
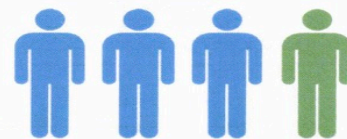
Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) Offerings

- June 12 – 13: Fire Fighter/EMS
 - Kansas City Fire Department Training Site
- June 14 – 15: Law Enforcement
 - Kansas City Police Department Regional Academy
- September 19 – 20: 911 Dispatch
 - Tan Tar-A
- September 21 – 22: Law Enforcement
 - MO State Police Headquarters in Columbia

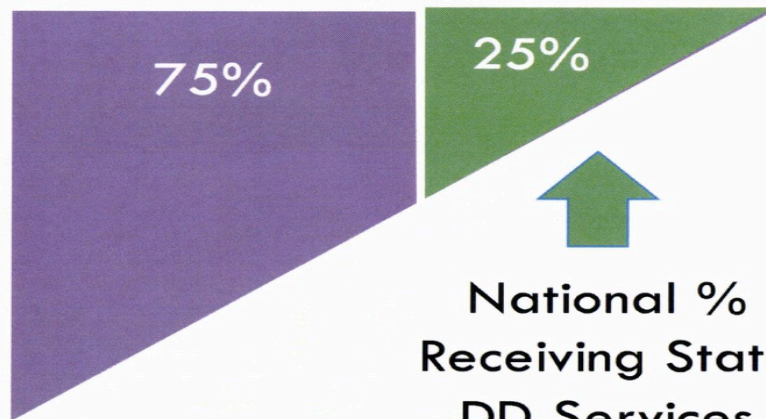




1 in 4 Persons with I/DD Receive Formal State DD Services



4.7 Million
people with
developmental
disabilities



National %
Receiving State
DD Services

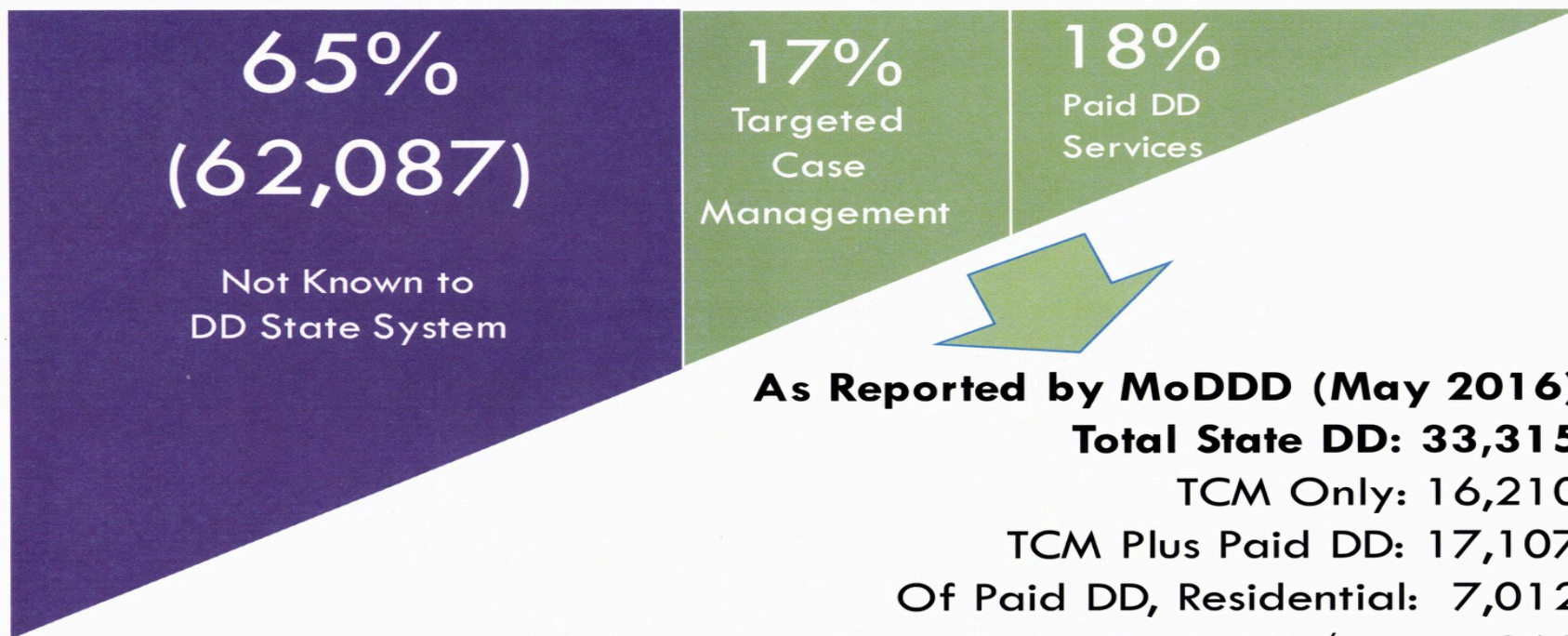
**** Based on national definition of developmental disability with a prevalence rate of 1.55%**





Missourians with DD

96,122 estimated Missourians with Developmental Disabilities*



As Reported by MoDDD (May 2016)

Total State DD: 33,315

TCM Only: 16,210

TCM Plus Paid DD: 17,107

Of Paid DD, Residential: 7,012

Of Paid DD, State ICF/DD: 360

*Based on 1.55% prevalence of 6.1 million citizens, US Census (2015)





Thank you!

