



## **Sacramento County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council**

Draft Minutes: Zoom Meeting Held September 18, 2024

Members Present:

Sharon Martin  
Steve Andrews  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
Bonnie Douglas  
Loretta Duncan-Fowler

Members Absent:

Dr. Sue Gilmore  
Patty Pacheco

Guests:

Priscilla Klassen; Project Coordinator Valor US  
Peter Mendoza; State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Lisa Hooks; State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Elise Guerrero; Attorney and Child Advocate  
John Decker; Alta California Regional Center  
Maureen Sullivan; Weave Organization  
Cyndie Smith; Weave Organization  
Anh Nguyen; Arc Organization

The Zoom DD Council Meeting was called to order at 9:04am by Steven Andrews. There was a quorum present and the Minutes from the August, 2024 Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting was briefly discussed during this Meeting and the Minutes were approved.

All of the DD Council Members and the Guests did get an opportunity to introduce themselves to each other. Priscilla Klassen provided an excellent power point presentation that fully explained the focus and the services that the Valor US Organization is providing in conjunction with the Weave Organization and also the Arc Organization for the Developmental Disabled population. Basically, the three organizations are providing services to prevent and end sexual violence to individuals and allow them to have access to services that are



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safe, barrier free, and responsive to their needs. The Valor US Organization are operating 83 Rape Crisis Centers throughout the State of California. The Organization also is providing Training Videos and Publications to the General Public to inform them of the needs for the Developmental Disabled population.

One of the most important discussions came from a question that Bonnie Douglas asked regarding what training do the Vendors of Alta California Regional Center acquire. John Decker; from the Regional Center responded that at this point there is no real Sexual Abuse Training or Sexual Violence Training requirements for the Vendors . However, John stated that the Case Managers at the Regional Center have been provided with Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Training from the Weave Organization.

Lisa Hooks from the State Council explained that because of the severe fires in Southern California many of the Developmental Disabled were not able to get the supplies that they needed. In the future, better planning needs to be implemented to provide the services and supplies that the Developmental Disabled need.

Maureen Fitzgerald reported that She and Steve Andrews attended the Alta Regional Board of Directors Committee Meetings. Maureen felt there could be some improvements in the distribution of Agenda Materials and publicizing of Meetings to the Community.

For the October Meeting, Maureen indicated she would draft a document from the DD Council based on the requirements for Public Agencies such as the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for Agenda and Meeting Materials.



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The Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am. There will be a DD Council Meeting on October 16, 2024. The Guest Speaker for this Meeting will be Lauren Libero, Ph.D. from the Department of Developmental Services to discuss the services within the Autism Program.

Here is no Video and Audio for this DD Council Meeting:

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# Services Often Provided by Rape Crisis Centers

- Crisis response
- Accompaniment
- Short and long-term counseling - both individual and group
- Advocacy
- Community education
- Legal advocacy
- Case management





Mission: The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

People First | Equity | Community | Self-determination | Diversity



# How it Started



19 local Arc Chapters

83 VALOR member Rape Crisis Centers

625,000 Californians with I/DD

California Department of Finance, Demographics Unit.  
May 1, 2017. As cited by the California State Council  
on Developmental Disabilities.

<https://scdd.ca.gov/aboutdevelopmentaldisabilities/>.





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Our vision is that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who are impacted by sexual violence across the state of California will have access to services that are safe, barrier-free, and responsive to their needs.

# Grant Deliverables

- Collaboration Charter
- Needs Assessment
- Findings Report
- Strategic Plan
- Implementation



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# Training Videos

## Survivors with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities:

Providing Appropriate Support and Advocacy

C.A. LEADDs

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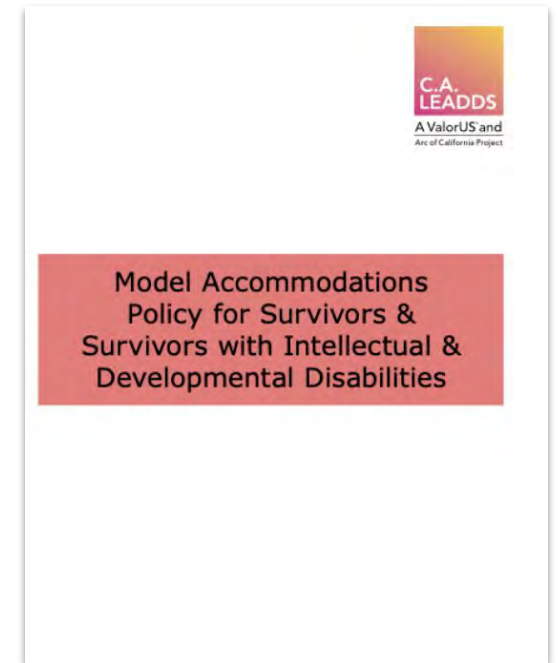
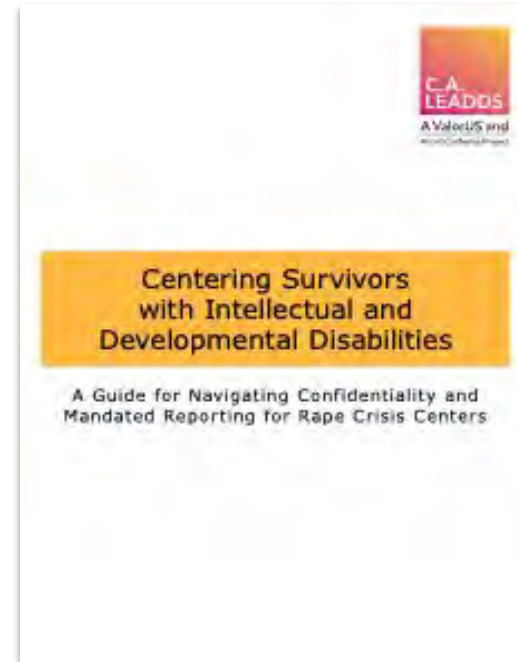
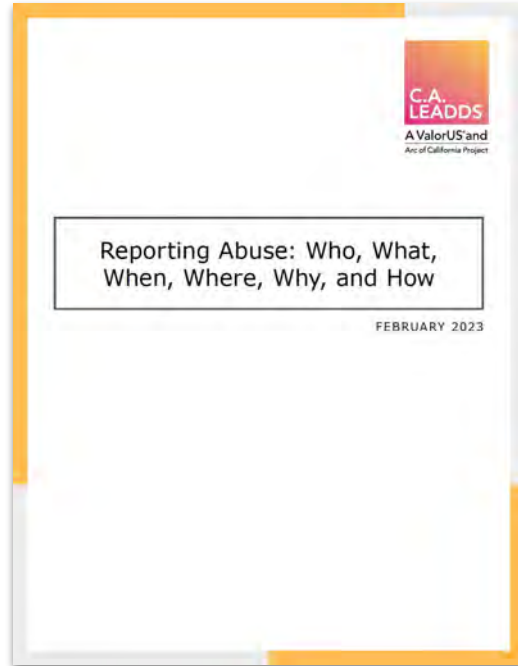
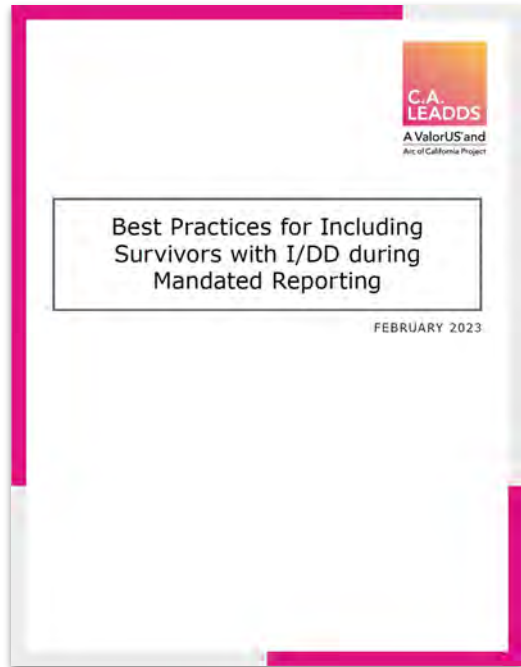
## Responding to Sexual Assault Disclosures by People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: A Trauma-Informed Approach

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# Publications



# Resources



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## Sample Intake Accommodations Form for Survivors & Survivors with I/DD



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# Moving Forward

## 2 Year Continuation Grant

- NSAC & CA Disability Advocacy Conference
- Spanish translations
- Regional trainings
- Advisory group
- Resource guide
- Informational brochures
- 201 training series



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