

ABA FORENSICS



FOR CONSIDERATION

- ▶ **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE VICTIMS OF NON-FATAL CRIMES THAN PEOPLE WITHOUT DISABILITIES (HARRELL, 2014).**
- ▶ **A REPORTED 94% OF PEOPLE WITH ASD HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF BULLYING (LITTLE, 2002).**
- ▶ **COMPARED TO STUDENTS WITH OTHER DISABILITIES, THE RISK OF REPEATED VICTIMIZATION IS HIGHEST FOR STUDENT WITH ASD (13.8 TIMES MORE LIKELY) (BLAKE, ET AL., 2012).**
- ▶ **UP TO 56 % OF PEOPLE IN PRISON HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE!**

INCLUSIVE TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL GROUPS

- **TEACH SKILLS TO PREVENT CONTACT WITH THE SYSTEM**
- **FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- **WHAT TO DO IF POLICE ARE CALLED**



TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- **DISPLAY CALMING BODY LANGUAGE- SPACE**
- **USE SIMPLE LANGUAGE**
- **SPEAK SLOWLY**
- **USE CONCRETE IDEAS- AVOID FIGURES OF SPEECH**
- **ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR RESPONSE - NOT A LACK OF COMPLIANCE! COUNT TO 10**
- **GIVE PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT**
- **A WORD ABOUT RESTRAINT**
- **GIVEN TIME AND SPACE BEHAVIOR**

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- **SEEK ADVICE FROM CAREGIVERS**

ON THE SCENE

- **[HTTP://WWW.DEBBAUDTLEGACY.COM/AUTISM-ON-SCENE-RESPONSE-CARDS](http://www.debbaudtlegacy.com/autism-on-scene-response-cards)**

TRAIN LAWYERS AND JUDGES

- **RECEPTIVE/EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE DEFICITS**
- **AVOIDING EYE CONTACT**
- **CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING. HAVE THE PERSON REPEAT BACK IN THEIR OWN WORDS THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RIGHTS.**
- **NOT NECESSARILY AN INDICATOR OF LYING OR EVASIVENESS.**
- **MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO READ THE SOCIAL INTENT OF THE POLICE OFFICER.**

MIRANDA WARNING

1

You have the right to remain silent.



2

Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.



3

You have the right to an attorney.



4

If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you.



5

Do you understand the rights I have just read to you?

With these rights in mind, do you wish to speak to me?



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CONDUCT PRISON EVALUATIONS



EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY



DEVELOPING DIVERSION PLANS





TRAINING PRISON STAFF AND SECURE FORENSIC HOSPITAL STAFF



QUESTIONS???

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