

# **Criminal Justice and Disability Webinar Series**

**New Webinar Series!**  
**Contemporary Issues in Disability and  
Criminal Justice**

**June 9, 17 & 29**

Join the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center for our new series that will address hot topics related to disability in law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies.

## **Using Self-Advocate Educators with Disabilities for Training Emergency Responders**

Wednesday June 9, 2021

1:00 – 2:00 PM Eastern

Approximately 6.5 million people in the United States are diagnosed with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities (IDD/DD). In Session 1 of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center's "Contemporary Issues in Disability and Criminal Justice" Series, a panel of experts and self-advocate educators with disabilities will discuss a research-based training model called Leading Forward, for Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Service providers. Through this model, Self-Advocate Educators (SAEs) are trained in how to teach firefighters, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and law enforcement about the range of characteristics of people with ID/DD and how their behaviors and communication abilities may vary from the non-disabled population in crises or emergency situations.

### **Panelists**

- Lisa Schoenbrodt, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology, Loyola College in Maryland
- Leah Katherine Saal, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literacy, School of Education, Loyola College in Maryland
  - Patrick Chaney, Self-Advocate Educator
  - Elaina Camacho, Self-Advocate Educator

[Learn More and Register for Using Self-Advocate Educators](#)

## **Making Arrests and Detention Accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People**

Thursday, June 17, 2021

2:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern

This session describes a model to implement and oversee a comprehensive range of accommodations for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) people throughout any detention or supervision, in state or county prisons, state or county parole or probation. The key to this model is having a specialist, D/HH ADA Coordinator who is given the authority and budget to ensure access for this often "silenced" population. The session will also describe the list of specific accommodations needed, from specialized phones, interpreters, captioning equipment & services, and staff training.

### **Presenter**

- Bill Lockard, Program Director, DeafCAN! (Deaf Community Action Network)

[Learn More and Register for Making Arrests and Detention Accessible](#)

## **The ADA and Our Jails: Delivering Service to All with Dignity and Respect**

Thursday, June 29, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern

This session will take a look at the ADA and our jails, from the time an individual enters booking until the day they are released. How do you properly ensure that all individuals in your custody have access to programs, services and a level playing field? Regardless of the disability, it is our responsibility to ensure that those entrusted to us while serving their sentences are treated with dignity and respect.

### **Presenter**

- Captain James P. McMichael, Arlington County Sheriff's Office

[Learn More and Register for The ADA and Our Jails](#)

### **Additional Information about the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center's Webinars**

- There is no charge to access these sessions.
- Certificates of participation are available for a fee.
- Real-time captions will be available for all sessions.
- The sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

**Stay tuned as more sessions will be added to this series!**

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