AUCD Special Interest Group

Abuse and Neglect

Agenda

October 30, 2020

1:00PM EST

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95800598112>

**I. Introductions (All)**

Nancy Banov, Parent in GA, previously in SC- advocated for SC Legislation on investigation on abuse and neglect

Valerie Wood, VT UCEDD

Donna Gilles, VA UCEDD, retiring January 1st

David Deere, retired UCEDD AK- chairing FASD SIG

Lynne Tomasa, AZ Sonoran UCEDD

Rylin Rodgers, AUCD Staff

**II. Updates on state projects/initiatives (All):**

 Research

* AZ
	+ Challenges getting accurate data
	+ Interviewing survivors
		- How to overcome taboo
		- How not to retraumatize as part of research
			* Need to find the right mental health supports for victims
* VT:
	+ Public child welfare system – what supports are needed to make sure placement and adoptions are successful – prevent discontinuity
	+ Impact on children foster care system
		- Is training needed for foster care system?
* VA
	+ LEAP program – training PWD on healthy relationships
		- Abuse prevention
		- Grant to validate it as evidence-based practice

Training

* AR
	+ Annual training for folks working for courts who assist crime victims
	+ Cross training between disability and crime victims’ groups

Advocacy

* SC Legislation on investigation on abuse and neglect – outside investigation is required (state law enforcement now handles)
	+ Concern that budget cuts have moved investigation to local police without background
* GA: DD Council is active – legislature does not have history of funding to support services making issues of abuse and neglect a lower priority

Registry

tracking issues in states, data collection, sites, could there be a national data collection system?

* + P/A in states are often primary sources
	+ Tracking administrative data system (antiquated systems without funding to update)
	+ SC lacks registry of abuse and abuser in adult population
	+ AR has a child and an adult registry (focused on aging)
		- Creates challenge around need to check two places
	+ VT tracks child abuse registry but not adults

 Information Resources

Funding Sources

* Arkansas

 Project of UCEDD has regular funding from state government to focus on abuse

* + Large group of stakeholders to support
		- Shared trouble shooting
		- Advocacy to support solutions and coordinating of work
		- FASD 90% of kids are in foster care or adoption
		- Need: program for adult victims who are currently being served by child system
	+ Connections to Autism work to raise issues

Seclusion and Restraint updates

* VA
	+ Regulations promulgated for private schools
	+ Final public school regulations
		- Does not ban prone restraint
	+ Likely to have new legislation
* NE
	+ Bill to be introduced in January
* AR
	+ Voluntary reporting system
* National: Lame Duck Bill: The Law Enforcement Education and Accountability for People with Disabilities (LEAD) Act

Data Collection

**IV. Next Steps**

 Future work of Abuse and Neglect SIG (prior to conference?)

* seeking feedback; how move forward with data collection; registry?

 Leadership of the SIG – How to turn over -- send these notes, and ask for volunteers, self-nominations

Call for self-nomination for new leader due date 12/15/2020 send interest to Donna Gilles <dlgilles@vcu.edu>

**V. Other – Open Discussion**