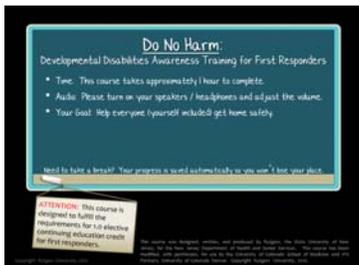


Resources for First Responders that Encourage Optimal Interactions with People with Developmental Disabilities

As part of their participation in the University of Colorado LEADS Program CU medical students, Chris Rogers and Spencer Tomberg developed training for first responders in their interactions with people with developmental disabilities during the 2010-11 year. The project was supported by JFK Partners, the Autism Society of Boulder County, The State of New Jersey and Rutgers University.



Developmental Disability Training for EMT Continuing Education

A one-hour online continuing education course has been developed to provide training to current EMTs and first responders. The course introduces the challenges of working with someone with a developmental disability. It also provides tools to help address these challenges. This training will be hosted online by University of Colorado Hospital and will be certified for one-hour of continuing education for all Colorado emergency medical technicians. It is also a resource for police and firefighter training.

Autism Specific EMT Training

A 30-minute training program for EMTs that focuses on interactions with people with autism. This program gives EMTs an introduction on how to identify someone with autism, what challenges may occur in an encounter with a person with autism and what a first responder can do to optimize those encounters.

Parent Resource List

A resource list that parents in Colorado can use to optimize their interactions with first responders. This list includes tips for interacting with first responders, information on tracking devices and identification resources.



First Responder Tip Cards and Other Resources

A tip card the size of a business card that EMTs and first responders can carry with them that reinforces the key points of the training programs. Anyone can send these to be printed as business cards to hand out at trainings or events. Other resources include a Family Wandering Resource Plan and a Person Specific Information Form.

ALL OF THESE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.TINYURL.COM/JFKFRT

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