

# CHILD ABUSE and CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

## RESOURCE UPDATE – December, 2017

*I am a rare species,  
not a stereotype.*

— Ivan E. Coyote

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disabilityabuse.org



The [Child Abuse and Disability](#) website was launched online September, 2007, having originally been developed as a CD-ROM to provide resources for child abuse investigators especially related to children with disabilities. It was revised in 2013-2014 to include a “free downloadable” **App** and **Widget** to promote easy website access. Major support for the development of the site has been from *New York State Office of Children and Family Services* with design teams from several universities. Updates and enhancements continue and site has reached 10,897 individuals in 131 countries (December, 2017).

## UPDATES



**Downloadable App for iPhone or Android.** The FREE downloadable App focuses on **Pre-Interview** and **Interview** points to remember when working with a child with a disability. Access to site.



**Widgets to embed on websites.** A small/larger widget has been designed for embedding onto a training, program website that directs users immediately to the Disability Resource site. A popular tool



**Updated and new Resources.** The revised website now lists 105 **Selected Journal Articles** that have been chosen by the Project team (2010-2017) in targeted areas of interest. Article citation and short annotation is provided for download. Full articles (22) are available with LOGON. **State Disability Resources** (50 states) were also reviewed (Fall, 2017). General resources are listed in some areas and continue to expand nationally and globally for this area of interest.



**Training Tools.** The updated website provides suggestions for infusing various types of content into training which can enhance information related to disabilities. Some areas include: **Disability Assessment, Selected Cases or Articles**, etc. Most materials require no LOGON, but some are available only by registering for **FREE LOGON**.

**Issues of Concern.** The world of disabilities continues to evolve as new knowledge and greater understanding of cognitive, social and behavioral functioning emerges through research, policy and practice. The three areas that have been identified as current “issues of concern” have been evolving over a number of years and many resources have been added to each of these highlighted areas in the most recent web updating (2017). Check them out as they continue to shed light and sometimes have even developed concrete materials to support effectively handling child abuse cases as related to children with disabilities. Areas include: **Restraint and Seclusion—First Responders—Child Advocacy Centers**. As 2018 dawns critical issues involving sexual assault and harassment of women including women with disabilities require further vigilance.

**Contact us** to add quality resources/materials you have found in these areas or others of concern.

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