



## Demonstration Project: Working with Sexual Assault Survivors with Disabilities in Long-term Care Facilities

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs  
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\$50,000

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs in Olympia, WA increased capacity to serve sexual assault survivors with disabilities who reside in long-term care facilities, increased collaboration among such facilities and sexual assault advocacy programs, and documented model practices and policies.

### Communities

Adults  
Disabilities  
Men  
Survivors  
Women

### System:

Advocacy/rape crisis  
Therapeutic/mental health

### Level:

State



### Enhance Partnerships

Partnered with SAGE, Disabilities Rights Washington (DRW), and the Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (WALTCOP). The pilot site built relationships with 2 LTC facilities and worked on onsite advocacy at one facility.



### Learning Circles

SAGE presented the project and work at the WCSAP annual conference in 2017.



### Educate & Train

Disability Rights of Washington provided customized training for all program staff based on assessment findings.



### Provide Resources

The funding paid for reprinting costs for an existing resource entitled: Understanding Sexual Rights and Sexual Assault in Resident Advocacy. Copies were distributed to local advocacy programs and long-term care ombudsmen throughout WA.



### Measure Impact

The project utilized VERA's Measuring C&C Assessment Tool Community assessment and incorporated feedback from a Resident Advisory Work-group with 8 residents of LTC.

### What's next:

State partners continued collaborating with other funding and a new pilot site as the work is a priority for WCSAP who will share the VERA tool with other sites.

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