



**Adult Advocacy  
Centers**

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# The Adult Advocacy Centers' Model

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## Centers

- Design and build centers with disability-specific accommodations, beyond ADA requirements, by integrating universal, multi-sensory, and trauma-responsive design.
- Coordinate and provide connection to regional multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs)
- Implement medical forensic evaluations and develop protocols
- Conduct forensic interviews with advanced, disability-specific training
- Provide trauma-responsive victim advocacy and mental health services
- Offer and coordinate tele-forensic interviews
- Offer and coordinate tele-medical forensic exams

## Mobile Services

- Create mobile teams and RV units
- Implement medical forensic evaluations and develop protocols
- Conduct forensic interviews with advanced, disability-specific training
- Provide victim advocacy services and mental health services
- Offer tele-forensic interviews
- Offer tele-medical forensic exams
- Include accessibility features and tools in the RVs



## Training

- Create trainings centers on AACs' campuses
- Create and coordinate advanced, disability-specific trainings in a wide variety of areas, including forensic interviewing, assisted technology, trauma-responsive mental health supports and best practices, MDT-focused best practices, and specific victimizations that impact the disability community
- Create and provide publications and guides to support community agencies when working with adult crime victims with disabilities
- Provide trauma counseling intervention training to increase tools specific to crime victims with disabilities
- Provide consultation services for investigative agencies for cases involving adult crime victims with disabilities

## Programs

- Develop support services and trauma-responsive aftercare for individuals with disabilities, including support groups
- Create disability-specific and inclusive community education and resources
- Develop and provide follow-up services for crime victims with disabilities

## Partnerships

- Engage in outreach to community agencies looking to improve services
- Interact and provide outreach to the diverse communities surrounding the AACs' regional locations
- Consult with national experts in the fields of abuse, forensic services, specific disabilities, support services, medicine, criminal justice, clinical services and advocacy
- Collaborate with people with disabilities, including survivors, to develop accessible resources, trainings and educational opportunities specifically for victims of crime
- Present at international, national, state and local conferences