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Like to hear about good self advocate & parent trainings on how to deal with LE.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: SB 882 Public Comment
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Hello Advisory Council,

My name is [REDACTED] and I work for an evidence-based mental health program that provides crisis intervention and prevention services for people with an intellectual or developmental disability and mental health needs. Our desired outcomes include reducing emergency service utilization like law enforcement encounters and emergency room department uses. The mission of the work we do is strongly connected with the reason the council is meeting today, we are working hard with our local community to improve interactions between people with IDD and law enforcement. We do this by providing community clinical trainings to first responders on how to respond to a mental health crises with someone who has an intellectual or developmental disability. That is why I ask for all law enforcement officers and any first responder to see the person you are responding to, as a person just like you. The most important thing needed in a crises response is compassion, that person is a brother, sister, husband, wife, child, etc. People with intellectual or developmental disabilities deserve respect and accommodations when responding to their crises and cries for help.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, August 5, 2024 at 10:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Great meeting

Hello,

Thank you for meeting with me last week. There is so much to consider when it comes to law enforcement training, from CIT to LD-37 to ongoing trainings in other areas where we rarely think of the population with ID/DD. We need to consider not only the training of law enforcement but also the community training component. We also need to push agencies like the regional centers to ensure that there are preventative services in place. Most preventative services are currently happening only when there is already court involvement. The prevention piece is critical to ensure that we don't reach the point of having law enforcement interactions.

You requested statistics on law enforcement interactions with people with ID/DD. Unfortunately, there isn't anything being used to keep track of these individuals; they are usually lumped in with the mental health arena. What I can provide are statistics of those in prison who have identified themselves as having some type of disability. See the link below:

[Disabilities Reported by Prisoners - Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016 (ojp.gov)]

(<https://www.ojp.gov/disabilities-reported-by-prisoners-survey-of-prison-inmates-2016>).

Legislation suggestion:

- Obtaining information on those who want to disclose their disability during a crisis call is essential. Currently, there is no real mechanism in place to identify people with ID/DD versus someone who might have a mental health disorder. The questions that we would need to ask would be more subjective, such as:

1. Does the individual present with symptoms of developmental or intellectual disability? Yes or
2. Does the individual present with symptoms of Autism? Yes or

You requested names of possible presenters for the advisory council. The following individuals could provide information on crisis response. Fernanda and Capt. Jeff have encountered people with ID/DD through their crisis response unit. They have concerns with the resource options for our population. Yenifer's program focuses on preventative crisis services for people with ID/DD. Marianne Halbert can provide information on the CIT Program itself, the importance of the steering committee, and the 40-hour training.

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