

BLACKBURN CENTER

Blackburn Center provides services for people whose lives have been impacted by violence and crime, and actively advocates for the changes needed in our communities to end this violence. All services are provided at no cost, are confidential, can be anonymous, and are available to men women and children.

ABUSE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Although all types of abuse feature an element of power and control, people with disabilities may experience unique dynamics of abuse that others may not. Certain aspects may cultivate a situation for abuse, including stigma towards people with disabilities, the nature of disability and lack of accessible resources.

BLACKBURN CENTER SERVICES

- 24-Hour Hotline for Crisis Counseling and Referrals
- Counseling and Therapy
- Support Groups
- Emergency Shelter for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence
- Medical and Legal Advocacy
- Student Awareness Programs
- Community Education Programs
- In-Service Trainings

CONTACT US

24-HOUR HOTLINE

888-832-2272

Individuals Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing May Use VRS to Contact the Hotline.

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ABUSE & People with Disabilities



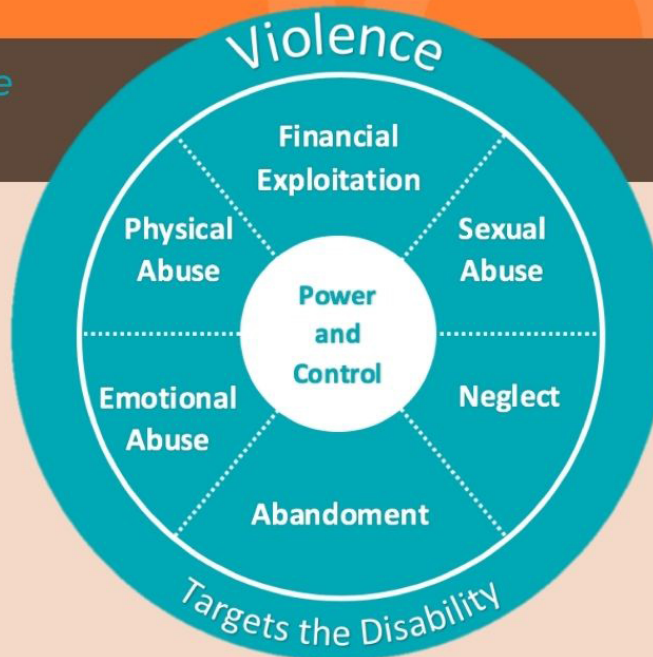
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A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY IS
3X **MORE LIKELY TO**
EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE THAN
SOMEONE WITHOUT A DISABILITY

*Together we can recognize abuse
and empower survivors.*

EXAMPLES OF ABUSE

- Inflicts physical injuries
- Withholds or breaks assistive devices
- Uses restraints
- Forces nonconsensual sex
- Insults and shames disability
- Threatens victim, children, or service animals
- Threatens to place victim in an institution
- Deserts or leaves victim alone for days or weeks when they are the primary caregiver
- Withholds medications
- Refuses medical treatments
- Pressures victim to give up disability services
- Makes all the decisions for the victim
- Creates physical barriers (i.e. moving furniture)



HOW CAN I PROVIDE SUPPORT?

- Sincerely listen to the person
- Provide options and resources
- Offer support in contacting someone for assistance
- Validate their experience and support their decisions
- If possible, follow up

We are here for you.

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Call for Resources and Support

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**Interested in learning more?
We provide programs at no cost.**



Many people who abuse are known to the person who is experiencing the abuse. The wheel above depicts how different types of violence are often used to target a person with a disability in order to gain or maintain power and control of that person.