

# Autism

Risk & Safety  
Management



## PRESENTS:

Autism Awareness Risk and Safety Management Training for Law Enforcement, First Response, & Criminal Justice Professionals

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dennis Debbaudt

**DATE:** April 19, 2012

**LOCATION:** Hagerstown Community College, 11400 Robinwood Dr. Hagerstown, MD 21742. Career Programs Building

### **DAY SESSION:**

Autism Awareness Risk and Safety Management Training for Law Enforcement & First Response Professionals  
(we are working to provide continuing education credits)

**Registration:** 8:30AM - 9:00AM

**Training:** 9:00AM - 3:00PM

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$20 (lunch not included)

**The Valley Eatery on Campus is available for lunch**

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS APPROVED FOR:**

Maryland EMS for 4 hours of Category 2 for ALS or Local for BLS

### **EVENING SESSION:**

Plan Your Response for an Autism Emergency for Parents, Educators, Human Services, and Autism Professionals

**Registration:** 5:30PM - 6:00PM

**Training:** 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$15

### **FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

E-MAIL: [Events@prayinwesternmd.org](mailto:Events@prayinwesternmd.org)

PHONE: 240-310-9112

### **TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30**

Everyone that attends either session will receive a certificate of completion.

Please take note that we only have room for 140 participants for this event. **Also please take note that,** Providing Relief for Autistic Youth Inc. will be handling all the registration and payments for this event.

### **PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

Please **DO NOT** send any registration forms or payments to HCC, they are providing the location only.

Please make all checks out to P.R.A.Y. in Western MD. You can also make payment by credit card at our website, [www.prayinwesternmd.org](http://www.prayinwesternmd.org), for this event. Click on our "Links" tab and then the "Autism Training" link.

### **Mail Payment and Registration to:**

P.R.A.Y. in Western MD, % Autism Training, P.O. Box 275 Williamsport, MD 21795-0275

If you have any questions about this Autism Awareness Training Session please contact us by phone at 240-310-9112 and leave a message, or e-mail us at [Events@prayinwesternmd.org](mailto:Events@prayinwesternmd.org). We will respond as soon as possible.

### **THIS AUTISM AWARENESS TRAINING IS SPONSORED BY:**

Washington County MD Gaming Commission

Washington County MD Disability Advisory Committee

### **PARTNERED BY:**

Providing Relief for Autistic Youth, Inc.

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## Law Enforcement & First Response Session

The rate of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) has grown to one in every 110 births. As law enforcement and first response professionals, you are likely to come in contact with children and adults who have ASD. This training will help you come away with a good, practical understanding of effective approaches when interacting with individuals who have ASD. It also offers a thorough review of current trends, tips, training options, and video tools that can help you implement instruction at your agency. Training features video examples of autism related dispatches and scenarios and offers special tactics designed to enhance communications and manage sensory influences that can cause behavioral outbursts. Training to ensure critical decision-making and safety are the keys to finding success when interacting with a person with ASD.

This training will help law enforcement and first response agencies to:

- Increase Officer, First Responder and Citizen Safety
- Enhance Communication and Response Skills
- Save Valuable Time and Resources
- Avoid Litigation
- Build Community Partnerships

Appropriate for:

- Patrol and investigative law enforcement professionals
- Fire-rescue and EMS professionals
- Law enforcement, fire-rescue & EMS trainers
- First response managers and supervisors
- School resource officers
- 911 telecommunicators
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) members

## Autism in the Criminal Justice System

This presentation will focus on persons with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) who become involved in the criminal justice system as offenders, victims or witnesses. Persons with ASD will have difficulty understanding the nuance of verbal and nonverbal communications and social interaction. They are perfect targets for victimization such as verbal and physical intimidation and abuse; financial exploitation; sexual abuse and manipulative efforts to engage them in criminal activity. Participants will learn techniques that will improve communications, avoid confusion and help adjust environmental settings to accommodate this population in interview and courtroom settings. Your next case may involve ASD. Are you prepared?



This training session will focus on:

- Common autism behaviors and characteristics
- Management of time and resources
- Effective verbal and nonverbal communication strategies
- Sensory accommodations in interview and courtroom settings
- Understanding of rights and expressive/receptive communications dilemmas
- Offender and victim trends of contact within the CJS
- Identification of objective autism experts
- Working proactively with families, advocacy organizations and school systems

Appropriate for:

- Investigative law enforcement professionals
- Defense attorneys

- Prosecutors
- Judges and staff
- Criminal and juvenile justice professionals



#### About Dennis Debbaudt

A professional investigator and law enforcement trainer, Dennis Debbaudt has presented his course throughout North America and internationally since 1995. Debbaudt is known for his knowledge, dedication, insight, humor, passion and ability to connect with law enforcement audiences. He has authored or co-authored over 30 articles and books since 1993 including the book *Autism, Advocates and Law Enforcement Professionals* and *Contact With Individuals With Autism: Effective Resolutions* for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. He's consulted and contributed to Chicago PD and NYPD's autism training, presented at the Department of Homeland Security's FLETC in Glynco, GA and was a subject matter expert for the development of California POST autism training. Debbaudt's *Autism & Law Enforcement* and *Autism, Fire-Rescue EMS* videos are in wide use in U.S. training facilities. His work has been featured in reports in the New York Times, Newsweek, Associated Press, Wired and People Magazine and he's consulted to ABC News 20/20 on autism and false confession. Dennis is a member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association.

Debbaudt presented his training throughout Texas in 2011 including well attended training in Autism, Waco and Del Rio. His course has been approved for credits through TCLEOSE.