

Good afternoon everyone!

Welcome to today's presentation. My name is Kirat Sandhu and I am the Training Coordinator for the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault, commonly known as ICESA. Today's webinar is the first of five in a series brought to you by the ICESA, the Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence (ICADV), and Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA). Our three organizations have collaborated to bring you this series focused on disability over the course of 2018 in the hopes of increasing skills, knowledge, and use of best practices in advocacy and prevention that are inclusive of disability. It is our hope that this series will serve as a catalyst to spark much-needed conversations about improving Indiana's systemic response to pervasive violence committed against people with disabilities.

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Today's presentation will feature presentations from three different content experts and will end with a Q+A with these three individuals as well as three disability advocates.

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Please be advised that today's presentation will contain discussion and video of institutionalization, use of the "r"-word and other ableist slurs, video depicting graphic physical, verbal, and emotional abuse of people with disabilities, lack of accountability for institutional violence, forced immobility, and forced physical restraint, and screaming by a person in pain. If you need to step away or turn down the volume at any time, I encourage you to do so. I will also be available for the duration of the webinar if you would like to chat through your Chat Pane. This conversation will only be between the two of us and no other attendees or presenters will be able to see it, as there is no group chat feature in our system.

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A couple other notes about the technology we are using. You will see that your mic was automatically muted when you entered today's webinar. We highly encourage you to ask questions, and in order to do so, you will need to use the Questions Pane, commonly found on the right side of your screen. Please let us know which speaker the question is addressed to. At the end of the presentation today, I will read these questions out loud for the whole audience to hear; please let me know if you would like your question to be read anonymously without your name attached to it.

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At this point, I would like to go ahead and introduce our first presenter. Skye, I'm going to go ahead and make you the presenter.