

Abuse and Neglect of Children With Disabilities

Intersections of Violence

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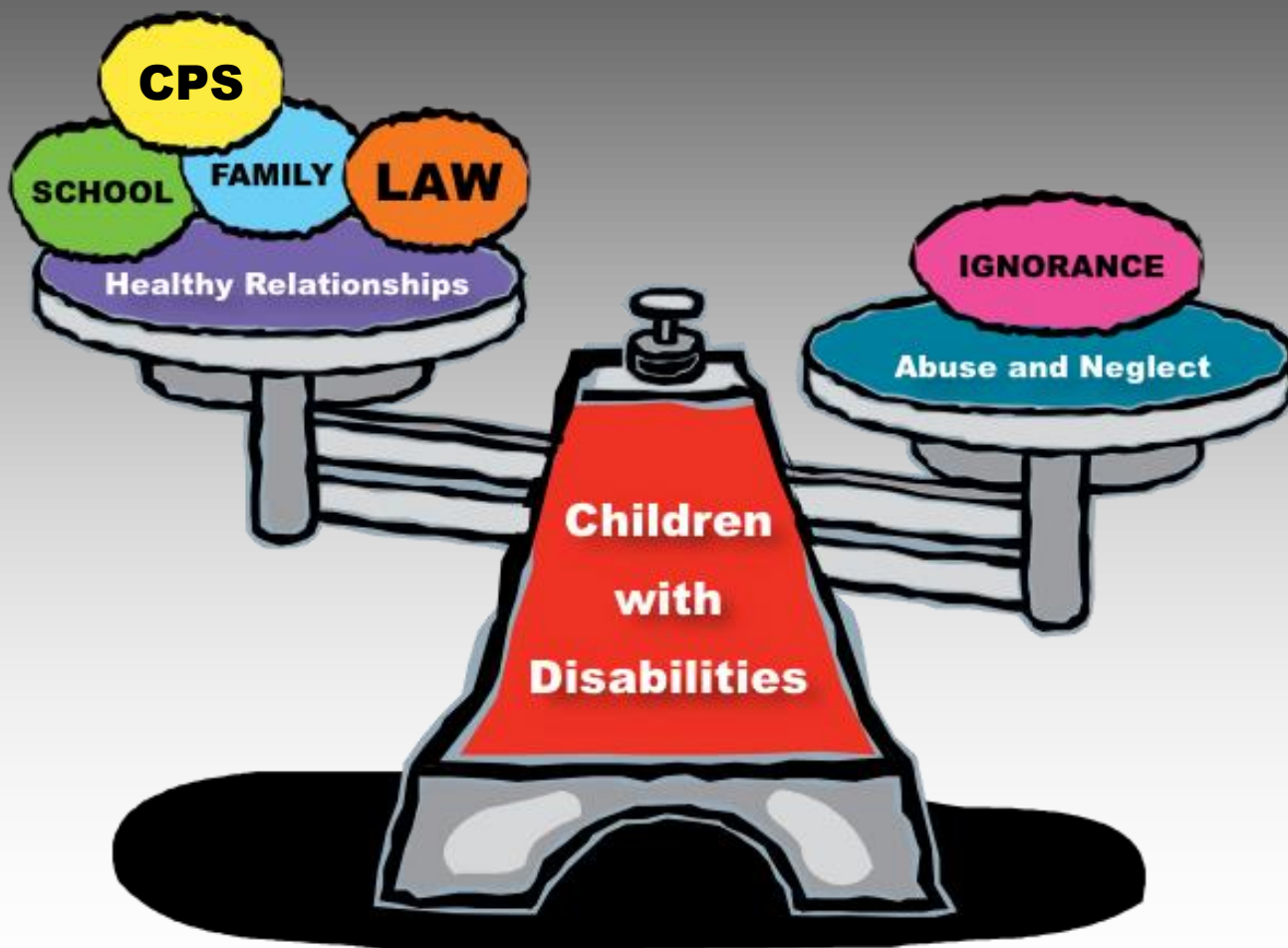
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Today's Panel

- Molly Dellinger-Wray, VCU Partnership for People with Disabilities
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- Lieutenant Faith Flippo, Richmond Police Department

Tipping the Scales in their Favor

Your Role in Recognizing and Responding to Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities



Goals for Today

- Grim statistics about children with disabilities
- Guiding principles
- Disability etiquette
- Myths and facts about disabilities
- How abuse may differ for kids with disabilities
- Interviewing strategies



The SCOPE of the PROBLEM

For children with disabilities, abuse occurs:

- Almost **twice as likely** as their non disabled peers to experience abuse/neglect (2004 US Dept. of Health & Human Services)
- **Four times as likely** to be victims of crime (Van Cleve & Davis, 2006)
- **1.5 times more likely** to be **seriously harmed** by the abuse (Sedlick et al., 2010)
- Children with **behavioral health conditions** who were maltreated before age 3 were **10 times more likely** to be maltreated again (Jaudes & Mackey-Bilaver, 2008)

WHY

are **KIDS** with
disabilities at
HIGHER risk?







Guiding Principles



People **FIRST** Language



**SPREAD THE WORD
TO END THE WORD**

www.r-word.org

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T549VoLca_Q

The R Word

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0-WEOmQtrl>
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Supporting People with disabilities



Ten Words that Describe “ME”

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Cultural Myths and Attitudes

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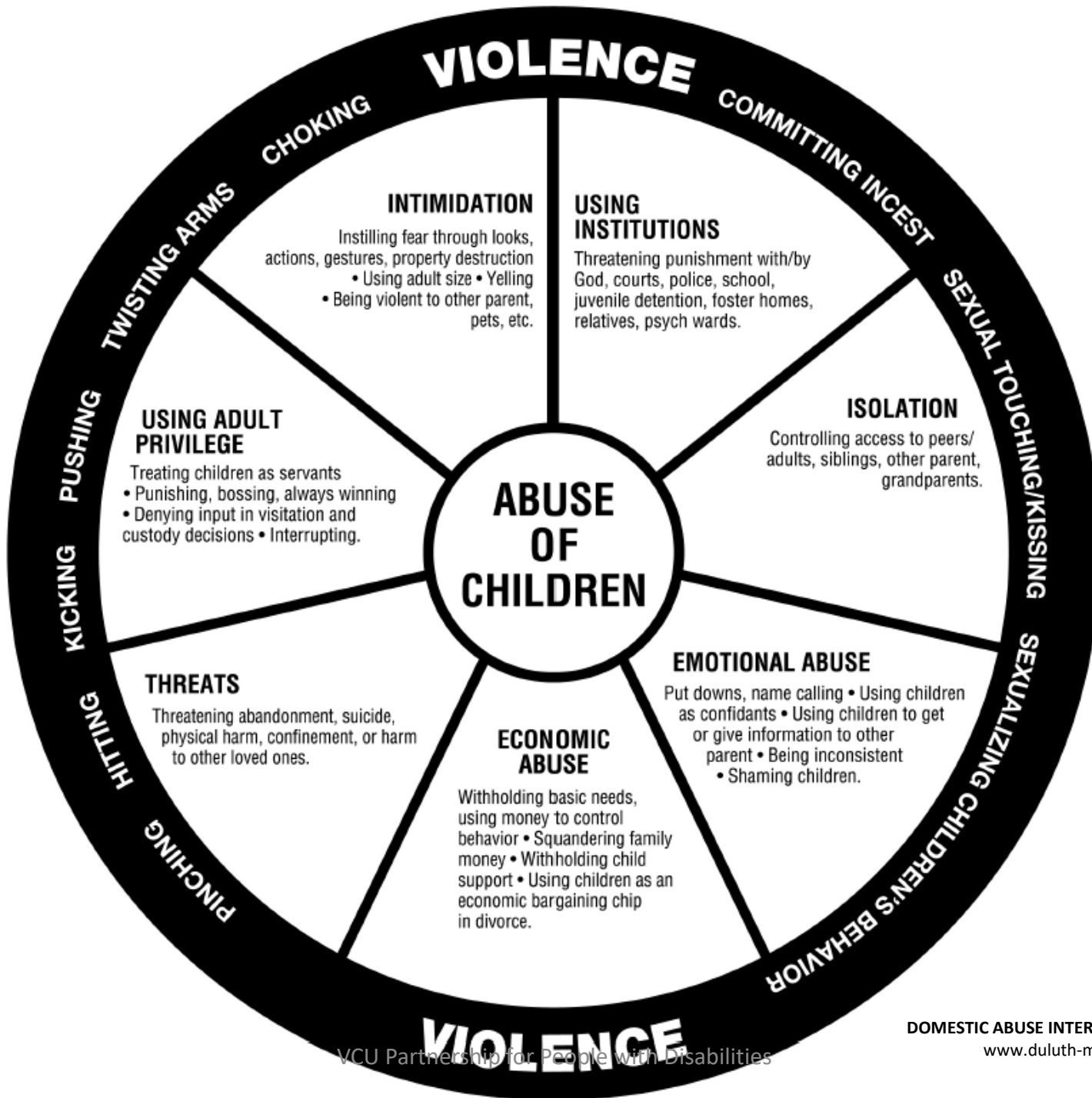
Cultural *Myths & Attitudes*

ATTITUDES

- Wild promiscuous
- Innocent/asexual
- Incompetent, stupid
- Doesn't understand/feel
- Without opinions on boundaries
- Pitied / put on pedestal
- Punished by God
- Contagious

BEHAVIORS

- Social distancing
- Devaluation
- Blaming victim





Mandated reporters may be:

- Social workers
- Teachers, principals and other school personnel
- Physicians, nurses, and other health-care workers
- Counselors, therapists, or mental health professionals
- Child care providers
- Medical examiners
- Law enforcement officers
- Anyone in a caretaker position—babysitters, friends of parents, neighbors, older siblings etc.

(Child Welfare Information Gateway, August 2012

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/responding/mandated.cfm>)

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Intro to CASCADE of INJUSTICE



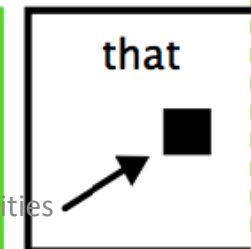
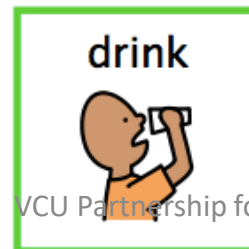
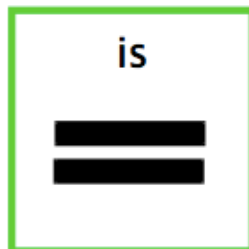
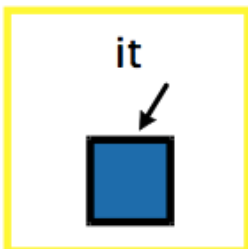
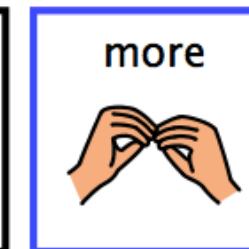
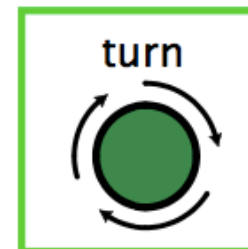
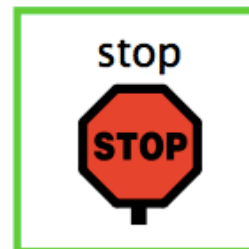
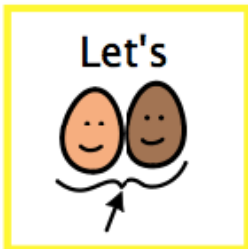
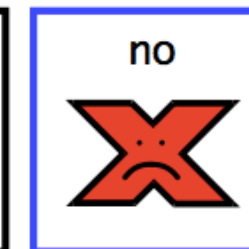
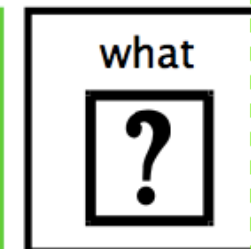
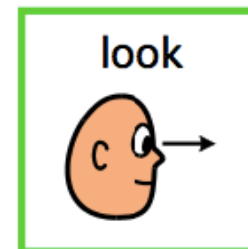
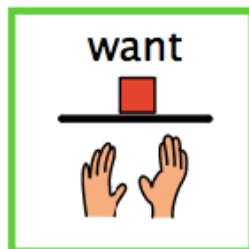
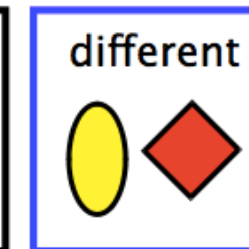
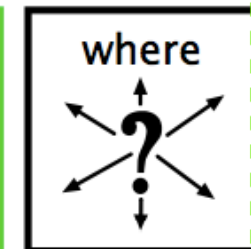
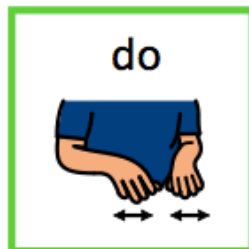
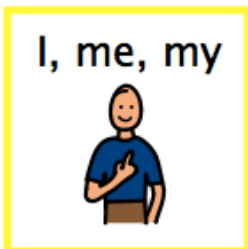
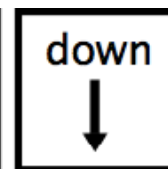
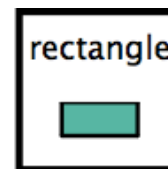
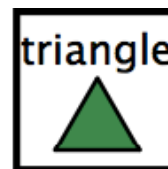
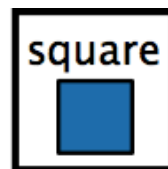
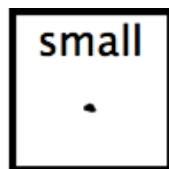
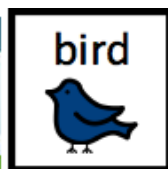


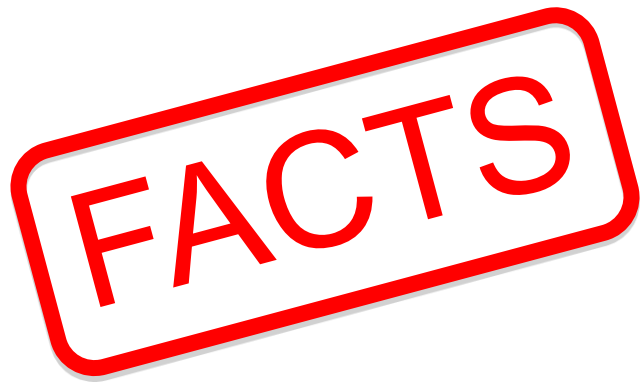
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WORDS aren't
always an **option**







to remember
about **PEOPLE** with
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Behavioral Considerations





Any Questions??





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