



# SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CRIME



Lack of awareness that what they are experiencing is abuse



Communication barriers (sign language, plain language)



Lack of accessible and disability sensitive services

People with disabilities face significant barriers to reporting crime. Examples include:



Dependency on their abuser for primary care and financial support



Fear of law enforcement authorities



Lack of information about their rights and options

People with disabilities who are victims of crime are **not believed or seen as credible** when they report a crime

## DAWN's recommendations



Victims with disabilities need **time** and resources for individual accommodations



There is a critical need for disability sensitivity **training**



Justice personnel and victims services workers should proactively seek **expertise** around disability



**Collaboration** between the judicial system and all sectors involved in the prevention and response of violence, is needed

