

#SevenTimes Series

Assistive Technology & Education: Tools for Ending the Sexual Assault Epidemic for People with I/DD

*Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities face a rate of sexual assault and abuse that is at least seven times higher than those without disabilities.**

Oak Hill, with generous sponsorship from the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism and the CT Tech Act Project, is taking action against this statistic by hosting a free awareness and skill-building webinar series. Over the course of three lunch hour sessions, professionals with a variety of backgrounds will discuss the barriers and unique safety risks that individuals with autism and other disabilities face. Participants will learn strategies for prevention, response, and reporting, as well as ways to build a culture of consent that supports safe, healthy, fulfilling relationships of all kinds. Resources, including assistive technology suggestions, will be shared to offer participants next steps for collectively breaking down these barriers. Human services professionals, school teams, legal advocates, administrators, family members, and more are all invited to join the conversation.

[*NPR Article: The Sexual Assault Epidemic No One Talks About](#)

Part 1 – Wednesday, October 20th

"Knowledge is Power – Using Education to Prevent Violence and Support Healthy Relationships"

Brenna Doyle, MA, MS, *Sexual Health Educator and Consultant for [Oak Hill's Center for Relationship and Sexuality Education](#)*

Part 2 – Thursday, October 21st

"Attacking the Sexual Assault Epidemic with Communication"

Elena Fader, M.A. CCC-SLP, *Director of Assistive Technology Services at [New England Assistive Technology](#)*

Part 3 – Friday, October 22nd

Expert Panelist Discussion

Robin Moyher, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA

Moyher Applied Behavior Analysis Consulting

Kaitlyn Fenner, LCSW

Program Manager-Outpatient Services at Marne Street Clinic/Clifford Beers

Lisa Murphy-Cipolla, LMFT

Clinical Services Coordinator, Greater Hartford Family Advocacy Center of Saint Francis Hospital

Monica Madigan, LCSW

Lead Social Worker-Forensic Interviewer at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center

All sessions will be held from **12:00-1:30 PM EST**. Participation in all three days is not required but highly recommended. A link to join virtually will be shared to all registrants prior to the event.

[Click here to register for FREE.](#) Questions? Contact CentersConnect@oakhillct.org

