

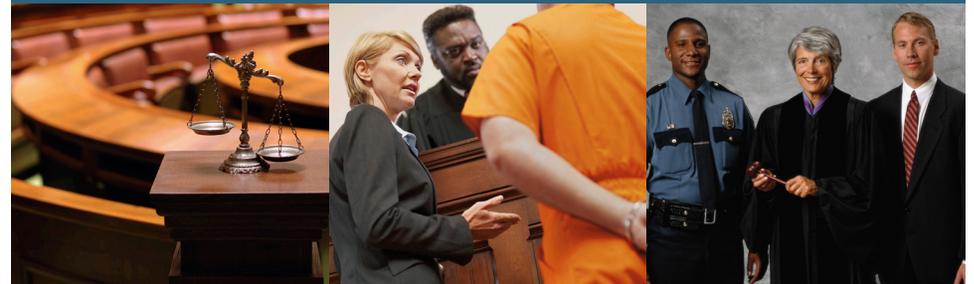
## *The National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability supports policies that:*

- ▶ Require training for law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders, and other criminal justice professionals so that individuals with I/DD are supported throughout their experience in the criminal justice system (whether as defendants, suspects, witnesses, victims, or offenders)
- ▶ Create opportunities for alternatives to sentencing and pre-trial diversion for suspects/offenders with I/DD
- ▶ Ensure individuals with I/DD have access to sentencing reduction programs with needed accommodations and support while incarcerated
- ▶ Ensure individuals with I/DD obtain needed support and accommodations throughout the criminal justice process
- ▶ Create effective systems for identifying individuals who have I/DD in all stages of the criminal justice system



## National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability® (NCCJD)

Creating *Pathways to Justice*® for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)



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## Who We Are

The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability® (NCCJD) is the first national center of its kind to bring together both suspect/defendant and victim/witness issues involving people with I/DD and other disabilities under one roof. Supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Center serves as a national clearinghouse for information and training on the topic of people with I/DD in the criminal justice system.

## Policy Goals

People with I/DD are overrepresented in both the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, which is in part, a result of the failure of the justice system to identify their disabilities, provide legally required accommodations, and provide appropriate sentencing and sentencing alternatives.

## Our Mission

NCCJD's mission is to build the capacity of professionals in the criminal justice system to both identify and respond to gaps in services for people with I/DD. To achieve this, we partner with a broad spectrum of criminal justice professionals, including law enforcement, legal professionals, victim advocates, people with I/DD, and disability advocates at national, state, and local levels. With 20 years of experience serving this unique population, The Arc has learned that no one agency or profession can successfully tackle this issue alone.

## What We Provide

- ▶ Information, referral, and technical assistance
- ▶ Training and education, both in-person and online
- ▶ Publications, including white papers, fact sheets, and profession-specific tip sheets
- ▶ Online state-by-state map of criminal justice and disability specific resources, also searchable by state as well as profession

## Pathways to Justice® Program

NCCJD's signature product is our field-tested Pathways to Justice® program. Piloted in 2015, the program provides training to law enforcement, legal professionals, and victim services professionals. Pathways® is more than training. It introduces a shift in philosophy on how to understand and interact with people with disabilities and provides a framework local communities can use to address key barriers to justice and create practical solutions. Working with community leaders, NCCJD establishes Disability Response Teams who assist with the training, work to sustain training efforts, and serve as the "go to" place when issues arise regarding criminal justice and disability. The one-day Pathways® training is unique in that it brings together criminal justice professionals to discuss critical issues affecting people with disabilities. The goal is to discuss issues proactively before a crisis occurs. Modules for law enforcement, legal professionals, and victim services professionals highlight profession-specific issues that arise when interacting and supporting defendants or victims with disabilities.

### Pathways to Justice:® Statistics To Date

**300** people trained

**18** webinars with **3,400** participants

**18** events reaching **875** people

In 2017, NCCJD will offer three webinars and one white paper focusing on effective policing of people with disabilities. NCCJD will also continue Pathways to Justice trainings around the country. In addition, NCCJD is developing and field-testing an elective module on I/DD to be included in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement officers.

