



## **Sexual Assault Prevention Policy and Administrative Strategies**

### **For Reduction of Sexual Assault Against Individuals with IDD**

***No Victim /Survivor of Sexual Assault is the cause or should be blamed for the Assault. This Document focuses not on individual action for prevention of assault, but for systemic or administrative prevention. Sexual Assault against individuals with IDD is a national epidemic!***

- **Make Sexual Education available to ALL children.**
- **Assure that proper screening is in place for paid caregivers**
- **Provide stiff penalties and treatment for abusers**
- **Assure that allegations of sexual assault are investigated promptly and completely**
- **Encourage reporting by caregivers who suspect abuse to the proper authorities including law enforcement and the monitoring agencies**
- **Protect reporters/ whistleblowers from retaliatory actions**
- **Train police, attorneys, judges, rape crisis, school and healthcare personnel on how to recognize signs of abuse and how to communicate/ interview individuals with IDD.**
- **Support Autonomy and independence for persons with IDD instead of compliance**
- **Encourage ways for individuals with IDD to have a social network as oppose to paid caregivers and isolation**
- **FULL INCLUSION!**
- **Develop ways to enhance Social and valuable community roles for individuals with IDD.**