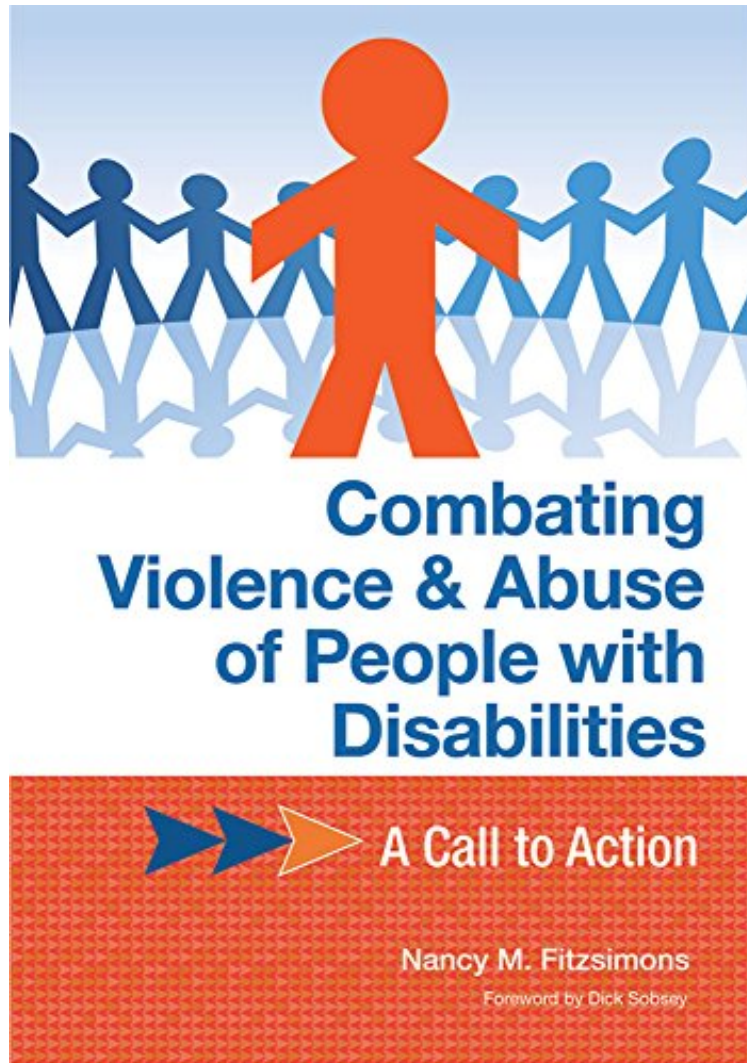


Combating Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities: A Call to Action

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All too often overlooked or discriminated against by their communities, adults with disabilities are also vulnerable to bullying, exploitation, abuse and neglect. That is why the publication of "Combating Violence Abuse Of People With Disabilities" by Nancy M. Fitzsimons (MSW Program Director and Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Minnesota State University, Mankato) is so timely and so necessary and so valuable. This is an informed and informative instruction manual providing sound advice and practical approaches professionals, family members, and self-advocacy empowered disabled adults can employ to prevent violence and avoid abuse by projecting self-confidence and assertiveness, effectively communicate with others, form healthy interpersonal and intimate relationships, and develop practical safety skills for any and all occasions. "Combating Violence Abuse Of People With Disabilities" also covers what to do and how to do it with respect to identifying, reporting, and dealing with physical assaults, sexual assaults, physical neglect, emotional abuse, and financial exploitation. As practical as it is insightful, "Combating Violence Abuse Of People With Disabilities" is a very strongly recommended addition to professional, academic, and community library reference collections, and personal resource reading lists for anyone having to deal with the threat of abuse toward themselves or in behalf of a loved one.

People with disabilities are four to ten times more likely to experience violence and abuse than people without disabilities.* This is the one book that empowers everyone—professionals, families, and self-advocates alike—to solve and prevent this widespread problem. In clear and straightforward language, abuse prevention educator Nancy Fitzsimons calls readers to action and gives them the no-nonsense guidance they need to stop violence and abuse before they start. Readers will discover how to help people with a wide range of disabilities learn concrete ways to arm themselves against violence and abuse—identify situations that might make a person vulnerable to violence or abuse, skillfully recognize the indicators of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, psychological abuse, and financial exploitation, take appropriate action if they suspect or know someone is being abused, tear down the personal, societal, and organizational barriers that perpetuate violence and abuse, make the most of supportive services and systems, including victim assistance programs, the criminal justice system, and advocacy services, conduct effective training sessions that empower and educate people with disabilities about prevention of violence and abuse (includes lessons learned from a model program, the Advocacy and Empowerment Project). Throughout this practical guide, thought-provoking anecdotes, exercises, and "Ask Yourself" questions help readers relate key concepts to their own lives, examine their beliefs and assumptions about disability and abuse, and expand their knowledge of how to take action. An eye-opening sourcebook for professionals and a must-share with anyone who has a disability, this book is the key to helping people with disabilities fight violence and abuse and take charge of their bodies and lives. *Petersilia, J.R. (2001) Criminal Justice and Behavior

"Touch[es] on an impressive number of angles surrounding the abuse of people with disabilities."