



Approved OPOTA CPT

OACB has received OPOTA approval for 2 courses that meet the 2024 Continued Professional Training (CPT) Mandated Topics.

Disability plays a central role in a surprising number of police encounters, yet it often remains overlooked. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, people with disabilities experience violent crimes two times more often than people without disabilities. Further, 33 to 50 percent of all use-of-force incidents involve a person who has a disability.

Recognizing the need to address this issue, the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (OACB), a statewide nonprofit that supports all 88 county boards of developmental disabilities (DD), created OPOTA-approved courses for law enforcement officers that would enable them to increase awareness and safety when interacting with people with DD. These unique courses are the only ones of their kind that are approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy!

The course instructors bring a unique blend of first-hand and lived experience. Combined, they have more than 35 years of experience in law enforcement, and 75 years of experience in the DD system. One of the instructors and course creators worked for the sheriff's department as well as a county board of DD for an extensive period of nine years. This invaluable real-world perspective enriches the curriculum, ensuring its practicality and relevance!

- **Responding to MH/IDD (OACB) (2 general hours, 2 responding to MH hours)**
Total 4 hours – course number 24CPT697
- **Crisis Mitigation De-escalation (OACB) (2 de-escalation hours)**
Total 2 hours– course number 24CPT696

Encounters with People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

In this 4-hour, in-person, interactive course, participants will gain an understanding of the distinct characteristics of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and how these traits can impact encounters with law enforcement officers. They will also learn tactical steps to respond to a person with I/DD, including use of force continuum, legal authority and case law. Abuse & victimization of people with I/DD will also be covered. The final section of the course will cover the role that county boards of DD play as a community resource, and their mandated role in Major Unusual Incidents (MUI) reporting and investigations.

Crisis Mitigation De-escalation

This practical, **2-hour, in-person** course is designed to equip participants with essential skills for effectively managing crisis situations involving people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Delve into trauma-informed approaches, neurophysiology of fear, and effective communication strategies essential for managing crisis situations. Learn step-by-step techniques for de-escalating common encounters like stimming and verbal aggression. Finally, participants will explore the crucial roles of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and Community DD Service Providers.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain invaluable skills to create safer environments and provide compassionate support in challenging situations.



Training Details:

Cost: Lucas County Board of DD will pay the full registration fee for law enforcement officers are employed by a jurisdiction within Lucas County

Date: *Thursday, June 20, 2024*

Times: **Part 1: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
Responding to MH/IDD (OACB): 4 hours
(2 general hours, 2 responding to MH hours) Course number 24CPT697

Part 2: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Crisis Mitigation De-escalation (OACB): 2 hours
(2 de-escalation hours) Course number 24CPT696

Location: Lucas County Board Developmental Disabilities, 1155 Larc Ln. Toledo, OH 43614
Enter using Door O

Host: Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63N8M28> (each participant must register)

Upon completion of each course, OACB will provide a hard copy certificate with course approval numbers to participants.

Participants must send an email to CPTPreApprovals@OhioAGO.gov that they are going to attend this course, and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission will log it into the system.

***For questions related to this training, please contact
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