

# Recognize the Link Between Disability and Substance Abuse

It is estimated that nearly one-in-four with a physical, intellectual or hidden disability also has a substance abuse problem.

The key to helping individuals with disabilities who also have substance abuse issues is to help the disability service providers to recognize the signs and symptoms of substance abuse.

It is also necessary for substance abuse treatment and prevention providers to understand their programs need to be accessible for people with all types of disabilities, including physical and cognitive impairments.

Model Roads2Recovery provides prevention education seminars designed to educate substance abuse professionals, disability service providers, and disability advocates about co-existing disabilities.



## Our Mission:

Achieve full societal participation for all people with disabilities

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## Prevention Education

**Free Cultural Competency  
Trainings to Increase  
Access to Treatment**



# FREE Cultural Competency Trainings

## On Substance Abuse and Co-Existing Disabilities

The Model Roads2Recovery program explores why people with disabilities are more susceptible to substance abuse and presents methods of altering destructive behaviors including self-help and direction to community resources. It also addresses architectural and communication barriers to treatment and offers information on evaluating treatment facilities for accessibility.

The presentations are tailored to meet the needs of each participating group and are provided in an appropriate format at the site where the group usually meets.

Trainings may include information on:

- ▶ Substance abuse and co-existing disabilities
- ▶ Eliminating physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers to services
- ▶ Understanding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ▶ Risk factors for substance abuse for individuals living with disabilities



### History of Making the Connection

Advancing Opportunities has a long history of working to increase access to treatment programs for individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1999, the agency produced the award-winning video, “Silent Storm: Substance Abuse and Co-Existing Disability.” The video is still widely used by training experts nationwide today.

Advancing Opportunities also collaborated with the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities to edit and publish a local version of “Removing Barriers: A Guide to Providing Substance Abuse Services to People with Disabilities.” The manual provides resources, information on working with people who have disabilities, and community approaches to developing substance abuse services for people with disabilities.



### Schedule Your Free Training Today!

These programs are free of charge to community substance abuse treatment providers, disability service providers and consumer groups.

For additional information or to arrange for a presentation, contact Advancing Opportunities at 609-882-4182 or email [info@advopps.org](mailto:info@advopps.org).

Resource materials provide additional information on co-existing disabilities and information on how to access needed services are also distributed during these seminars.

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**For more information on how you can improve the accessibility of substance abuse treatment in New Jersey, please call us toll free at 888-322-1918**