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Re: Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Services

Dear Community friends, partners and survivors

The Arc NM provides sexual assault victim advocacy services for victims/survivors with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in the six counties of Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance, Valencia and Cibola.

COVID19 has altered the ways in which The Arc NM is providing all of our services. In order to protect the health and safety of our personnel and the individuals for whom we provide services and supports, we have had to close our office to the public and limit personnel in the office to 5 at a time. Providing supports to individuals with I/DD continues to be a responsibility we take seriously.

The Victim Advocate for the Arc NM is now working remotely. We are accepting new referrals, but intakes will be done through telephone. In person advocacy is limited to those services which are included as part of the essential functions category. This includes assistance with filing police reports, filing for orders of protection, and attendance at SANE (Sexual Assault Nursing Exams).

The Arc NM is committed to providing the best and most responsible support we can during this difficult period. We are available to provide referral, resources, and technical assistance and guidance to both sexual assault survivors with I/DD, other sexual assault providers when they are providing services to survivors with I/DD, and providers of I/DD services who are providing support to victims of sexual assault. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We are set up to be able to fully access our phone voice mails while we are working remotely.

You can leave message for Amanda Thompson, victim advocate, at 505-883-4630 ext. 119. You can leave messages for Pamela Stafford, Program Director, at 505-883-4630 ext. 114.

Email contact is AThompson@arcnm.org and PStafford@arcnm.org.

Thank you

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