# The Arc of PA Sexual Violence Prevention

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## The Arc of PA Include Me and ADEPT Project



**ADEPT** 



#### The Arc of PA Partners with Dr. Mary Jo Podgurski

- The Arc of PA partnered with Mary Jo Podgurski to train 21 staff and consultants for 5 days on the Me Too curriculum
- Additional training on the Inside Out program; an innovative approach to child abuse prevention that is body-positive, affirming and empowering



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 All staff became Master Facilitators of the Inside Out Curriculum



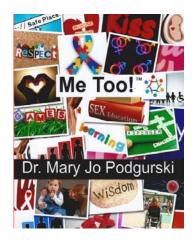
# Me Too<sup>TM</sup>: Proactive Education for Sexual Health

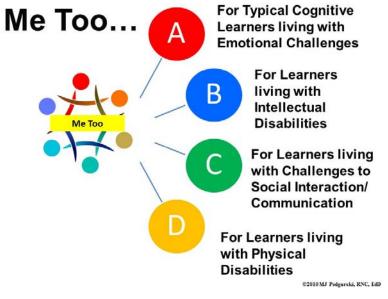


#### What is Me Too<sup>TM</sup>?

#### Created and Tested with Self-Advocates

Me Too<sup>TM</sup> is a
Resource
Manual
accompanied by
Reproducible
PDFs of Activities
for Adults

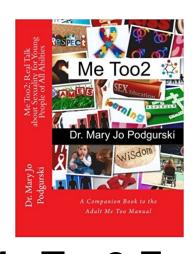




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#### What about Teens, Children and Parents?



Coming Soon:

Me Too<sup>TM</sup> for Preschoolers

– 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, with a

Parent/Caregiver Guide

Me Too2 Focuses on Adolescent Needs
Created and tested with teens

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## Topics From Me Too<sup>TM</sup>

- Informed consent
- Me too philosophy and concept
- Myths and Information
- Relationships
- Sex and Sexual Health

- Body Image
- Gender and Gender Identity
- STI's and HIV/AIDS
- Legal issues.... Rights



#### Me Too<sup>TM</sup> Philosophy

- 1. Each Person is a Person of Worth
- 2. All People are Sexual Beings
- 3. Sexual Feelings and Needs are Healthy and Normal
- 4. Questions and Curiosity are OK
- 5. It is a Person's Right to have a Relationship
- 6. All People have the Right to Ask for What they Need



#### Me Too<sup>TM</sup>: Real Talk

Me Too<sup>TM</sup>: Real Talk about Sexuality for People of All Abilities

- Past training history with The Arc of Greene County and The Arc of Washington County
- Dr. Podgurski presented at the National Arc Conventions in New Orleans and in Orlando

#### Previous efforts by The Arc of PA to address safety and trauma concerns



- The Arc of PA program staff were trained in:
  - Trauma informed care models; Dr. Karyn Harvey,
     The Arc of Baltimore MD
  - Safety Plans to prevent sexual abuse; Theresa White-Walston, WOAR

# The Arc of PA Advocacy and Policy Conference

Session: Unpacking the Dynamics of Sexual Violence presented by Kayla Houser, Outreach Coordinator for PA Coalition Against Rape and Carolyn Morgan, Board President of SAU1. Received nothing but positive feedback!

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Session: Me Too: Every Person is A Person of Worth

Speaker: Jim Settembrino & Christy Lewis There was standing room only!



### Pennsylvania Message

Newsletter topic will be dedicated to the prevention of sexual violence

## Questions?