

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR POLICE OFFICERS

COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWNS



https://youtu.be/C-0cL9UAq_U

Instead of punishing people, meet them with compassion & informed understanding

- 1)** After watching the video and learning about various ways individuals may struggle with communication, what barriers might impact your ability to obtain information from your witnesses, victims, and suspects?
- 2)** As a Police Officer, do you use jargon or sarcasm when interacting with victims/witnesses and suspects? How can you know if a person with FASD truly understands your intended message?
- 3)** In an effort to expand your communication skills, identify what you find most difficult/annoying about communicating with others. (e.g., soft volume, disrespect, language barrier, 1-word responses, talking non-stop, etc.)
- 4)** What other ways can you improve communication when working with someone with FASD? (e.g., eliminate distractions, take audio/video statements, use plain language, etc.)



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