

What's Next?

We are committed to addressing the growing and changing needs of our community. We strive to work together to ensure these needs are met.



Ways You Can Get Involved:

- Volunteer your time
 - Provide project suggestions
- Help fund our efforts
- Distribute or display our resources
- Sponsor our publications

The Predator Awareness Task Force

is a dynamic example of community partnership. Many thanks go to those who give their time and energy to support these members of our community.

Our Partners:

- Becoming Independent
- Center for Innovation and Resources, Inc.
- North Bay Regional Center
- Santa Rosa City Schools
 - Sonoma Bank
- Sonoma County Office of Education, Special Education Department
 - Verity

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THE PREDATOR AWARENESS TASK FORCE



**PROMOTING
SAFETY FOR
PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES**

A Community Partnership...

The Predator Awareness Task Force recognizes the unfortunate fact that, all too often, people living with disabilities are targeted as victims. It is our goal, that by combining our efforts, we can promote awareness and empowerment to prevent this from occurring.

⇒ Among adults with developmental disabilities, as many as 83% of females and 32% of males have been victims of sexual assault.

⇒ When a person with a developmental disability is abused, the perpetrator is most likely (97-99% of the time) someone who is known and trusted by the victim.

⇒ Various studies demonstrate that somewhere between 75-97% of abuses against people with developmental disabilities go unreported.

Source: California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 2008 Report on Research on Rape and Violence

Facts like this have led to a growing awareness among those concerned with the safety of people with disabilities.

Individual attention must be given in order to provide meaningful and effective strategies for prevention throughout our community.

In response to this need, a variety of agencies have come together with a common interest... and

The Predator Awareness Task Force was created.



*** Our Mission: ***

To reduce the risk of victimization for people with developmental disabilities through education and advocacy.

The Predator Awareness Task Force has created:

“Keeping Your Child Safe, A Parent’s Guide: Abuse Prevention, Detection, and Intervention”

“Age of Majority: Booklet of Resources for Transition- Age Persons”

A local resource and curriculum guide (appropriate for those with special needs)

Financial Safety presentation curriculum

Community Safety/Harassment Prevention curriculum

Transportation Safety curriculum

Theatre arts program addressing safety issues in a dynamic format, provided by *Alchemia Theatre for Life Program*