

# NPR Series on Abuse of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

At a moment of reckoning in the United States about sexual harassment and sexual assault, a yearlong NPR investigation finds that there's little recognition of a group of Americans that is one of the most at risk: adults with intellectual disabilities. The series starts on Monday, January 8th and runs through Thursday, January 18th. There will be print stories (with photos and art) on-line at [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org). And the radio stories can be heard there.

## Schedule

**Jan 8: Morning Edition:** Correspondent Joe Shapiro talks about the series with host Steve Inskeep.

**Jan 8: All Things Considered:** The epidemic of sexual abuse of people with intellectual disabilities. Numbers obtained by NPR show they are sexually assaulted at rates more than 7 times those for all adults without disabilities.

**Jan 9: Morning Edition:** A visit to a Sex Ed class for people with intellectual disabilities. They talk about how they want relationships, but how the sexual violence of their past often gets in the way.

**Jan 10: All Things Considered:** On cases that go unnoticed when people have difficulty communicating.

**Jan 16: All Things Considered:** Police and prosecutors are often reluctant to take these cases. NPR goes back to Essex County, New Jersey, where the first case to get widespread attention--in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 25 years ago--was prosecuted. And look at what prosecutors have learned since.

**Jan 18: Morning Edition:** Therapists Nora Baladerian and Karyn Harvey talk about the stunning violence in the lives of their clients.

**Jan 18: All Things Considered:** Self-advocates speak--thoughtfully--of the effects of sexual violence. This piece is entirely in the voices of people with intellectual disabilities (plus Joe Shapiro).

Link to the ['Morning Edition' broadcasts](#)

Link to the ['All things Considered' broadcasts](#)