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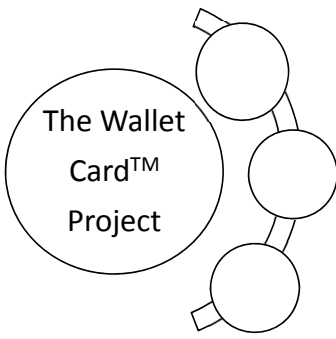
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Disability Independence Group

Police Department-Flagami Area

Parks & Recreation Department – Disabilities Division




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### Speakers

- Nadia Arguelles - Goicoechea, Program Coordinator  
City of Miami Parks and Recreation
- Intiraymi Figueroa, Neighborhood Resource Officer  
City of Miami Police Department
- Deborah Dietz, Executive Director  
Disability Independence Group, Inc.




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### Learning Objectives

- Explain the benefits in collaborating between government entities and non-for-profit organizations
- Identify barriers to communication between law enforcement and individuals with developmental disabilities
- Describe the Wallet Card Project Program



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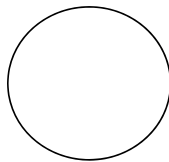
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### Police Video on Wallet Card Project



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### Collaborating Benefits of Public/Private Partnerships

- Authentic Expertise
  - Parks and Recreation Disabilities Services
  - Law Enforcement
  - Private Sector Disability Rights Advocacy Center
- Strategic Plan (meets 4 of our 6 Priority Areas)
  - Public Safety Education and Economic Access
  - Culture and Recreation
  - Effective and Efficient Government



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**Collaborating Benefits of  
Public/Private Partnerships (cont.)**

- Cost Savings (sharing resources)
- Public Safety
- Increased Awareness of Individuals with disabilities in the Community
- Increased Awareness of Law Enforcement's role in the community



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**Role of Each Partner –  
Parks and Recreation Disability Division**

- Promote Programs available in the City Parks for Individuals with Disabilities
- Identify new programs/supports that benefit individuals with disabilities for:
  - Registered participants
  - Community members within the City
- Schedule the Training with Police
- Assist the day of training



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**Role of Each Partner –  
City of Miami Police Department**

- Provide hands on/realistic training practice for the individuals with disabilities on:
  - Safe practices when speaking with police
  - How to safely use the Wallet Card
- Answer any questions from the participants
- Professional development/learn about different disabilities



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**Role of Each Partner –  
Disability Independence Group (DIG)**

- Administration of the Project
- Create and Conduct the Trainings
- Make the custom wallet cards
- Community outreach and expansion of the project



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**Barriers to Communicating with Law Enforcement  
for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

- What does different mean?
  - Communication
  - Emotional
  - Behavioral
- Law Enforcement Training
  - Conflict with behaviors with people with disabilities
- Individuals with disabilities don't know how to disclose their disabilities
- Different characteristics of people with disabilities
  - Chapter 2017-43 (Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 39)– Training for Law Enforcement about interacting with individuals with Autism (943.1727 FS)



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**Statistics of Persons with Disabilities**

- 1 in 5 US residents have a disability
- In US 19.3% of individuals have a disability
- In Florida 22.2% of individuals have a disability
- In Miami 29.4% of individuals have a disability (this is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in US behind Patterson, NJ)



\* Data from US Census 2000

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Statistics on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- 1 in 68 children have ASD
- 1 in 42 boys have ASD
- 1 in 189 girls have ASD



\* Data from CDC, March 2014

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History of the Wallet Card™ Project

- 2011 – Idea developed with partners (City of Coral Gables Police Department, UM-NSU CARD, and Disability Independence Group)
- 2014 – First Video Created
- 2014 – Training for persons with disabilities
- 2015 – Second Video & Law Enforcement Training created
- 2016 -New partnership with City of Miami Parks Department and Police Department
- 2016 – Training with persons with disabilities and law enforcement




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The Wallet Card™ Project  
What is the Wallet Card?

- A tool to help a person with a disability disclose their disability
- It is customized to each person
- It has your name
- It has your disability
- It has an emergency contact name
- It has an emergency contact phone number
- It has traits specific to you about your disability




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### The Wallet Card™ Project – What does the Wallet Card tell the officer?

- I might have difficulty making eye contact
- I may not be able to understand or comprehend your questions
- I might need extra time to answer your questions
- I may speak too loudly, too softly, or with unusual intonation
- I may be sensitive to loud noise and/or flashing lights
- Do not assume this alone constitutes suspicious behavior
- Asks the officer to:
  - Clearly identify themselves
  - Avoid touching or restraining, if possible
  - Talk slowly, calmly, and use concrete, clear language




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### The Wallet Card™ Project – Suggestions to Customize the Card

- 1) I am more comfortable writing things down.
- 2) I may need you to repeat your questions.
- 3) I can be easily confused by instructions.
- 4) I have difficulty reading/receiving instruction.
- 5) I may struggle remembering/recounting events.
- 6) I need step-by-step, simple instructions.
- 7) I may not understand the consequences of my actions.
- 8) I may have difficulty organizing my thoughts.
- 9) I may flap my hands.
- 10) I may pace.
- 11) I may talk to myself.
- 12) I may get antsy/fidgety when I am nervous.




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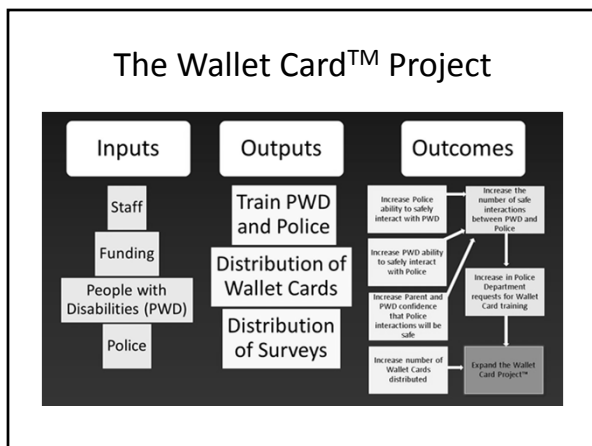
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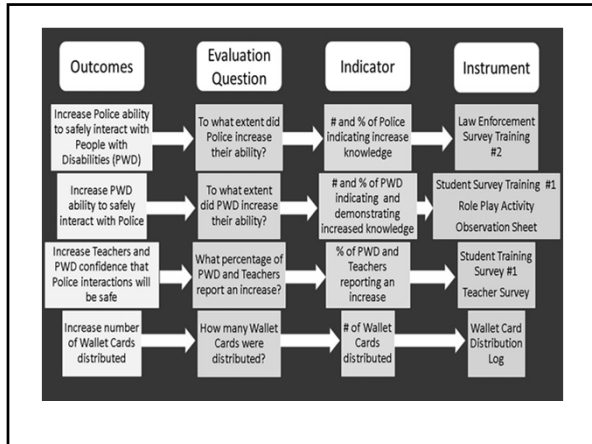
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## The Biodot

- A biodot is a small square of heat sensitive material that changes color in response to changes in skin temperature.
- Biodots work best when used at normal room temperature, 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit and accurately gauge skin temperature within a range of about 7-8 degrees.
- The biodot acts as a thermometer and shows the changes in temperature just beneath the surface of the skin.
- When you are stressed your capillaries constrict, reducing the flow of blood to the surface of the skin, making you feel cold.
- When you are relaxed, these tiny blood vessels open up and your feel warmer.
- The original biodot product was patented by Johnson & Johnson and the intent was for it to be a way of tracking skin temperature during surgery.
- Bob Grabhorn purchased the rights to the patent and figured out how to inexpensively mass produce them.




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## How Does the Biodot Work?

- The biodot can detect these differences in temperature and has a complete color change for each 2 degrees of change.
- **Black** means that you are stressed
- **Red** means that you are nervous
- **Green** means that you are calm
- **Blue** means that you are relaxed




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## The Wallet Card™ Training Video



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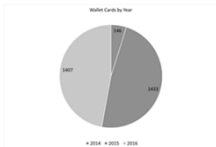
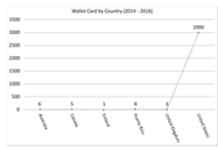
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## Outcomes to Date

- 120 of cards issued with Parks Partnership
- 42 police departments across the US
  - 21 police departments in Florida
- Over 3,000 wallet cards made



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## Scenario #1

- You are riding the bus and not paying attention so you accidentally miss your stop. You get off on the next stop but you are confused and not sure where you are. You see a police officer and approach the officer to ask for help.



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### Scenario #2

- You are at a restaurant waiting for your family to arrive so that you can go out to dinner. Your family is late but you don't want to go into the restaurant by yourself. The police approach you to find out why you are there.



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### Next Steps for our Collaboration

- Pass local resolutions
- Continue to train person with disabilities and police officers
- Promote the project to other communities



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### How can you get this project?

- Local communities outside of Miami-Dade County can adopt the project
  - Police Training
  - Pass local resolutions
  - Get wallet cards for persons with disabilities
  - Joint trainings with persons with disabilities and police officers

Contact DIG for more information



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For more information about the Florida Recreation and Park Association visit [www.frpa.org](http://www.frpa.org).

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