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# **Making a Difference: Conversations about empowerment and advocacy within the disability community**

*Presentations featuring:*

**Brain Injury Association of NYS**

**Brooklyn Center for the Independence of the Disabled**

**Harilyn Rousso, LCSW, Activist, Writer**

**New York State Justice Center for the  
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Barrier Free Justice began in 2000 and has assisted over 2600 women with cognitive, psychiatric and/or physical disabilities who have sexual assault or domestic violence cases pending in Brooklyn. The collaboration among Barrier Free Living, South Brooklyn Legal Services and the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office assists women through Criminal and Family Courts, and beyond court, with counseling, case management, and advocacy. The project trains criminal justice and social service professionals about the intersection of disability and abuse, and implements systems changes so women with disabilities have real access when seeking redress against the abuser. Barrier Free Justice is supported by a grant from the Violence Against Women Office, U.S. Department of Justice.