Bridging the Gap: Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities and School Resource Officers
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**Background**
- Personal interest to learn more about youth populations
- Recent changes to laws, training requirements, and a surge of advocacy to ensure law enforcement are prepared to work with individuals with disabilities
- Between 65%-70% of youth involved with the criminal justice system have a disability (Coalition for Juvenile Justice, 2015)

**Exploration**
- Informal interviews with teachers from Brighton High School to learn about their experiences in serving students with disabilities and any interactions with school resource officers

**Themes**
- ADHD and Specific Learning Disabilities most prevalent
- Lack of training with how to effectively serve students with disabilities

**Resources**
HB21-1122: First Responder Interactions Persons With Disabilities
ADA Compliance Training to Schools: https://disabilitylawco.org
Information for First Responders on Interacting with an Individual with Autism: https://autismboulder.org/first-responders/

**Advocacy**
Colorado PTA
Colorado Talking Book Library
Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center
Parent to Parent of Colorado

**Next Steps**
All in all, while there are lots of resources, there is a clear lack of specific training when it comes to serving students with disabilities. There is clear access to education, but how are our students’ disability considerations being protected by our community police and SROs?