

Hello.

I am a Personal Agent/Case Manager for adults with developmental disabilities. People we support also live at the intersections of other oppressed identities. I realize the topic here is police reform, but I want to take this opportunity to ask for what we really need. Due to systemic racism, ableism, and transphobia, people of color, people with disabilities, and trans people, are experiencing arrest, incarceration, police violence, and death by police at a disproportionate rates. Rather than put resources into reforming the police, we need to defund the police and fund different services like Portland Street Response. We don't need armed officers responding to the majority of 911 calls. We need unarmed mental health professionals and peer support providers responding to most calls, to provide de-escalation and mental health supports.

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