



## Dustin Chandler

Dustin Chandler is the President and Co-Founder of Interaction Advisory Group (IAG). Founded in 2015, IAG specializes in training law enforcement and other first responders on safe interactions with individuals with autism and developmental disabilities. IAG stands ready to put to work their ability to connect with law enforcement and public safety audiences supported by objective and creative information, insightful presentation skills and experience in law enforcement at training facilities throughout the United States.

Dustin is also a former certified police officer in the state of Alabama with special expertise in narcotics investigations and tactical operations. During Dustin's nearly decade-long career he served mainly in the patrol division and also in different enforcement and tactical units such as a Special Operations Group which focused solely on street crimes. Dustin also worked in tandem with the United States Marshal Service's Gulf Coast Regional Task Force in 2008 during Operation Falcon.

Dustin is the founder of the Special Education Community Alliance in Hoover, AL that focuses on a positive relationship between educators and parents to ensure all children can reach their full potential. He is a Member of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) for the state of Alabama, and Member of Disability Advocates for Alabama Public Schools (DAAPS). SEAP advises the state department of special education on matters of unmet needs of children with disabilities. DAAPS is a coalition of advocates and non-profits committed to improving the outcomes of students with disabilities in Alabama public schools. Dustin is a member of the Board of Directors for the non-profit, [Caroline's Cause](#), which awards post-secondary scholarships to students who have a sibling with severe disabilities.

In 2012, Dustin's second child was diagnosed with a devastating neurological and seizure disorder called CDKL5 or CDKL5-Deficiency Disorder (CDD) is a rare X-linked genetic disorder that results in early onset, difficult to control seizures, and severe neuro-developmental impairment. Most children affected by CDD suffer from seizures that begin in the first few months of life. Many cannot walk, talk or feed themselves, and many are confined to wheelchairs, dependent on others for total care. CDD mutations have been found in children diagnosed with Infantile Spasms, West Syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut, Rett Syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism. Dustin served as a volunteer on the board of directors for the [International Foundation for CDKL5 Research](#).

He has advocated throughout the state of Alabama and spoken on the floor of the Alabama House of Representatives about the importance of community involvement in the governmental process as well as the inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all facets of society.