

## **Sexuality and Developmental Disability: A Top Ten List of Issues and Needs**

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**Intended Audience:** Parents, direct service providers and clients of disability service programs

### **Session Description**

This session will focus on issues involving sexuality for individuals with developmental disabilities (DD). Under the assumption that audience members already understand that individuals with DD are sexual beings, the discussion will move beyond WHY sexuality is important in basic identity formation and personal fulfillment, to addressing the top ten issues facing adults with DD. Issues such as reproductive rights, privacy, lack of information, and lack of appropriate socialization experiences will be discussed. Alternatives to current practice will be presented with each of the “top ten” issues.