

Relationships and Intimacy: Preventing Exploitation of Persons with Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities

**See dates
and locations
below for
upcoming
training
events!**

This training is for people with developmental or intellectual disabilities (Self Advocates) and their family members and/or caregivers.

Sexuality is a basic part of being human and sexual development begins when we are born and continues throughout our lives. As a person with a developmental disability you deserve to learn about your sexuality and the physical, emotional, and social growth and you have the freedom to learn about these things in a way that is non-judgmental, free of fear, shame, and exploitation. This will be an open and honest discussion about sexuality and keeping yourself safe.

Many family members and caregivers struggle with discussing the topic of relationships, intimacy, sexuality and safety and also how to present the information in a way that the person with a developmental disability will understand. Thus, it is necessary to empower caregivers so they can empower the people they care about. There will be a session for self advocates and a session for family members/caregivers at each location listed.

Register for the training nearest to you:

Nov 9 in New Orleans	http://bit.ly/DD-NO
Dec 3 in Metairie Caregivers	http://bit.ly/DD-Met-AM
Dec 3 in Metairie People with IDD	http://bit.ly/DD-Met-PM
Jan 8 in Gray	http://bit.ly/DD-Terr
Feb 8 in Lake Charles	http://bit.ly/DD-LC
Mar 8 in Lafayette	http://bit.ly/DD-Laf
Apr 12 in Covington	http://bit.ly/DD-Cov
May 10 in Alexandria	http://bit.ly/DD-Alex
Jun 19 in Monroe	http://bit.ly/DD-Mon
Jul 25 in Shreveport	http://bit.ly/DD-Shrev
Aug 16 in Baton Rouge	http://bit.ly/DD-BR



**Louisiana Developmental
Disabilities Council**

Approved for 2 SW General CEU hours & for 2 Legal CLE hours

Training will be cancelled and rescheduled if minimum registration number of 15 participants is not met.

The Presenters:



Dr. Rebecca Mandal-Blasio is the Clinical Director in Louisiana for Autism Spectrum Therapies and is a BCBA-D. She leads a team of BCBA Supervisors and Behavior Interventionists serving families in and around the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and the Florida Parishes areas. A Louisiana native, Dr. Mandal-Blasio received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi and completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Kennedy Krieger Institute of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as part of the Neurobehavioral Outpatient Unit and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Clinic. She also completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill's Center for Development and Learning where she studied mental health issues in people with developmental disabilities across the lifespan. She is a licensed psychologist in the state of Louisiana and the former Director of the Northlake Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities where she conducted statewide training for caregivers and professional on topics related to people who have a dual diagnosis of developmental disabilities and psychiatric/behavior problems. Dr. Mandal-Blasio has presented on these topics nationally and internationally in addition to publishing articles and chapters.



Sharon Delvisco, MSW has over 30 years of experience. Sharon enjoys advocating for people with disabilities. She has provided supported employment, supported living, community connections, mentoring, behavior and life skills support for people with all abilities, their families and the agencies that provide services to live in the community. She believes all people should be supported to live the lifestyle of their choice in the

community. "Separate is not equal" is the guiding principle for all her work and advocacy efforts in the human services field. Sharon is an advisor for the Louisiana People First Northshore Chapter self-advocacy group. She has experience organizing, facilitating, and developing training for people with disabilities, their families and the agencies that provide community based services. She has planned conferences, events, facilitated board retreats, developed and provided training in a variety of locations. She has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of New Orleans and a master's degree in social work from Southern University at New Orleans. Sharon is currently a doctoral student in Social Work at USC. Sharon is employed as a Training Coordinator with Team Dynamics, LLC.

Learning Objectives:

Outcome 1: Participants will increase knowledge about how disability impacts sexual development.

Outcome 2: Participants will increase knowledge about responding to questions about sexuality.

Outcome 3: Participants will increase knowledge to support healthy sexuality for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities including informed consent, safety, and protection.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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Who Should Attend?

People with Developmental
and Intellectual Disabilities

Family Members

Caregivers

Professionals

Attendees must pre-register online.

There is no fee to register.

On-site registration is not available.

**This training is provided in collaboration
with the Louisiana Developmental
Disabilities Council.**

**CLEs sponsored by The Pelican Center for
Children and Families.**

Each session is limited to 50 attendees.

You will want to get registered as soon as
possible as these sessions fill fast.

QUESTIONS?

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(Form for faxing available on registration site if needed)

FAX YOUR REGISTRATION

If you would like to register for any site and you need assistance with registration—you can fax a registration to us @ 985.778.0058 or call us @ 985.624.3514 we will work with you to get it confirmed.

This is first come, first served training—send your info right away.

If registration is full at one location, please try another one!

REGISTER ME!

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Lafayette Mar 8, 219

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Please print all information clearly!

Name: _____

I am a (please indicate)

____ Self Advocate ____ Parent ____ Family Member ____ Caregiver

____ Other: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: La Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _(____)_____

We will email you a confirmation after we have registered you.

Remember—you must receive confirmation from us showing that you are on the list as it may be filled. We want to be sure we have enough room for all!

Please feel free to share this form!

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