

Meet Kelli Martin

Sexuality Educator at Developmental Services Center

What are some topics you teach?

Basic body part identification and function
Information about STIs and prevention
Public vs. private
How to ask someone out on a date
Male and female roles
Navigating online dating

What is the most common misconception about sexual education that you encounter?

That we only teach people about having sexual intercourse.

What is your favorite topic to teach?

Power in relationships

What do you think is the greatest issue facing individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities regarding human sexuality?

I think the greatest issue continues to be that those without a disability still have the perception that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are not able to understand, make decisions, or express themselves. The individuals are then limited by what the support people in their life think is best for them which rarely includes anything about sexuality, relationships, or asking them for their opinion about their own life.