

# INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DIFFERENCES

## Living and Loving

Karyn Harvey, PhD  
Director of Programs and Development  
The Park Avenue Group  
June 6, 2019



# CDC Statistics on Developmental Disabilities - 2018

Developmental disabilities occur among all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. Recent estimates in the United States show that about one in six, or about 15%, of children aged 3 through 17 years have a one or more developmental disabilities, such as:

- ADHD
- autism spectrum disorder
- cerebral palsy
- hearing loss
- intellectual disability
- learning disability
- vision impairment
- and other developmental delays

# Sources of Trauma for Individuals with IDD

- Report on Abuse of People with Disabilities – 2013 Spectrum Institute
- Over 70% of people with Disabilities report being victims of abuse- 90% of them said it was on multiple occasions
- Only 37% reported the abuse to the authorities
- Sexual Abuse – NPR – People with disabilities are 7 times more likely to be sexually abused
- Bureau of Justice – July 2017 – people with disabilities are 2.5 times more likely to be victims of violent crimes

# BETRAYAL TRAUMA

- ▶ SEXUAL ABUSE
- ▶ DECEPTION



# Relationships – A civil right



# Obstacles to Relationships

The older parents were more likely to be directly opposed to sexual relationships for their children with disabilities - over 60 years old had the most conservative views - wanting to prevent all relations.

**Attitudes towards the sexuality of adults with an intellectual disability:  
parents, support staff, and a community sample**

[Monica Cuskelly](#) & [Rachel Bryde](#)

Pages 255-264 | Published online: 10 Jul 2009

Humans are humans and that's who we all are!

Carly Fleischmann!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a34qMg0aF6w>