



## SEXUAL RIGHTS STATEMENT

**Persons with disabilities have the right to:**

- 1. Have body integrity, privacy and personal choice respected, including the right to know how to protect oneself.**
- 2. Be free from sexual harassment, abuse, assault and other forms of sexual violence.**
- 3. Explore and define one's own sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity and sexual expression without judgement or discrimination.**
- 4. Decide whether and when to be sexually active.**
- 5. Choose one's own sexual partners and have privacy and dignity related to dating and sexual intimacy.**
- 6. Have safe and pleasurable sexual experiences.**
- 7. Decide whether, when and whom to marry and then having equality in any marriage.**
- 8. Decide whether, when and by what means to have a child or children, how many children to have and the spacing of one's children.**
- 9. Have readily available and equal access to education and information about sex, safe/healthy sexual relationships and reproductive health including but not limited to: resources, services, counseling, family planning, contraceptive services, sex therapy services, and sexual equipment as well as resources specific to the prevention of, investigation of and trauma-informed response to sexual abuse. The right to receive that education, information, services and resources in a way that is free from discrimination, recognizes and supports one's own choices and interests, and promotes trauma-informed practices.**
- 10. Have the highest attainable standard of sexual health.**
- 11. Have an effective remedy for violations of fundamental rights.**

References:

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