LGBTQ and Intellectual Disability

Question and Answer

Where can I find information on sexual education similar to that provided in school?

- The Sexuality Series [Relationship Series Video] (YAI, 1993)
- Anatomical Dolls at Teach A Bodies

What happens if individuals that do consent to sex are not emancipated?

It would all depend on what was in the legal guardianship. It would need to be a discussion with the legal guardian. Indiana State laws can vary, and many say that individuals with a mental disability cannot consent to sexual intercourse.

There is a population of individuals with I/DD that are participating in behavior services because of their sexual behaviors. How do we relate to the team that their natural/personal desire for sex does not necessarily require behavior services.

The behavior support plan could be used to support their sexuality and provide positive outlets for the individual. It would be helpful to work with the team and behavior specialist to make it more of a positive plan to support them, rather than to discourage their sexuality.