

## AUCD Sexual Health Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

### Overview:

- A. Welcome Sexual Health SIG Overview - AUCD Sexual Health Page
  - a. <http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=975>
  - b. Store SIG quarterly meeting agendas, notes, and resources
- B. AUCD Conference SIG Presentation:  
Let's Talk About Sex: Lessons from the Sex Talk for Self Advocates Project
- C. Participant Engagement Warm-Up  
Katherine M suggested by email = I think the ice breaker was awesome.  
I wonder if we could do some breakout rooms with an ice breaker next time so we can get to know people a bit more.

### November Program Spotlight:

- A. Please welcome our guests:
  - Laura Graham Holmes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Silberman School of Social Work, CUNY Hunter College.
  - Gabrielle Doyle: State Partnerships Manager, SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change

Laura and Gabrielle shared about the report

[Comprehensive Sex Education for Youth with Disabilities: A Call to Action](#)

### Recording of the Spotlight Speaker Presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VJVMelUB2yHAIvh3wHQtKSgB9AKHMUCj/view?usp=sharing>

### Conversations Saved from the Chat:

Lindsay Sauve: Talking about the history is so important. I think many of the general public aren't aware of the extent to which people with disabilities have been oppressed and had their sexual and reproductive rights violated.

Pat Carney DDS: Massachusetts, the 'bluest' blue state has NO mandate for ANY sex ed for ANY student. Our state senate has passed the Healthy Youth Act, mandating medically accurate, complete and developmentally appropriate SE in school districts that CHOOSE to offer SE; the MA House of Reps refuses to even take it out of committee. Interesting that

you found lots of info on stats re youth with ID and they are the Least likely to receive sex ed.

Lindsay Sauve: Pleasure as prevention! When pleasure is central, sex is safer

Pat Carney DDS: Absolutely!! We are SO remiss in this topic, especially with women

Gabby Doyle: NSES: <https://siecus.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NSES-2020-2.pdf>

Felicia Spiess: Yes! Are we really doing our job if we are not helping people access opportunities for pleasure?

Pat Carney DDS: We also need to be sure to separate definition of 'developmentally appropriate' from the old concept of 'mental age.' they are often conflated, which leads to under-education and over-vulnerability.

Heather Meyers: YES ! Even in Ca where we the California Health Youth Act mandates that sex ed. that meets educational and is “developmentally appropriate. This has resulted in folks ( with internalized bias) to believe that YWD who require mod-sever support don’t “need” access.

Emily P-B: What crossover (if any) exists in research and advocacy for disability inclusive sex Ed and LGBT inclusive sex Ed?

Laura Graham Holmes: <https://siecus.org/inclusion-in-sex-ed-is-beneficial-for-everyone/>

Katherine McLaughlin: Oscar Hughes at BU is doing some interviews with LGBTQ individuals with I/DD. He is part of this group and sent out a flyer on his research.

Carissa Mattli: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgTuya737vk> video Gabby mentioned

Gabby Doyle: Instagram.com/transteachertales

Emily P-B: This is the main thing I’ve read before on the overlap!

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/282505350\\_I\\_Just\\_Want\\_to\\_Be\\_Myself\\_Adolescents\\_With\\_Disabilities\\_Who\\_Identify\\_as\\_a\\_Sexual\\_or\\_Gender\\_Minority](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/282505350_I_Just_Want_to_Be_Myself_Adolescents_With_Disabilities_Who_Identify_as_a_Sexual_or_Gender_Minority)

Gabby Doyle - gdoyle@siecus.org, feel free to reach out at any time! Thank you so much!

Flip Grey: I just completed a lengthy search for data on the number of students with IEPs that receive FLE/sex education in schools. Searching nationwide and then in my state of Va

and even into localities I couldn't find anything. Does anyone have a data source for this information at any level?

Lydia Hamilton: To piggy back off some of the conversation today, our center conducted a survey in late 2019-early 2020 with school professionals in Indiana regarding sexual health education for students with disabilities. Of note, only about 30% felt that it was important to teach about gender identity and sexual orientation. Also, just under half reported that they were not prepared to teach that topic.

<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/che/doc/sexual-health-education-for-students-with-disabilities-in-indiana-public-schools-final-report.pdf>

### **SIG Community Resource Sharing:**

- A. Do you have any...
  - a. Questions or support requests for the SIG community?
  - b. Resources to share?
  - c. Ideas for future program spotlights?

Katherine M by email = the topic of sexual pleasure next time since people perked up about that topic when Laura brought it up. I have a few article of women with I/DD and sexual pleasure(and the news isn't good), but we could boarded it to all disabilities. Jen Piatt could talk about women and SCI and pleasure. Just a thought.

### **HOLD YOUR CALENDARS for the 2022 Meetings:**

- Tuesday, February 8th @ 2:00-3:00 ET
- Tuesday, May 10th @ 2:00 -3:00 ET
- Tuesday, August 9th @ 2:00 - 3:00 ET
- November TBD with 2022 AUCD Conference