

Norwegian Habilitation services' Network on Disability and Sexuality

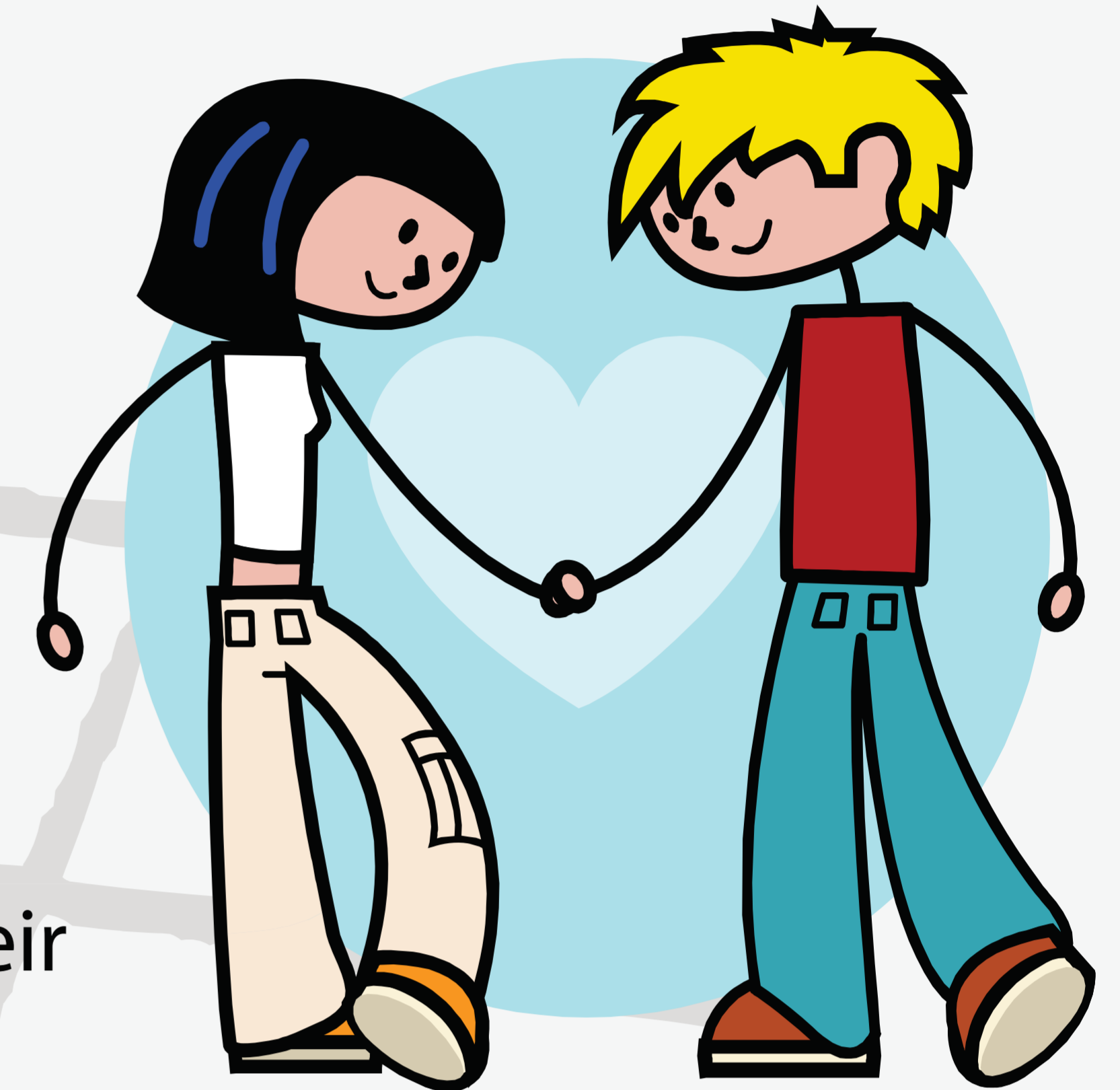
The "Habilitation Services in Norway: Disability and Sexuality" network was started in 1998. The target group is made up of professionals working in habilitation and rehabilitation services in Norway, and with an interest in issues concerning disability and sexuality.

Our target groups are children, youths and adults with congenital or early-acquired disabilities.

The objective of the network is to communicate knowledge relating to disability and sexuality. The network aims to contribute to increase competence in this field and provides the opportunity to develop adapted information and teaching materials.

Some of the questions we address are the need for knowledge about:

- friendship, flirtation, falling in love
- clients' thoughts about parenthood
- advice for parents on their children's puberty and sexuality.
- sexuality and masturbation
- use of sex aids
- sexual victimization
- prevention of unwanted pregnancies and abortions
- contraception



Teaching is offered for those with disabilities, for their parents and for the professionals and staff who work with them. We can teach individually, or through courses and discussion groups.



Persons with disabilities are a diverse group, but they have the same needs for knowledge of the body, of sexuality and contraception as others in the population. It is important that they perceive these matters in a positive way.



Economic support from the Norwegian Directorate of Health is ongoing. We will continue our important work!!