## **Prevent Sexual Violence**

against people with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

(S.F. 1241, Nelson / H.F. 912, Morrison)

Every person has a right to safety and a right to live their life free from all types of sexual violence, but individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities (I/DD) are disproportionately victimized - violating their human rights and resulting in a public health crisis.

- People with I/DD experience sexual violence at a rate seven times higher than the rest of the population.
- 90% of girls and women with I/DD will experience sexual violence in their lifetime.
- 66% of sexual violence incidents against people with I/DD are perpetrated by someone they know whether staff, family member, or intimate partner.

Grants for the prevention of sexual violence against people with I/DD statewide will:

- initiate, adapt or expand existing programs, services, and activities that support prevention;
- implement recommendations made by the Minnesota Olmstead Subcabinet's Prevention of Abuse & Neglect Specialty Committee;
- ensure that stakeholders have access to information and assistance to improve prevention efforts; and
- help reduce the prevalence of sexual violence within Minnesota's disability community.

Supporting S.F. 1241 / H.F. 912 will help ensure that sexual violence against people with I/DD is prevented - preserving each individual's dignity and protecting their human rights.

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