



Find Love Safely

Personalized matchmaking for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

A SAFER WAY TO DATE

Deeply ingrained in all of us is a desire for connection and relationship. But for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, it can be especially difficult to meet new people, form friendships, and find people to date. And, online dating is not always a safe option for this community, which is especially vulnerable to online victimization.

Find Love Safely was founded by Katherine Gyolai, a mom and stepmom to eight adult children, four of whom have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. When her children expressed interest in dating, she looked for safe options only to find that none exist. She created Find Love Safely to help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities meet someone who they can be assured is real and looking for the same kind of relationship they are.

Each Find Love Safely member and their parent or appointed agent meet with their Find Love Safely area matchmaker via a virtual call. This helps ensure members are who they say they are and are supported throughout the dating process.

BUILT-IN SUPPORT

To be eligible for Find Love Safely matchmaking services, prospective members must designate a parent or appointed agent to support them along the way. Examples of an appointed agent include supportive decision-maker, conservator, and power of attorney. This designated support person is actively involved in each step of the Find Love Safely process.

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AT A GLANCE

- Annual membership fee varies based on location and includes unlimited matches
- Membership includes unlimited matches
- Parent or appointed agent participation required

HOW IT WORKS

1. Complete the intake form

Prospective members (with their parent's or appointed agent's support) fill out the intake form located on their location's landing page.

2. Schedule a virtual call

After submitting the intake form, the parent or appointed agent *and* the prospective member are prompted to sign the services agreement, pay the annual membership fee, and then schedule a virtual call with their area's matchmaker.

3. Receive matches!

After the virtual call, the matchmaker searches their database for a potential match. Matches are emailed to members' parent or appointed agent, who is responsible for scheduling, coordinating, and chaperoning the date if needed.

