

Find Love Safely

Personalized matchmaking for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities



Deeply ingrained in all of us is a desire for connection and relationship. But for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), it can be especially difficult to meet new people, form meaningful friendships, and find people to date. Online dating is often an unsafe 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 IDD. 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 IDD meet someone who they can be assured is real and looking for the same kind of relationship they are.

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Find Love Safely Supported ("Supported") is designed for members who prefer assistance navigating the matchmaking process, or are under guardianship or conservatorship. A parent or appointed agent is required to support the member along the way, and member contact info is never shared by Find Love Safely.

Find Love Safely Independent ("Independent") is designed for members who are comfortable managing the matchmaking process on their own and are not under legal guardianship or conservatorship. A parent or appointed agent is not required, and member contact information is shared with other members.

Members are matched only within their model.





AT A GLANCE

- Annual membership fee varies based on location
- Membership includes unlimited matches and free access to events
- Two matchmaking models to meet support needs

HOW IT WORKS

1. Complete the intake form

Prospective members fill out the intake form on their city's landing page.

2. Schedule a virtual call

The prospective member then signs the services agreement, pays the annual membership fee, and schedules a virtual call with their area's matchmaker.

For **Supported** members, the parent or appointed agent must also sign the agreement and attend the virtual call.

3. Receive matches!

For **Supported** members, matches are emailed to the parent or appointed agent. They review matches together and decide next steps, like exchanging phone numbers or going on a date.

For **Independent** members, matches are emailed directly to members.