

Special Announcement

SIECCAN republishes
Being Sexual:
An Illustrated Series on Sexuality and Relationships

Background

Being Sexual: An Illustrated Series on Sexuality and Relationships is a unique 17 booklet series published by SIECCAN in 1993 to meet the educational needs of people with developmental disabilities or problems with language, learning and communication. With over 500 pages of easy-to-understand drawings and text, the *Being Sexual* booklets have been used by learners independently and with the support of parents, teachers, counsellors, and caregivers. Translation of key messages from the text into Blissymbols added another dimension that has led to encouragingly positive reviews and wide distribution of the series. Although *Being Sexual* has been out of print for a number of years, continued requests from professionals exposed to the series at conferences/workshops indicates an ongoing need and demand for this type resource.

The Project

With assistance from the McKesson Foundation and McKesson Canada, SIECCAN has recently republished the series. Our goal is to mobilize new users in classroom settings and in community organizations and agencies, to reconnect with owners of the 550 sets previously distributed, and to gather collaborative feedback from all colleagues who share our commitment to this area of sexual health education. This feedback will facilitate updating of the series, guide possible modification of format to best meet current needs, and help to enhance training in use of the series with different audiences. SIECCAN's work on the *Being Sexual* Project has also been supported by The J.P. Bickell Foundation and The George Lunan Foundation.

Questions and Contacts

If you have questions, special ordering requests, or wish to explore how you and/or your organization or agency can contribute to the feedback aspect of the project, please contact Michael Barrett, Executive Director, SIECCAN, 416-978-3488 (fm.barrett@utoronto.ca) or the SIECCAN office.

Please also let your colleagues know that the Series is again available and that SIECCAN is eager to assist and support new and former users to optimize use of the Series in their personal or work settings.

Ordering Information (contact us to discuss reduced rates for special or bulk orders)

Individuals \$50 (\$39.95 plus postage and handling)
Organizations \$70 (\$59.95 plus postage and handling)

U.S. and international purchasers pay in U.S. funds. International, please add \$10US for overseas mailing costs.

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Include: name, organization, mailing address. Also e-mail and phone for follow-up and information about other features of the project.