

PERSONAL OR TEAM ACTIVITY

Read the following statement and think about how you would respond as an advocate.

Think about this personally or discuss as a team.

Bart is a 41 old man with a mild Developmental Disability. He currently resides in his own apartment with minimum support through a SIL program. Bart and his girlfriend, Silvia, have been in a healthy relationship for 5 years and want to move in together. Both families are accepting and supportive of their relationship and would like to see them move forward with their wishes of living together. The agency that you work for, however, does not support them.



As Barts support worker, you think that it would be good for Bart and Silvia to move their relationship forward. **How can you assist them to advocate for themselves in this situation?**

Of course there are a lot of unknowns in this situation. In real life, you would need to find out as many of the unknowns as possible. For this practice scenario, please assume the all areas of the situation and relationship are good.

