

**SPOTLIGHT ON SEXUALITY EDUCATION DURING  
DISABILITY ACTION WEEK**

Family Planning Queensland's (FPQ) work within the disability sector was formally recognized yesterday with the presentation of Disability Services Queensland's award for excellence in Education at the 2008 Disability Action Week Awards.

The award for FPQ's training DVD 'Responding positively to sexual behaviours: the Traffic Lights Model' was presented at an awards luncheon by The Honourable Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, Minister for Disability Services.

The first resource of its kind in Australia, the DVD uses a case study, based on real life scenarios about young people with a disability, to model positive staff and carer responses to sexual behaviours.

Kerry Smith, Disability & Sexuality Program Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of FPQ.

"[This award] recognizes that addressing sexual needs and rights is essential for people with a disability, who are sexual beings the same as everybody else," Ms Smith said.

The DVD was funded through the Non School Organisations program and was distributed to over 1000 schools in Queensland.

Ms Smith said, "Our challenge now is encouraging services to incorporate sexuality modules. Services also need clear policies and staff training and support."

FPQ offers a range of workforce development and training for staff, for more information visit [www.fpq.com.au](http://www.fpq.com.au).

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