

## **-WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MOTHER ONE DAY?**

*A qualitative study of how managers for homes for persons with intellectual disabilities approach issues related to fertility, with their female service users.*

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The purpose of this thesis is to investigate what role managers for homes for persons with intellectual disabilities have in situations that are related to female service users and their fertility. The qualitative study is based on semi-structured interviews with six managers who are responsible for homes situated in Sweden. The empirical data was analyzed using Crip theory and Sociological concepts. The result of the study indicates that the interviewees do not have any formal knowledge regarding how to approach women with intellectual disabilities in issues related to fertility. A consequence of the lack of knowledge is that the majority of the managers do not think that it always is up to them to defend their service users sexual- and reproductive rights. This becomes visible in situations where female service user's guardians make decisions about the women's fertility, without the women's consents and the managers choose to not intervene.