

Universal Enhancement: Raising the Bar

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The Whole Future Catalog

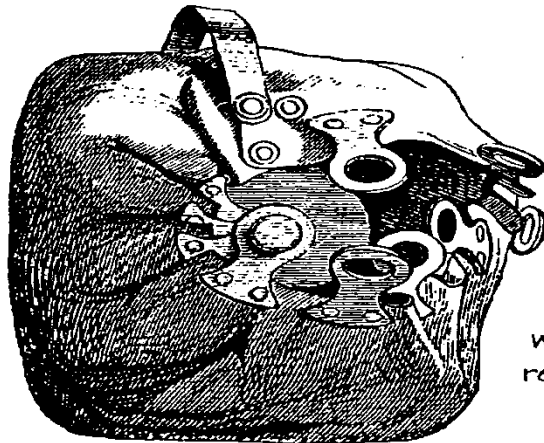
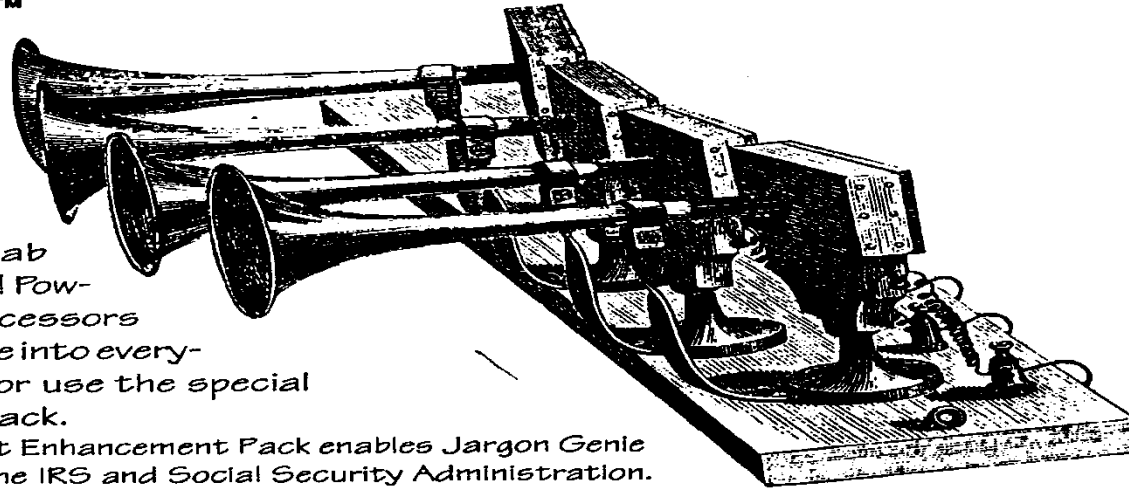
BY JOHN R. WOODWARD

You can't find them in real catalogs yet, but science may one day make these dreams a reality.

Jargon Genie™

It happens all the time: you ask a simple question and your rehab worker begins speaking in tongues. Now you can cut through the Rehab Babble with Jargon Genie! Powerful dedicated microprocessors translate professionalese into everyday English in real time, or use the special half-speed instant playback.

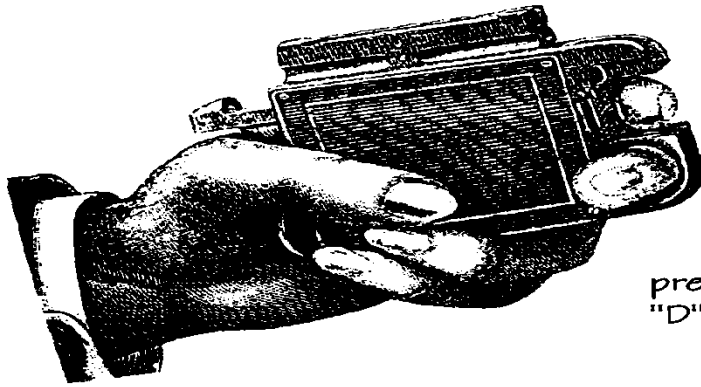
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No traveler should be without one! Unrolls to create a 10x15 foot parking space with blue access logo and room to operate a lift.

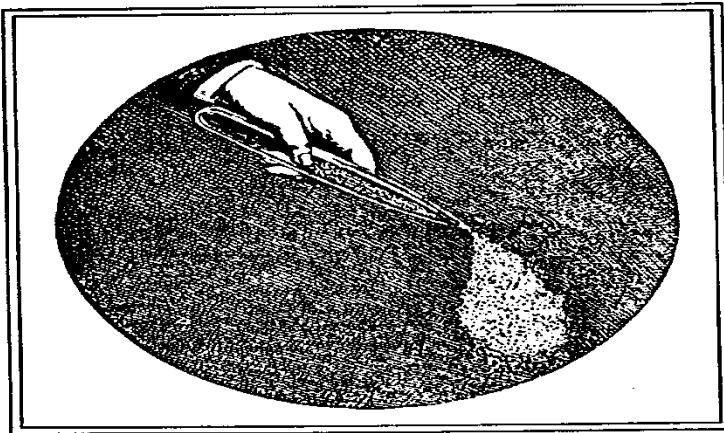
Works on concrete, asphalt, dirt and gravel in any weather. For temporary use only — not intended to replace permanent designated parking spaces.



Stall Widener[®]

Tiny portable hydraulic jack applies 6,000 pounds of pressure to widen those cramped bathroom stalls.

Special reverse feature compresses them back again. Requires 6 "D" cell batteries (not included).



Portable Curb Cut[®]

This handy device stores neatly in purse or backpack, and is rugged enough to use on the highest barriers.

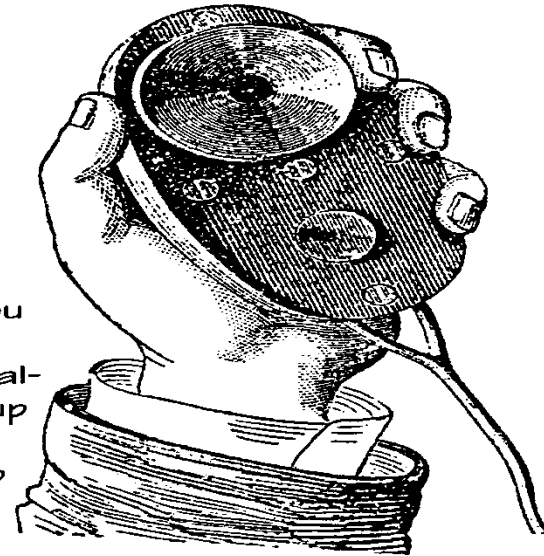
Comes with a lifetime warranty and an attractive slipcase.

Door-Be-Gone[®]

Turnstiles and heavy fire doors holding you back? Not any more!

Amazing new electronic device de-materializes person and chair, re-materializes them up to ten feet away.

You'll laugh at barriers that used to stop you cold! (Not recommended for use by children under sixteen.) ♦



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Disability vs. Handicap

A disability – is a pathology of the individual:

- Cataract
- Muscular dystrophy
- Cerebral palsy
- Asperger's

A handicap – is a resulting impairment in performance and functioning:

- Impaired vision
- Impaired mobility
- Impaired speech
- Impaired social skills



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Barriers cause handicaps, not disabilities



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Emancipation

Will the day ever come when all people with disabilities can celebrate being free from unnecessary dependence and control?



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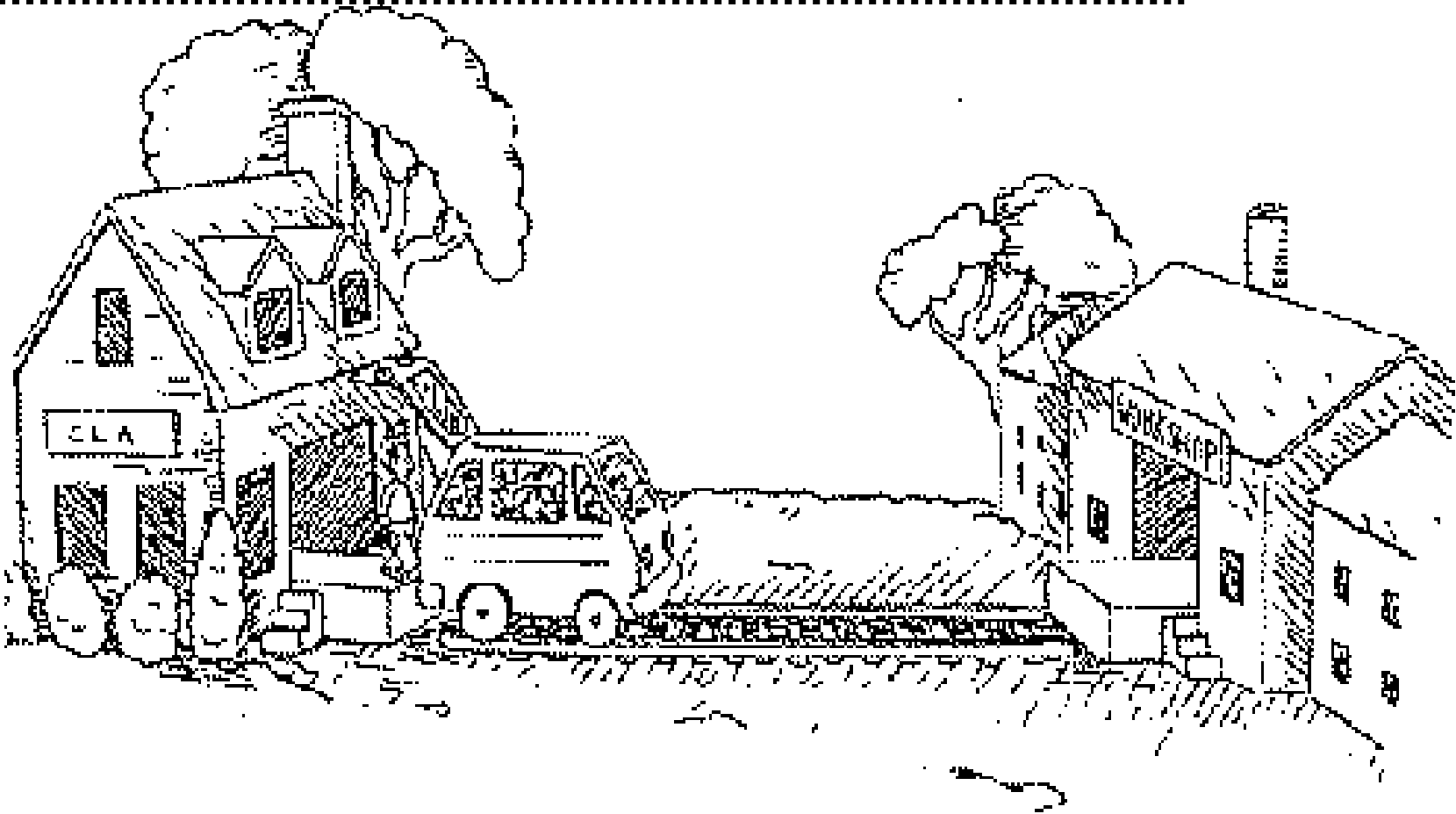
Back Wards Of The Community

A community characterized by:

Loneliness
Fear
despondency
discrimination
anxiety
hostility
boredom
sorrow
indifference
pity
segregation
poverty
degradation
hopelessness
isolation
rejection
despair
failure
prejudice
intimidation

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Life In The Community



**Would you like to trade
places?**

Reprinted from The Arc of
Berks County Newsletter (June 1998)

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Danish culture holds that “no person is better than another.”
If our culture held this value, would we continue to segregate people with disabilities in housing, employment and leisure?



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Call It What You Will

People may be segregated for many different reasons:

Type of Segregation

- Native American Reservation*
- Low Income HUD Housing*
- Japanese Internment Camp*
- Inner City Ghetto*
- Leper Colony*
- Nursing Home*
- Latino Barrio*
- Developmental Center*

Factor

- Ethnic*
- Poverty*
- Nationality*
- Race*
- Disease*
- Age and Infirmary*
- Cultural background*
- Intellectual disability*



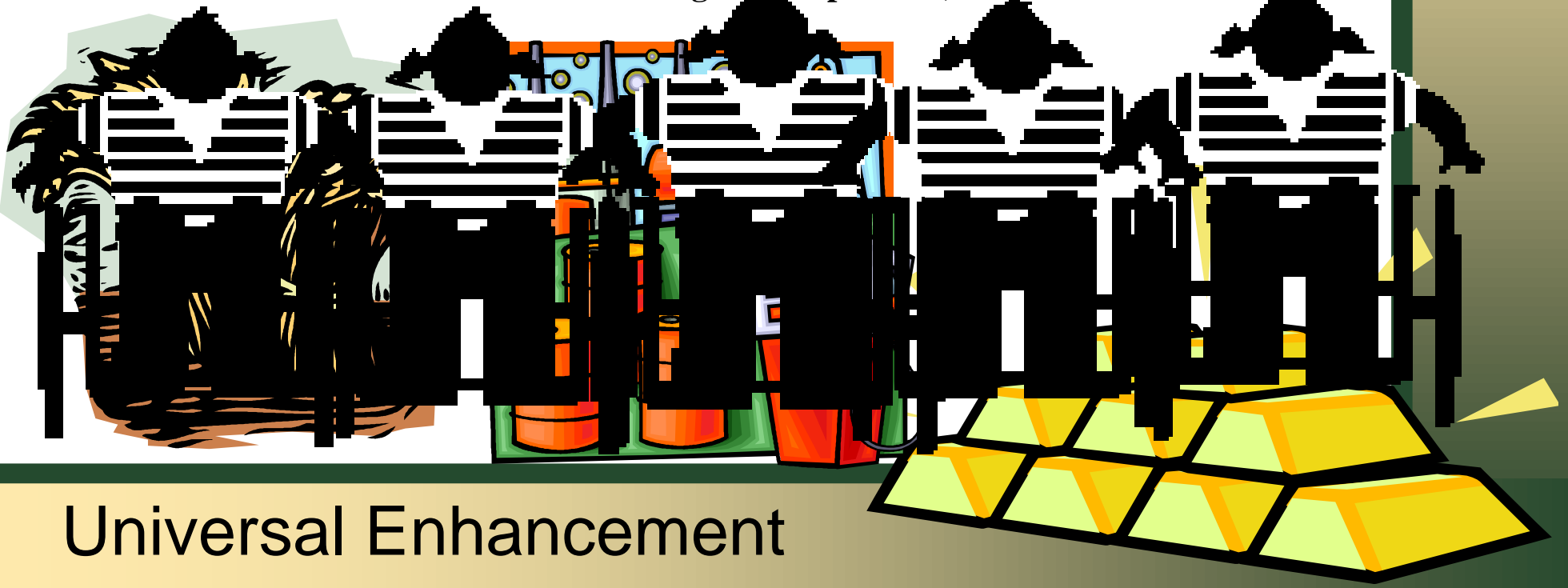
Check the box where you wish to live.

The Consumed

Co modification of the treatment of afflictions is a process wherein the “consumer” becomes the “consumed” as part of the human services economy.

Under such conditions the number of people served represents a function of merit!

Wolf Wolfensberger (paraphrased)



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There Is...

**...no
separate
but
equal!**

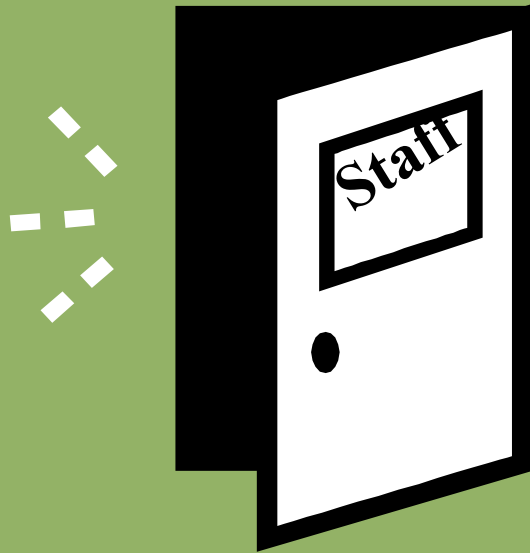


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Segregated Bathrooms

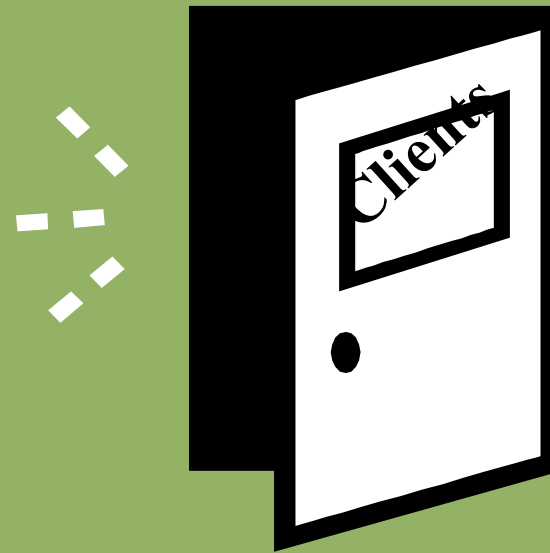
It is legal in all states to segregate restrooms on the basis of intelligence:

IQs 100 or greater



Fresh scents & décor
Stalls for privacy
Paper towels

IQs Less than 70



Barren
No stalls
No paper towels

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Separate-Never Equal



Neither Federal nor State Courts have prohibited the establishment of segregated bathrooms based upon disability.

Separate but equal has never been demonstrated as a workable concept.

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Keep Them Together

**In juxtaposing
and
congregating
different
devalued groups,
we have taught
the public
very well to
disregard
people with
disabilities.
*Don't Damn
Them! (the public)***

| Bone County Social Services | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Directory | Room # |
| Women's Shelter | 320 |
| Alcohol Treatment | 518 |
| Mental Health Outpt. | 227 |
| Parole Office | 110 |
| Alzheimer's Services | 210 |
| Day Habilitation for | |
| The DD | 212-219 |
| AIDS Clinic | 318 |
| Food Stamp Office | 419 |
| Juvenile Court Services | 120 |
| WIC | 307 |

Wolf Wolfensberger (paraphrased)

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Segregation Can Work

Some people prefer to be with
“their own kind”:

Wealthy people

Geniuses

Attorneys

Nuns

Military Personnel

Male College Students

Body Builders

**This works because they
are not disenfranchised!**

Country Club

Mensa

American Bar Assoc

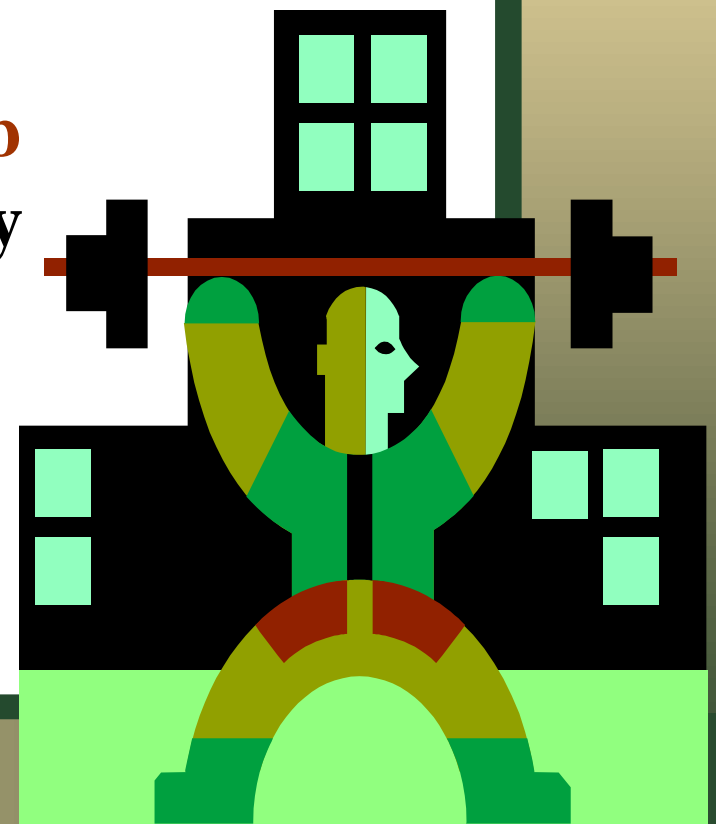
Convent

USO Club

Fraternity

Gym

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Tardi-Gras

A costumed celebration of limited religious significance, held before Easter in the early spring, in which participants from group homes, developmental centers, day activity programs and workshops parade through the streets riding on motorized floats, tossing Special Olympic-type coins to the bystanders.



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Disenfranchised...

**...to deprive
(a person) of
any right,
privilege or
power; the
act of taking
a right away
from an
individual**



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Diaspora...

...refers to any people or ethnic population forced or induced to leave their traditional ethnic homelands; being dispersed throughout other parts of their environments and world, and the ensuing developments in their dispersal and culture.

The Acadian diaspora – the Great Expulsion occurred when the British expelled about 10,000 Acadians (over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Acadian Population of Nova Scotia)

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Diaspora (cont'd)

Assyrian diaspora – a pre-Arab Semitic Christian population of the Middle East. In the 20th century, millions of Assyrians left the Middle East from ongoing ethnic, political and religious persecution

Bosnian diaspora – appeared after four years of planned ethnic cleansing in Bosnia

Chechen diaspora – fled Chechnya during the 1990's insurrection against Russia

Diaspora (cont'd)

Afghan diaspora – fled their country throughout the 20th century and the long civil wars especially to nearby Pakistan, India, and Iran

Armenian diaspora – living in their ancient homeland, which had been controlled by the Ottoman Empire for centuries, fled persecution and massacres during several periods of forced emigration

The African diaspora – native Sub-Saharan Africans and their descendants, taken from Africa into slavery

Diaspora (cont'd)

People with Developmental Disabilities – People challenged by physical and intellectual disabilities have been removed from the larger community and their homes starting in the mid 1800's . These individuals are “placed” in segregated residences, work and day service environments with their peers. A strategy of inclusion is often used as appeasement



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Evil Doers

Those who treat people with disabilities as defective are **EVIL DOERS!**

The “crime” of being different justifies the **EVIL DOERS’**

use of:

Baby talk

Time out rooms

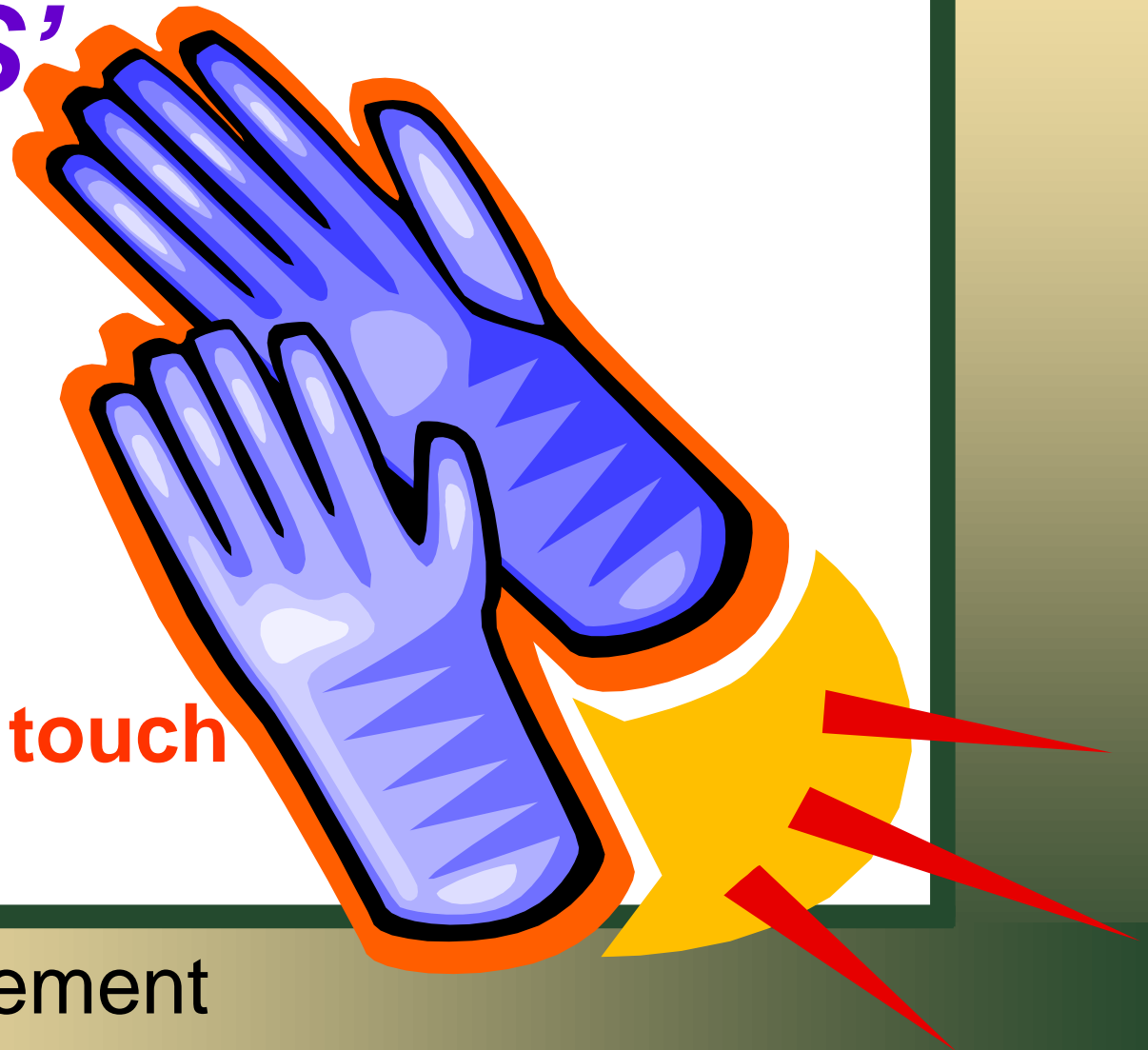
Rubber gloves

Lack of privacy

Segregation

Age inappropriate touch

Limited options



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Shame On Us

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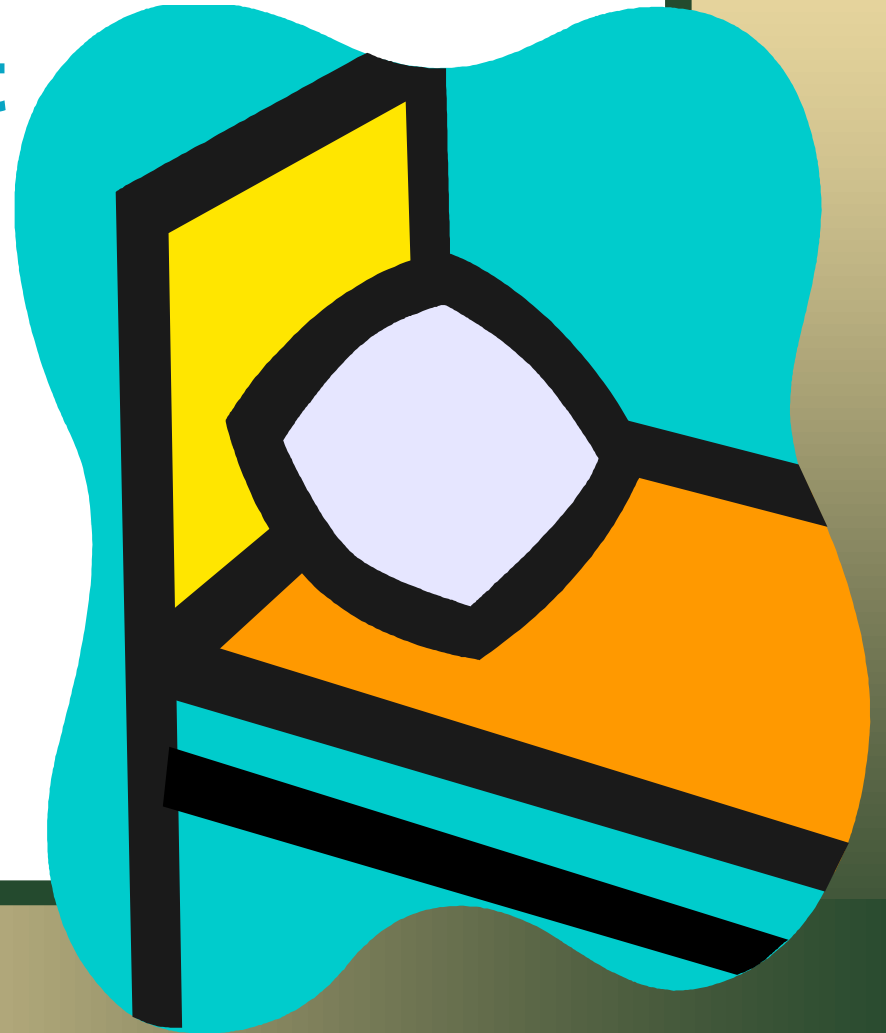
- **Institutionalization - in the name of “treatment”?**



Admission

Admission AS Treatment vs. Admission FOR Treatment

It is not one's presence in the therapeutic setting that has therapeutic value; rather it is the services and supports one receives in that environment that have value.



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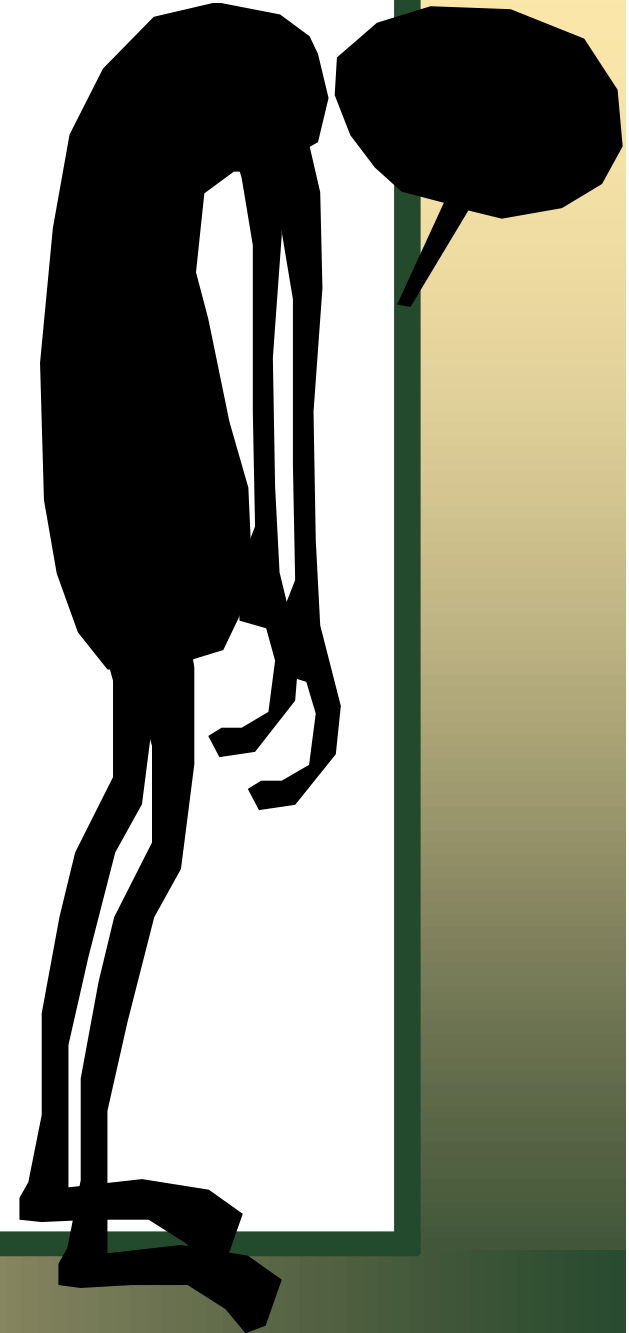
Disability Gulags...

...are state-created institutions where people with disabilities disappear one by one. The disappearance is often called voluntary placement.

...characterize isolation and control as care and protection.

Those who die there are replaced by new arrivals.

Harriett McBryde Johnson



It's a Matter of Perspective

Crime



Disability

Evidence



Data, tests

Suspect



**Provisional
diagnosis**

Interrogation



Interview

Investigation



**Evaluation,
assessment**

Trial



**Placement
meeting**

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It's A Matter Of Perspective (cont'd)

Jury



**Placement
committee**

Convicted



Diagnosed

**Conviction
overturned**



Misdiagnosed

**Multiple
Convictions**



**Multiply
handicapped**

**Awaiting
Sentencing**



Waiting list

Sentenced



Placed

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It's a Matter Of Perspective (cont'd)

| | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Prison | → | Residential facility |
| Prisoner | → | Consumer |
| Punishment | → | Programs |
| Guard | → | Staff |
| Warden | → | Residential director |
| Paroled | → | Trial visit, therapeutic leave |

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It's A Matter Of Perspective (cont'd)

Escape



**AWOL, Leave
without
permission**

**Prison
Yard**



**Day activity
room**

Solitary



Time out room

**Parole
Board**



**Discharge
committee**

**Parole
Officer**



Case manager

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It's A Matter Of Perspective (cont'd)

**Penal
System**



**Service
system**

**Work
Release**



**Day activity
program**

Inmate



Resident

Big House



**State
Institution**

Cell



Bedroom

**Guard
Tower**



**Nurses
Station**

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It's a Matter of Perspective (cont'd)

Exonerated → **No Diagnosis**

Cell Block → **Hall, Suite,
Unit, Wing**

Chain Gang → **Mobile Work
Crew**

Hard Time → **Industrial
therapy**

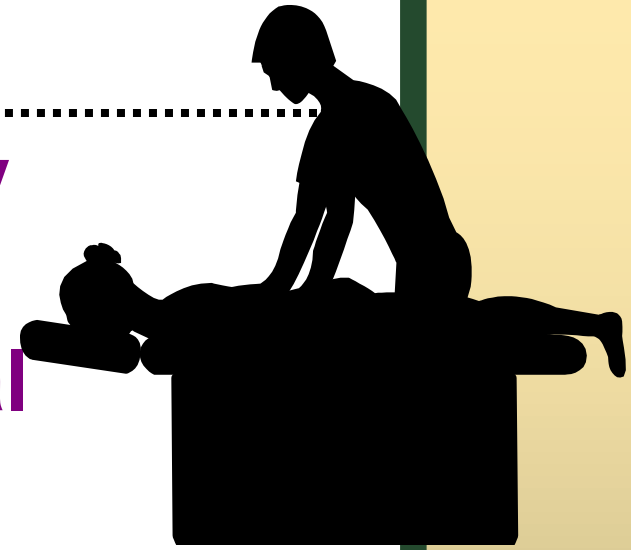
Release → **Discharge**

*Will the day ever come when the
“victims” of the service system are
emancipated and given a reprieve?*

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Clinical Services

Clinical services are a necessary response to prevent and correct the harm caused by “institutional environments.”



PT *Range of motion exercises to correct contractures resulting from benign neglect*

OT *Sensory stimulation to reverse the effects of sensory deprivation*

SW *Facilitating relationships with family members estranged as a result of being “placed” distant from home*

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Clinical Services (cont'd)

PSY *Interventions to “extinguish” behaviors resulting from anomie*

RN *Health services to treat decubitus, hepatitis, URI's and other nosocomial disorders*

RT *Integrated recreation to teach social skills never learned in a segregated setting*

How does the role and function of clinical services change when people are emancipated from an institutional life?



Shame On Us (cont'd)

Should we not at least consider apologizing to people with intellectual disabilities for:

- **Institutionalization** - in the name of “treatment”?
- **Industrial therapy** - in the name of “work”?
- **Eugenics** (*involuntary sterilization*) in the name of “birth control”?



Forced sterilizations aimed for genetic purity

Over seven decades, poor bore brunt of eugenics movement

By LEIF SMITH

THE WASHINGTON POST

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Rose Nuckols was 16 when she was raped by a married man at a truck stop. Nine months later, in January 1958, she gave birth to twin boys. She held them exactly once before the nurse explained that they were headed to foster care in Richmond.

Rose objected. But, as an unweaned, illiterate teen-ager, she understood that she had few choices. What she did not know was that these were the first and last children she would ever have.

Two months after giving birth, Rose was ordered before a judge and was involuntarily committed by her grandmother to the Virginia Colony for Epileptics and the Feeble-minded in Lynchburg to be sterilized.

Hers was a fate shared by more than 8,000 men and women between 1927 and 1979 under Virginia's eugenics law, a statute upheld by the Supreme Court and aimed at preventing those considered genetically unfit from passing on their traits.

The law targeted a wide range of people considered socially misfit.

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California led the nation, recording 20,000 involuntary sterilizations. Virginia followed with 8,000, most done before World War II.

Historians say the U.S.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA PSIMER/THE WASHINGTON POST

Rose Brooks, shown with husband Cecil, was involuntarily committed in 1958 and later sterilized under Virginia's eugenics law.



Among Rose Brooks' few childhood photos is one taken when she was 8. She was labeled slow and told to quit school.

Instead, she remained there for 11 years, about eight years beyond the sterilization procedure.

Brooks, 61, described her early years simply as "rough times."

Childhood photos reveal an eager learner that led as the her up-ly grand-ther died ller.

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The judge said, 'Rose, you ain't fit to have kids, and you need to have this operation done.' They said it was the best thing for my health."

ROSE BROOKS STERILIZED AFTER BEING COMMITTED TO THE COLONY FOR EPILEPTICS AND THE FEEBLE-MINDED

work bathing and feeding the many genuinely disabled patients living there. The state paid her \$2 a month.

"Often, people who were the most capable were used as caretakers for others who weren't capable," said Paul Lombardo, a eugenics expert at the University of Virginia's Center for Biomedical Ethics. "They didn't necessarily get discharged (after being sterilized), depending upon the institution's needs and their needs."

Brooks said she told those at the institution that she wanted to leave.

"I said, 'I don't want to be here.' But it was happening to everyone," she said.

She would not get out until she was in her late 20s. Her supervisors found her a job busing tables at a Howard Johnson's restaurant, and she worked there for more than five years. Similar jobs followed, as well as a marriage to a man she subsequently divorced when he stopped working and became dependent on her meager pay, she said.

Nine years ago, she met Cecil Brooks, now 65, a retired custodian. They attended the same church, but it wasn't until they bumped into each other on the street a few times that he asked her out. Two weeks later, he popped the question.

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Her sons ever since. With the ogy, research monetary next.

The gover Canada, spe the forced more than 2 ing to pay victims. Th the more the government had paid in settlements with 900 others.

Historians say the United States Pursuit of genetic purity became a blueprint for Hitler in the Nazi effort to create a master race.

Indiana passed the nation's first sterilization law based on eugenics in 1907.....resulting in the sterilization of more than 60,000 people nationwide over seven decades.

Two months after giving birth, Rose was involuntarily committed to the VA Colony for the Feeble-minded to be sterilized.

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Shame On Us (cont'd)

- Frontal lobotomies - in the name of “medical management”?
- Indeterminate idleness and boredom - in the name of “free time”?
- Prohibition of self-determination in the name of “protect from harm”?
- Mechanical restraint - in the name of “behavior management”?



Shame On Us (cont'd)

- **Excessive use of psychotropics in the name of “therapeutic medication regimes”?**
- **Denial of civil rights – in the name of “guardianship”?**



**The time has come
that we can no
longer justify the indignities
imposed on people with
intellectual disabilities in the name
of “professionalism”!**

Don't Miss The Point Treating people badly makes their condition worse!



**Mrs. Bush,
what would
you like
for breakfast
tomorrow?**

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Institutional Revisionists

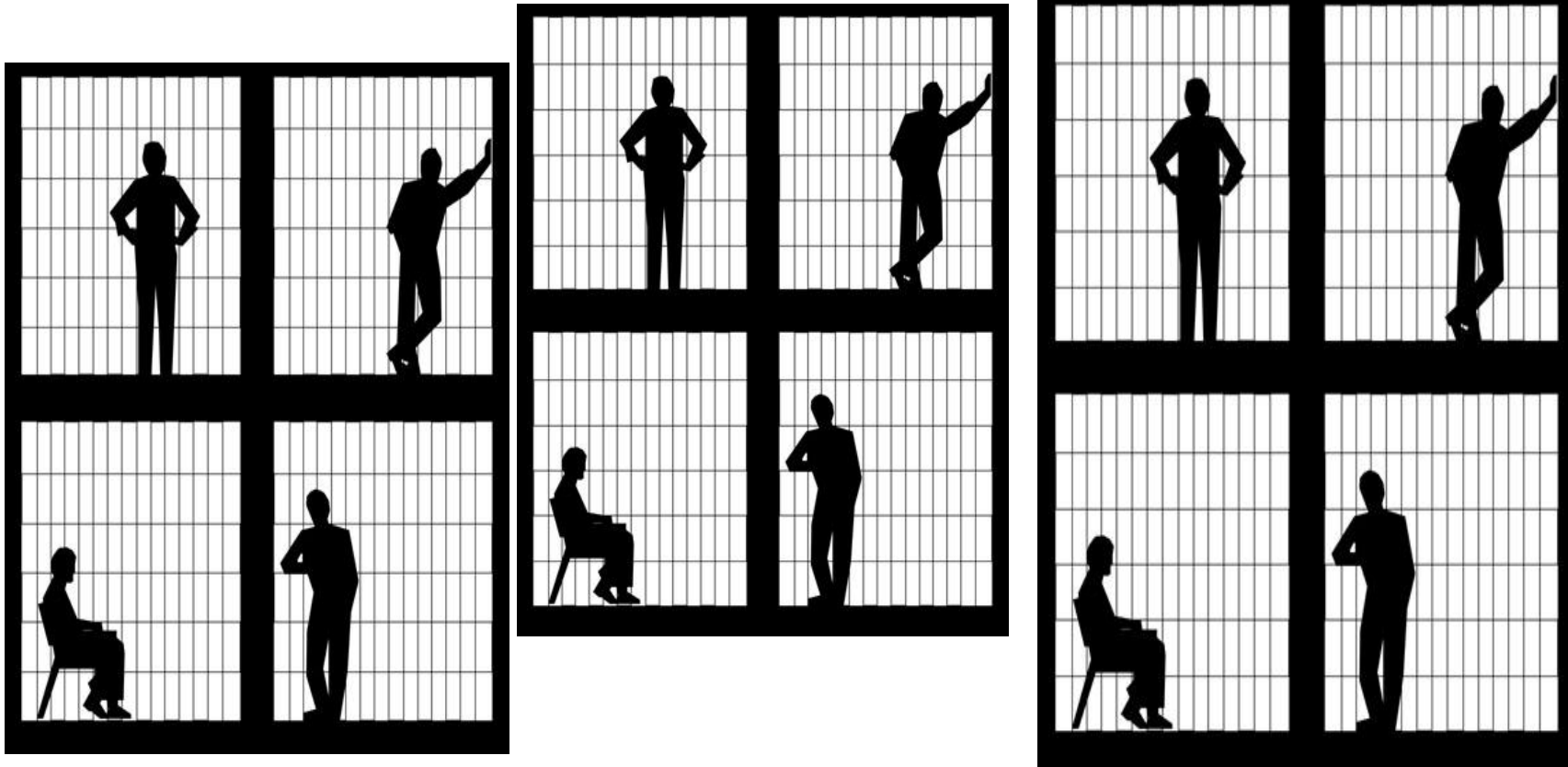
There are revisionists regarding the treatment of:

- **Native Americans by the early settlers**
- **Jews by the Nazi's**
- **Slaves by their owners**
- **Asians in internment camps by the US Government**
- **People with intellectual disabilities by the "system."**



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Freedom



...imprisonment and segregation can be made more comfortable, but they can never be made into freedom or participation.

Burton Blatt

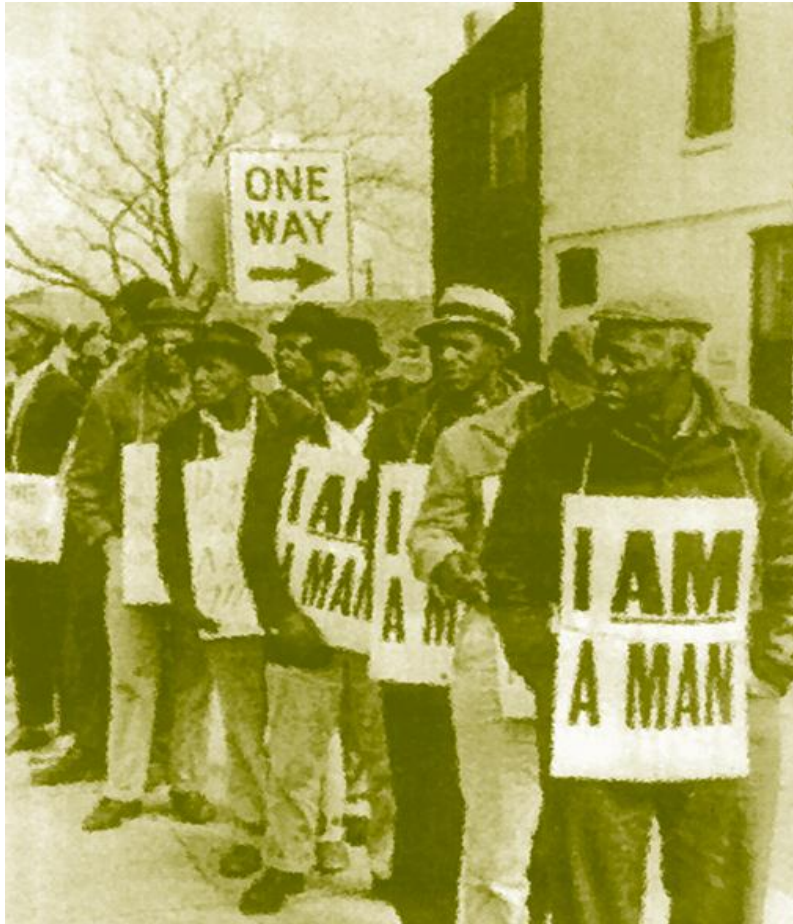
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The Dark Side

**We do not suffer so much
the lack of structural
architects and interior
designers as we do the
absence of ideational
architects and moral
interventionists.**

**Burton Blatt
The Dark Side of the Mirror**

Segregation



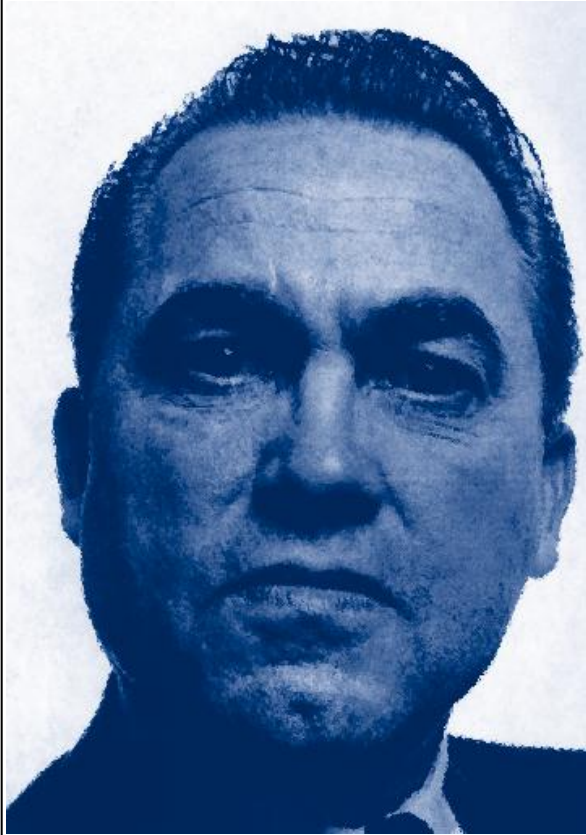
**That was
then...**



**...this
is now!**

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Segregation Is Segregation



Governor George Wallace's troopers kept Alabama's Negroes in their place.

The pat of her hand keeps us in ours.



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They Say Nobody Wants Us



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Support Staff

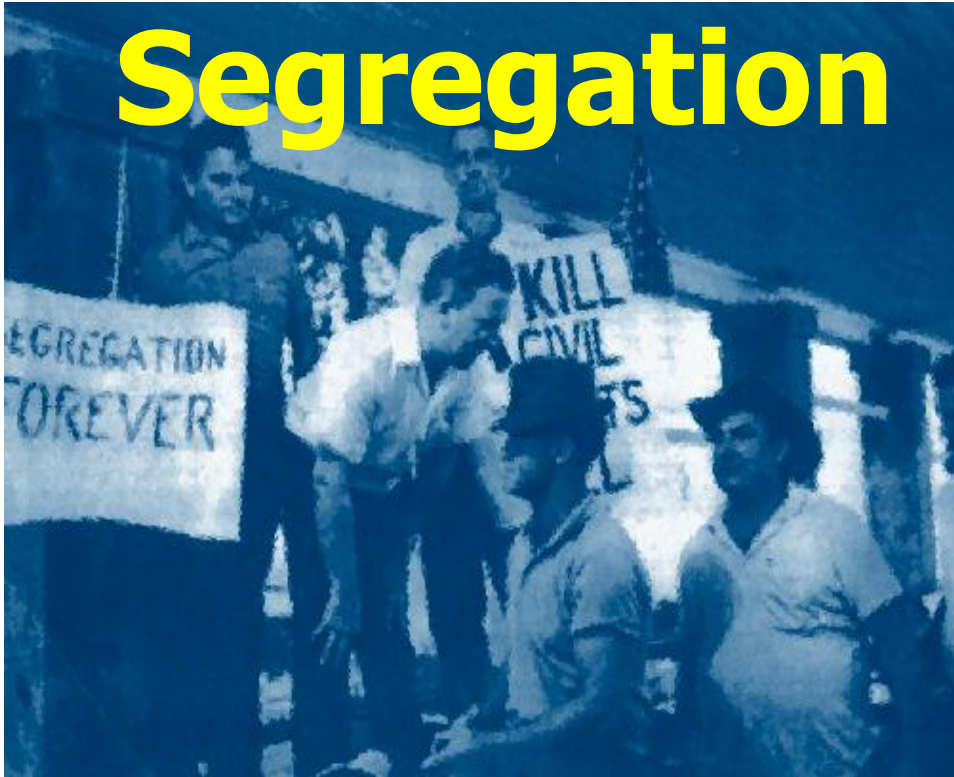


**More than 8 million Americans
make a living by running our
lives.**

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Segregation

Segregation



is harder
to spot...

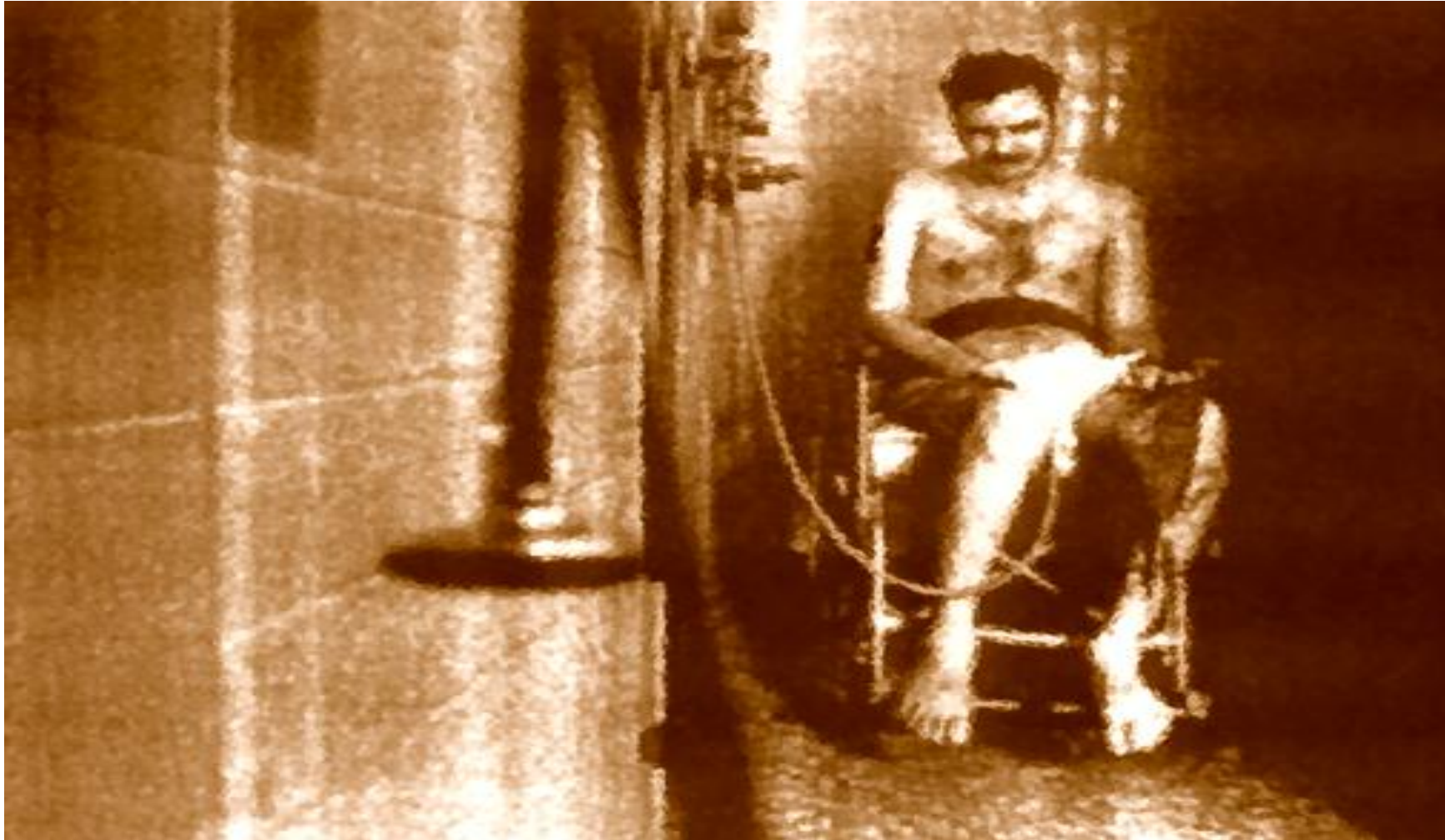
when they
call it



“Special”

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We Can't Get Out



2.5 million Americans are locked up for the crime of having a disability.

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We Can't Get In



Inaccessible is a fussy, complicated way of saying Segregated.

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Segregation



**Our predecessors
in civil rights had
to go to the
streets
to change the
rules...**

**and make
compromises we
can't stomach.**

RING FOR  SERVICE

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Upon his retirement, from the Spastic Society of Britain the Director was asked if he could envision the day when someone with cerebral palsy would head that charity....



“That would be like putting dogs and cats in charge of the Humane Society,” he quipped.

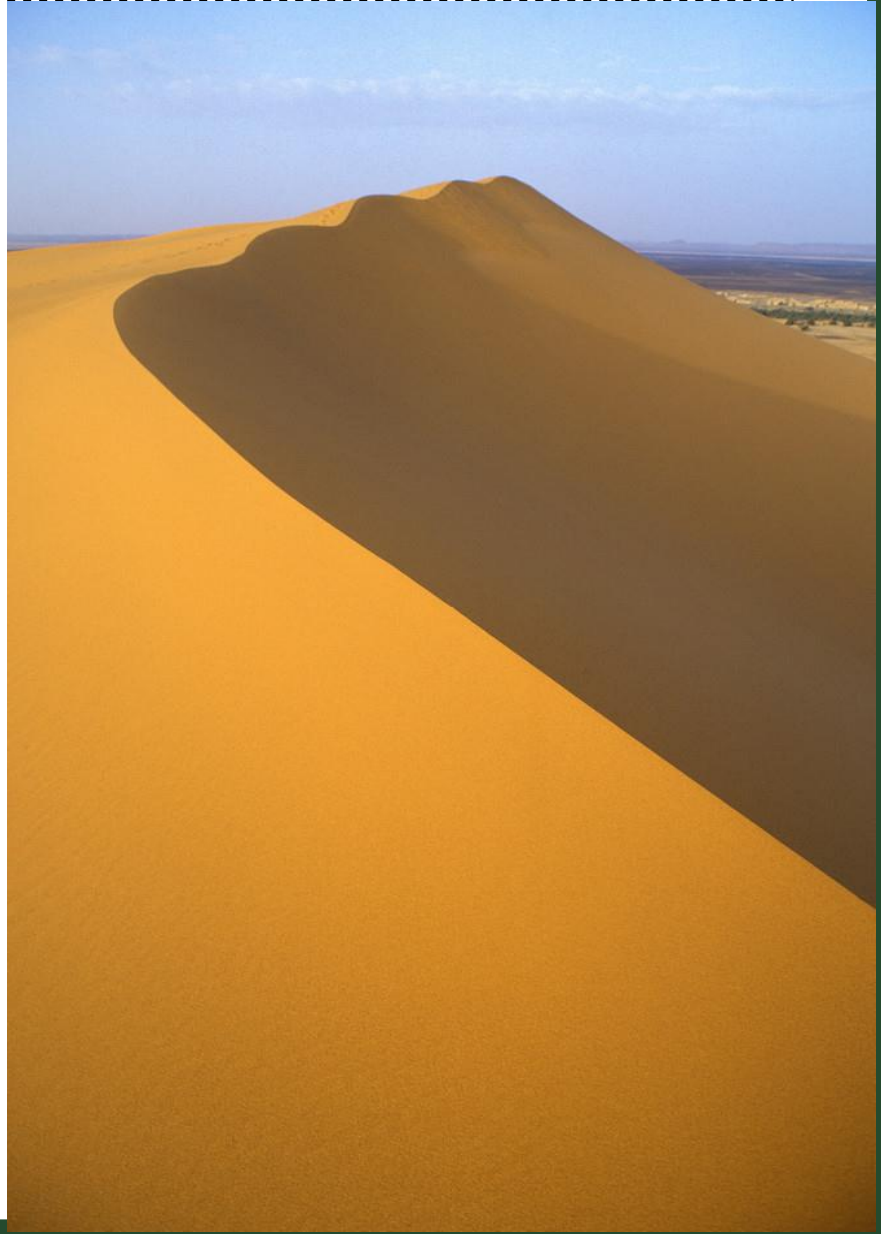
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Facilitate Quality

**Shift the
paradigm**

or...

**it will
shift you!**



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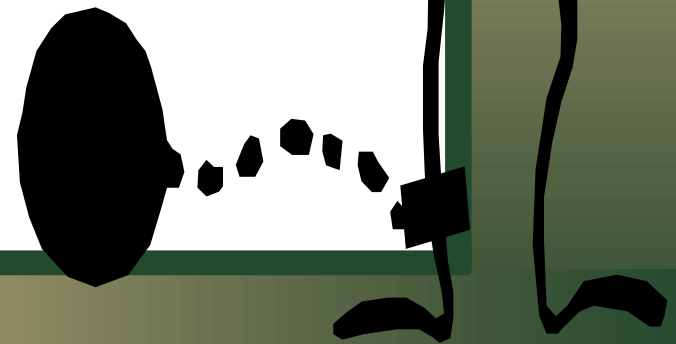
Anomaly

Our reality blinds us to the injustices.

The shifting paradigm of best practice reveals the injustices.

Is it acceptable to:

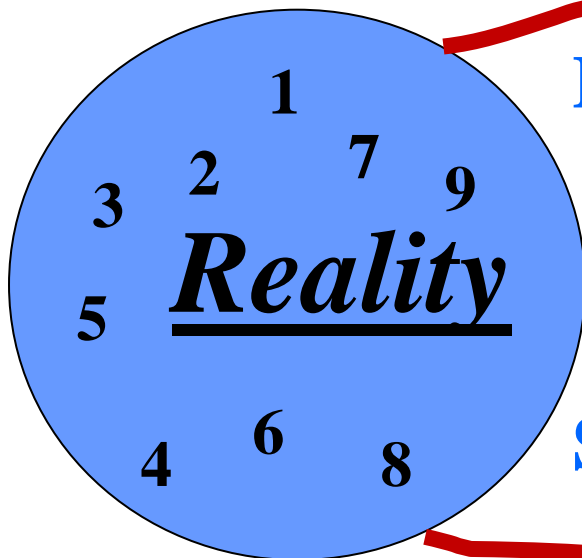
- 1. Sterilize women with intellectual disabilities?**
- 2. Use forceful over-correction?**
- 3. Place people in time-out rooms repeatedly?**
- 4. Use physical/mechanical restraint as an aversive consequence?**
- 5. Utilize cost-response programs?**
- 6. Medicate into submission?**



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Anomaly (cont'd)

7. Apply a level system to earn your freedoms?
8. Use aversive shock as an intervention?
9. Require individuals to work in cruel conditions in the name of industrial therapy?



Burn at the stake

Abandon

Chain to a wall

Anomalies

Serve as the town fool

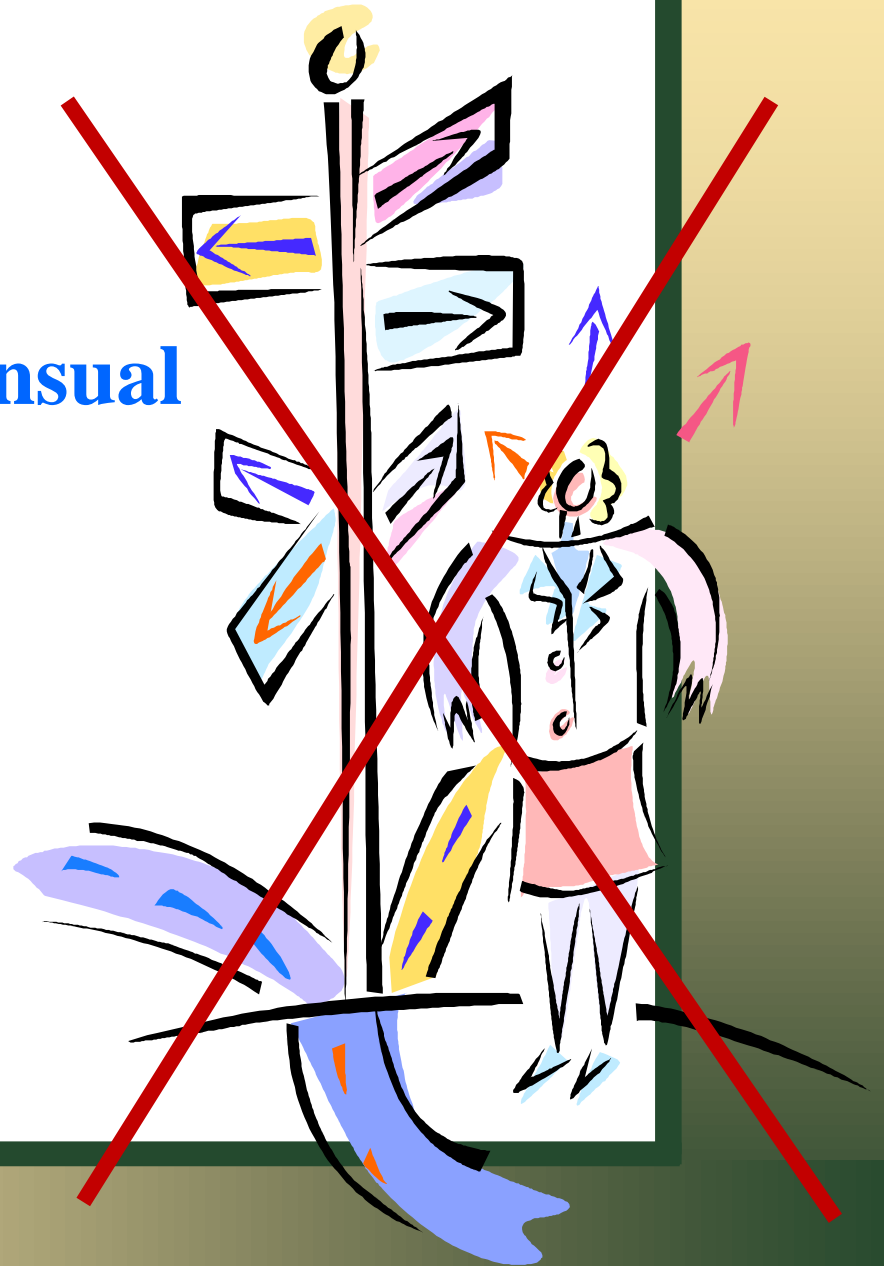
The Structure of Scientific Revolution; Thomas Kuhn 1962

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Anomaly (cont'd)

Is it acceptable to deny individuals an opportunity to:

1. Achieve adult status?
2. Work?
3. Engage in informed consensual sexual expressions?
4. Participate in their daily routines?
5. Select their housemate/s?
6. Decide where they wish to live?



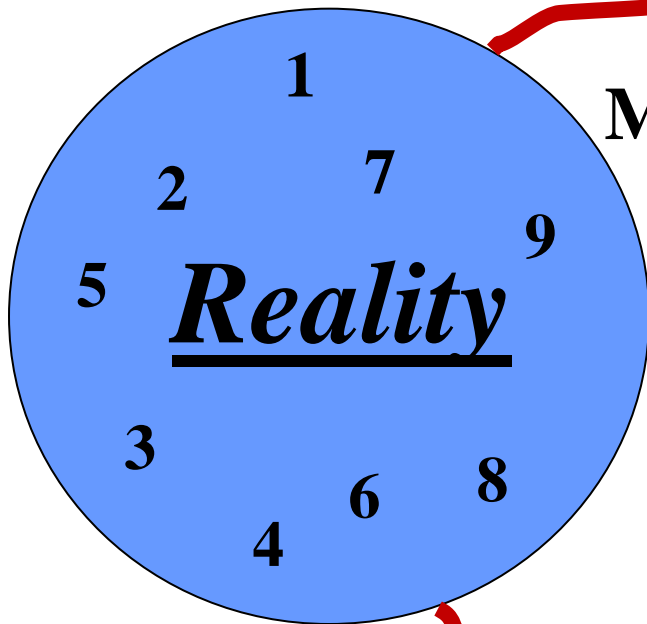
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Anomaly (cont'd)

7. Look their best?

8. Live in an accessible environment?

9. Select their support staff?



Utilize aversive shock

Medicate into submission

Place in time-out rooms

Control through a level system

Sterilize women

Anomalies

Apply cost-response systems

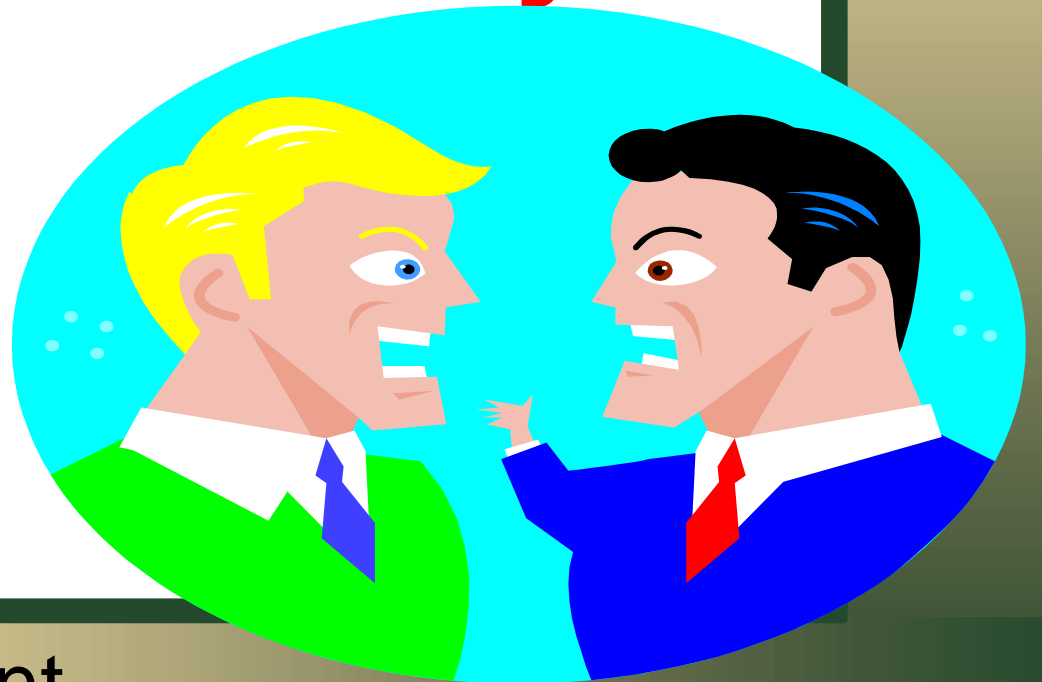
Use forceful over-correction

Quit Complaining

- *Gaining independence,*
- *Use of generic supports,*
- *Maximizing assistive technology,*
- *Closure of facility based services and*
- *Stream-lining regulations ...*

...may result in the loss of jobs!

**People with
disabilities do
not owe us
a living!**



Reparation...

...the act of making amends

Historically, many minorities and marginalized groups were the target of discrimination and injustice. They now seek

REPARATION!

- *Native Americans – banished to reservations*
- *Asian Americans – banished to interment camps*
- *European Jews – banished to concentration camps*
- *Black Slaves – banished to plantations*
- *People with intellectual disabilities – banished to...*

Reparation for people with intellectual disabilities requires the ultimate sacrifice of the perpetrators **Inclusion!**

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History of Reparation Payments

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1952 Germany | \$822 Million | Holocaust Survivors |
| 1971 USA | \$1 Billion + 44 Million Acres | Alaska Natives |
| 1985 USA | \$105 Million | Sioux of So. Dakota |
| 1985 USA | \$12.3 Million | Seminoles of FL. |
| 1990 USA | \$1.2 Billion | Japanese Amer. |
| 20?? USA | Inclusion | People with Intellectual Disabilities |

Data from Black Reparations Now! Dorothy Benton-Lewis

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Choose One

**The
difference
is two little
letters...**

In a home

vs.

At home



vs.



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It's Their Home

Do you:

answer their doorbell,
use their bathroom,
answer their phone,
open their mail,
enter their bedrooms,
sit on their beds...
in the homes of the
people you support,
without their permission?



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Placement "Wheel of Misfortune"

OK Team!
Place your bets and
spin the wheel to
decide where Jim is
placed!



*Sunny Hills
Farms*

Happy Haven

*Lots of
Love Homes*



*Sun Rise Forever
Apartments*

*We Care
Residences*

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Disguised

“Current services, systems are delivered with virtually total unconsciousness of major realities involved and all of this is disguised/ interpreted as good, effective and progressive.”

Wolf Wolfensberger

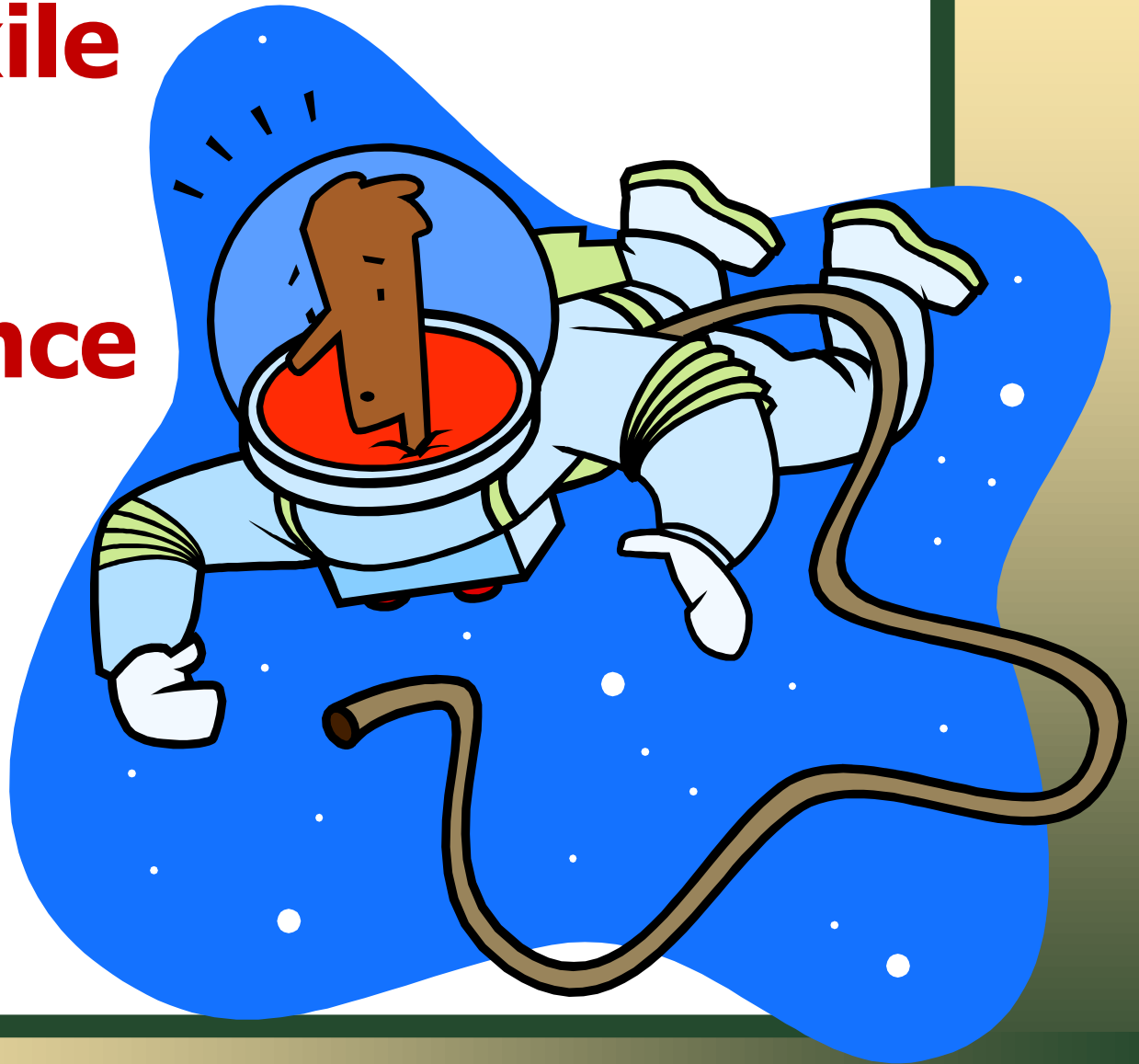


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Placement-Defined

- **Cast out of the tribe**
- **Sent into exile**
- **Displaced**
- **Sudden disappearance**

**Placement –
An
intervention
for the
intolerably
different.**



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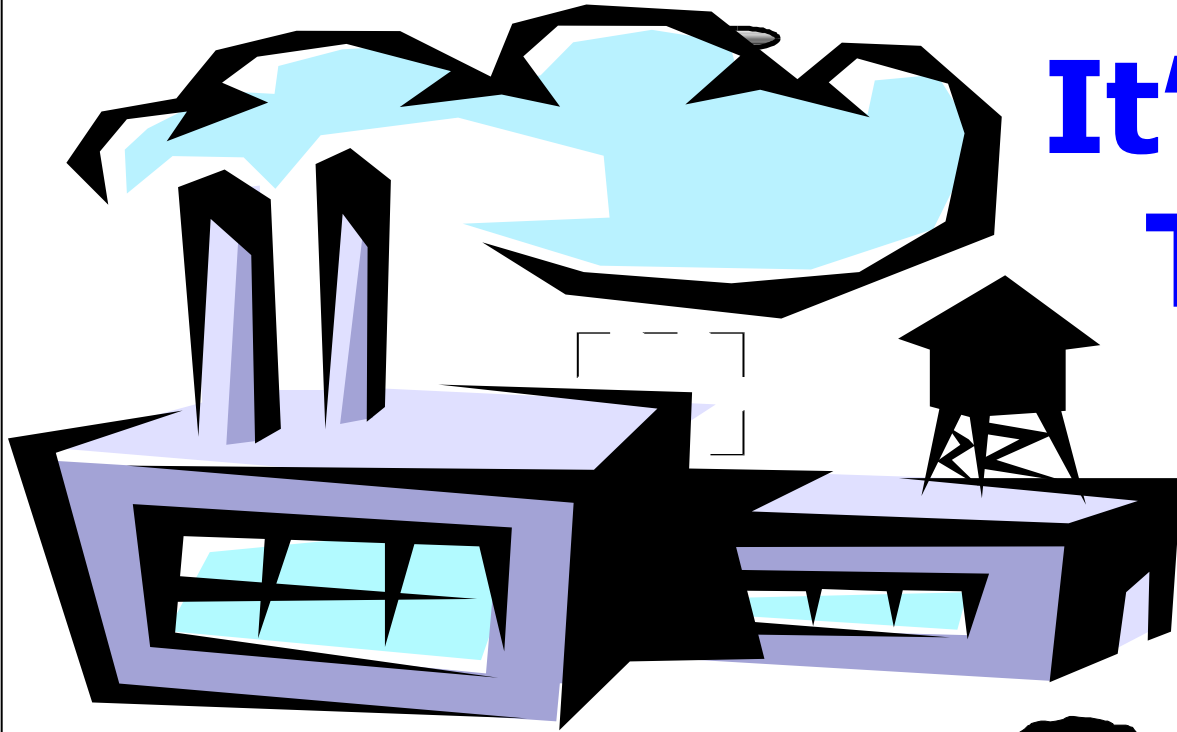
Placement Defined (cont'd)

During Queen Victoria's reign, the term placement came into use by the pioneers of Social Work. It likely derives from place cards, once used at formal dinners – **one must know one's place.**



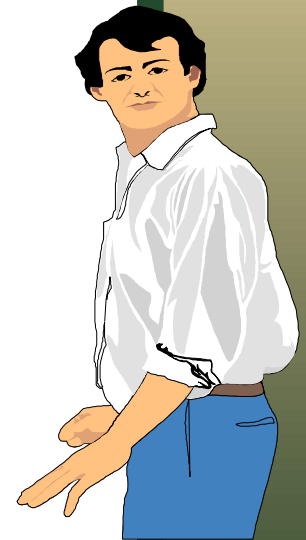
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Community



**It's Easy
To Get
Out**

**It's Hard
To Get
In**



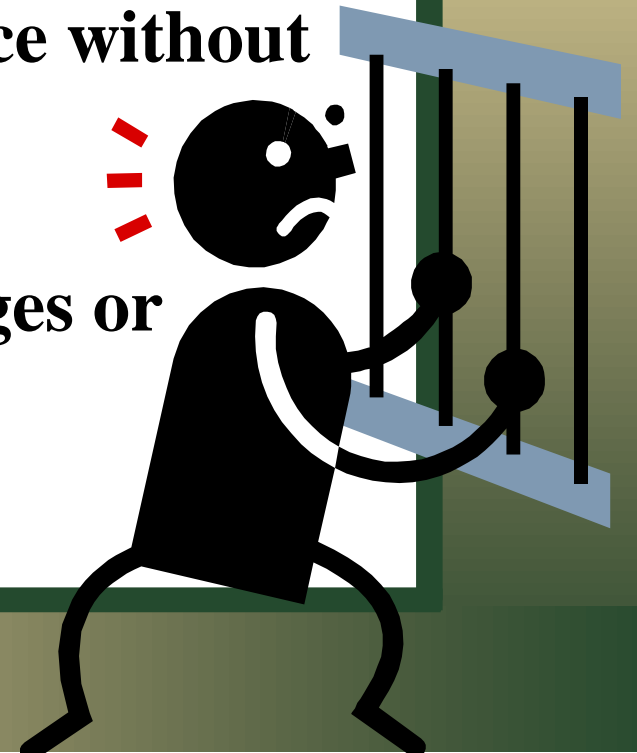
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Welcome to Society!

The following was given to individuals who were about to be released from a state mental retardation institution in 1967.

“We congratulate you on being given this chance to take your place in society. During this period you will be on probation and you must not only obey all of the laws of your community, but also these:

- 1. You must not leave your present place without first notifying us.**
- 2. You must not drive or own a car.**
- 3. You must not drink alcoholic beverages or enter a bar.**
- 4. You must not get married.**



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Welcome to Society! (cont'd)

5. You must not get engaged, go steady or date.

6. You must not make any written contracts in regard to purchase of articles on time payments without first talking to your social worker. See worker before using “lay-away” plans.

7. You must be home by 12:00 am; earlier if requested by employer or other person in charge.

8. You must not leave the state.

Carry this reminder with you at all times and read it frequently. Violation of any one of the above rules may result in your return to the school.”

Superintendent, Lincoln State School

From James W. Ellis, *Villa Nova Law Review* (vol. 37)

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Placement List

Being a priority on a
“placement list” is not
seeing the light at the
end of the tunnel,

.... it is
standing on
the edge of
the
precipice.

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Group Home...

...a residence where the inhabitants maintain all their life's belongings in $\frac{1}{2}$ a bedroom.



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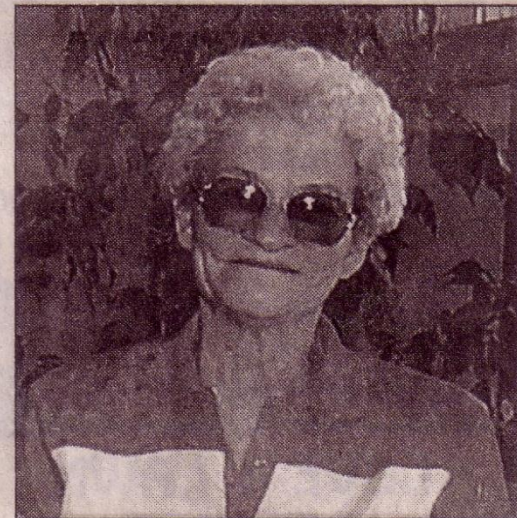
Welcome!

**When the
people you
support
move in...**

***are they
welcome?***

Are you a newcomer to Liberal
or know of someone?

Give me a call.



Naomi Rine • 624-4559

I'm your Western Welcome Lady in Liberal. I
have information on Liberal and gift certificates
from the leading merchants for the newcomers.

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It's My Home

When people are "placed" or "admitted" the Welcome Wagon will not come.



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Home

Did the neighbors come bearing gifts of food & flowers when the residents moved into their new home?

Does the Girl Scout come to the door to deliver two boxes of Thin Mints?

On Halloween night, are trick or treaters given treats by the residents of their home?

Did the residents go to the post office to fill out a change of address card when moving in?



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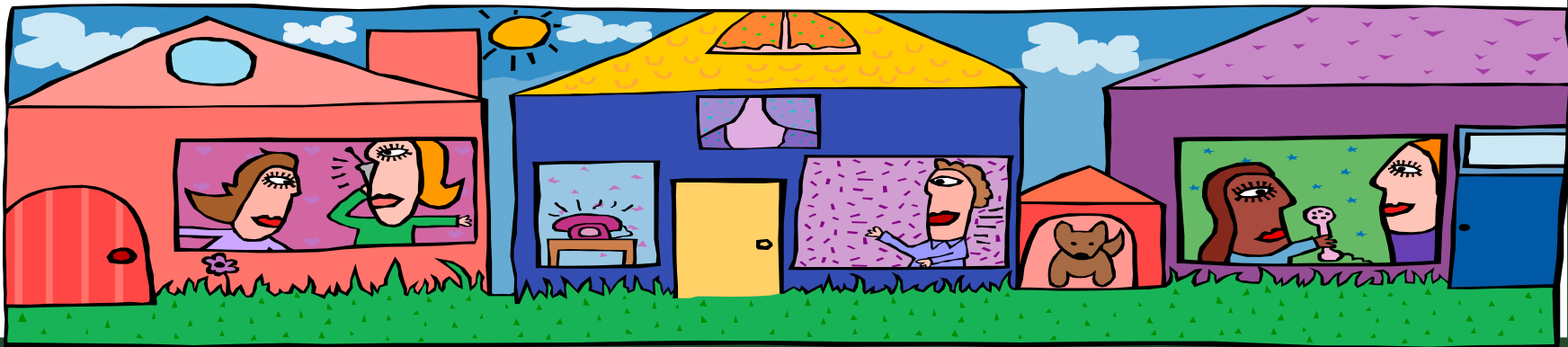
Home (cont'd)

Do the teenagers down the street ask to shovel their walk after a big snowfall?

Are the residents asked to join the Neighborhood Association?

Does the Alderman from the ward come to their home to campaign?

Do the residents have a presence in their neighborhood?



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“Do” Inclusion?

**Is someone doing
inclusion to you?
If people were not
segregated, we
would not be “doing
inclusion.”**

**Support an
inclusionary life!**



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Going To The Community

Group Home

The Community



C'mon, we're going to the community!

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Immigrants

People living “institutional lives” practice customs and rituals foreign to their new land. As immigrants to their new home (the community), they are expected to:

- *close the bathroom door*
- *respect personal space*
- *use appropriate eating utensils*
- *demonstrate courtesy*
- *engage in age-appropriate leisure activities*

Teach these customs!

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Acculturate

Assimilate - to integrate somebody into a larger group so that differences are minimized or eliminated.

Acculturate - to absorb the culture of another group of people or individual.

People with developmental disabilities should be acculturated - mere assimilation is not sufficient.



What Is Supported Living?

The provision of support is **independent/non-contingent** of the individual's residence - the lease or mortgage is in the resident's name.

The person **determines where** they reside.

The person **determines with whom**, if anyone, they reside.

The person **selects** the support agency and the support staff.

The System: The Community

In a social service system
*people are known by what's wrong:
by their condition or label*

In community
people are known as individuals

In a system
*people are incomplete and need
to be changed or "fixed"*

In community
*people are as they are, with
opportunities to follow their
own dreams*

In a system
*relationships are unequal;
service workers do things "for" clients
and don't look for any contribution in return*



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The System: The Community (cont'd.)

In community
relationships are reciprocal, give and take; and the diverse gifts of many people are recognized

In a system
people are broken into parts and separated into groups

In community
people have the chance to be accepted as whole persons, and viewed as part of the whole society

In a system
problems are solved by consulting authorities, policies, procedures

In community
people can make honest efforts and acknowledge honest mistakes and fears



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The System: The Community (cont'd.)

In a system

all problems have a rational solution

In community

there is room for confusion, and mystery, and recognition that some things are beyond human control



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Inclusionary Trek

To boldly
go where
everyone
else has
gone
before.



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Even If I'm Wrong

**OK! Let's say I'm
wrong!**

**Treating people with
dignity and respect
is not an effective
intervention.**

***So what's the
downside?***



An Enviably Life

Is.....

- **being missed when away**
- **being loved and having others to love**
- **believing that you are making a difference**
- **being respected**
- **having a passion**
- **being excited that this is a new day**



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An Enviably Life (cont'd)

- **making a last will and testament**
- **having your family and friends around you when you pass away**
- **being remembered for your contributions**
- **having people donate to a charity in your memory**
- **living to an old age and not looking back with regret**



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More Life

**It is equally
important that
we fill years
with more life
as it is to fill
life with more
years!**



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**Getting a life for
people and
coaching them
into it –
is the
intervention.**

-- Todd Riskey, Ph.D.

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Altering behavior is never a prerequisite to getting promoted into a reasonable life.



-Rob Horner, Ph.D.

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Diagnostic Living

How people
live should be
determined
by how they
wish to live;
not by their
diagnosis.

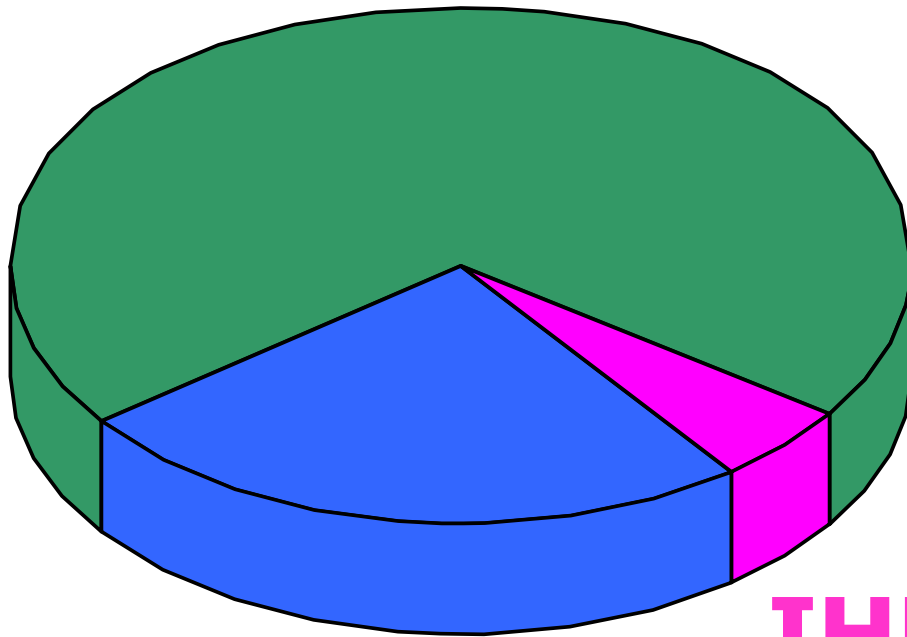
Thomas E. Pomeranz Ed.D.



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Influences on QOL

Participation
70.0%



Integration
25.0%

IHP, IPP.....
5.0%

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Three Phases in the Development of Services for People With Disabilities

| Focal Question | Institutional Reform Period | Deinstitutionalization Period | Community Membership Period |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Who is the person of concern? | The Patient | The Client | The Citizen |
| What are the “typical” service settings? | An institution | A group home, sheltered workshop, special school | The persons’ home, local business, neighborhood |
| How are services organized? | A facility | A continuum of options | The unique array needed by each |
| What is the “model” of service delivery? | Custodial/ Medical | Developmental/ Behavioral | Individual Support |

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Three Phases (cont'd)

| Focal Question | Institutional Reform Period | Deinstitutionalization Period | Community Membership Period |
|--|--|---|---|
| What receives the highest priority? | Cleanliness, health & safety | Skill development/behavior management | Self-determination relationships |
| What are the major focuses of intervention? | Control or cure of the condition | Change behavior | Change the environment and attitudes |
| What is the focus of quality assurance? | Professional practice & standards of care | Documented programming/goal attainment | Quality of life as experienced by the person |
| How do providers talk about their services? | Community outreach | Community-based | The Community |

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Three Phases (cont'd)

| Focal Question | Institutional Reform Period | Deinstitutionalization Period | Community Membership Period |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| What are services called? | Care | Programs | Supports |
| What is the planning model used? | Individual Plan of Care | Individual Habilitation Plan | Personal Futures Plan |
| Who controls the planning process? | A professional (often an MD) | The interdisciplinary team | The individual |
| What is the context of decision-making? | Standards of professional practice | Team consensus | Personal circles of support |

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Where's Your Focus...

...in supporting people?

Process

Protocols
Signatures
Programs
Instructions
Surveys
Objectives
Timelines
Schedules

People

Relationships
Hobbies
Happiness
Family
Religion
Sexuality
Friends
Retirement



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Intervention Strategies...

...for people with disabilities-

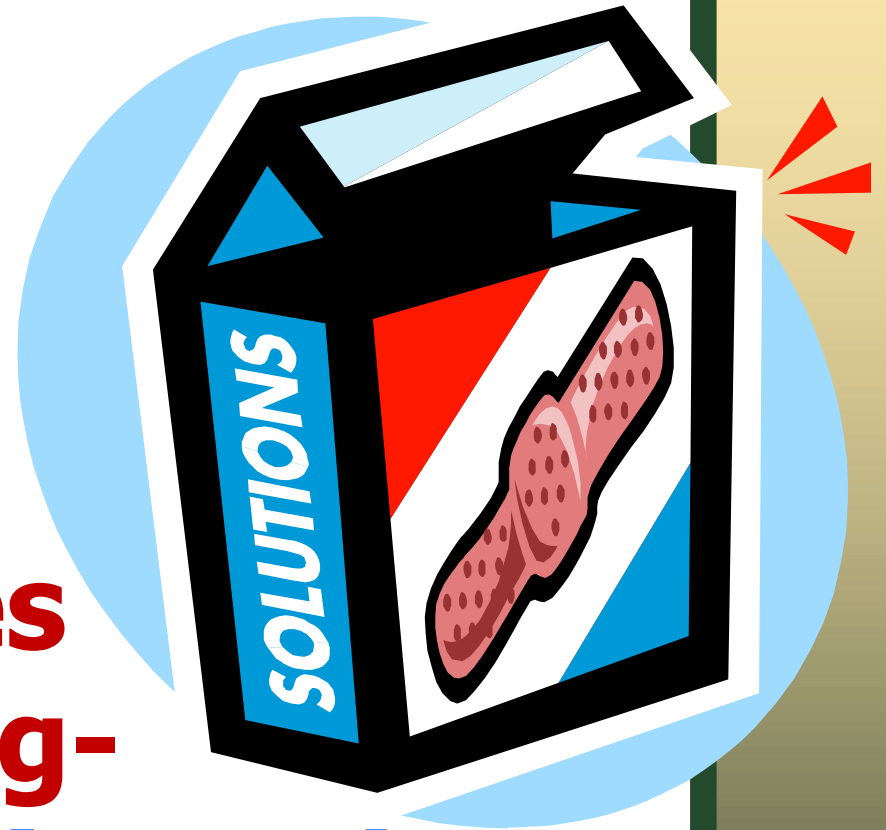
Prevent

Cure

Place

The hierarchy of
intervention takes
on a new meaning-

If you can't eliminate 'em,
fix 'em, or remove 'em.



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Responses to Diversity

Marginalization

(out of site,
out of mind)

Extermination

Aggression

Segregation

Avoidance

Reform

(you can be with
us, only if you are
like us)

Rehabilitation

Assimilation



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Responses to Diversity (cont'd)

Tolerance
(if we must...)

Burden
Resignation
Patronization
Benevolence

Valuing
(diversity as
normal)

Respect
Understanding
Acceptance
Equal worth
Mutual benefit
Belonging



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COMPANIONSHIP

A GUIDE BY HIS SIDE



Star Staff Photos / Kelly Wilkinson

SHOPPING TRIP: Kroger clerk Robin Turner helps Bill McCleary and Sparky with grocery shopping at Speedway Supercenter.

Generic Supports

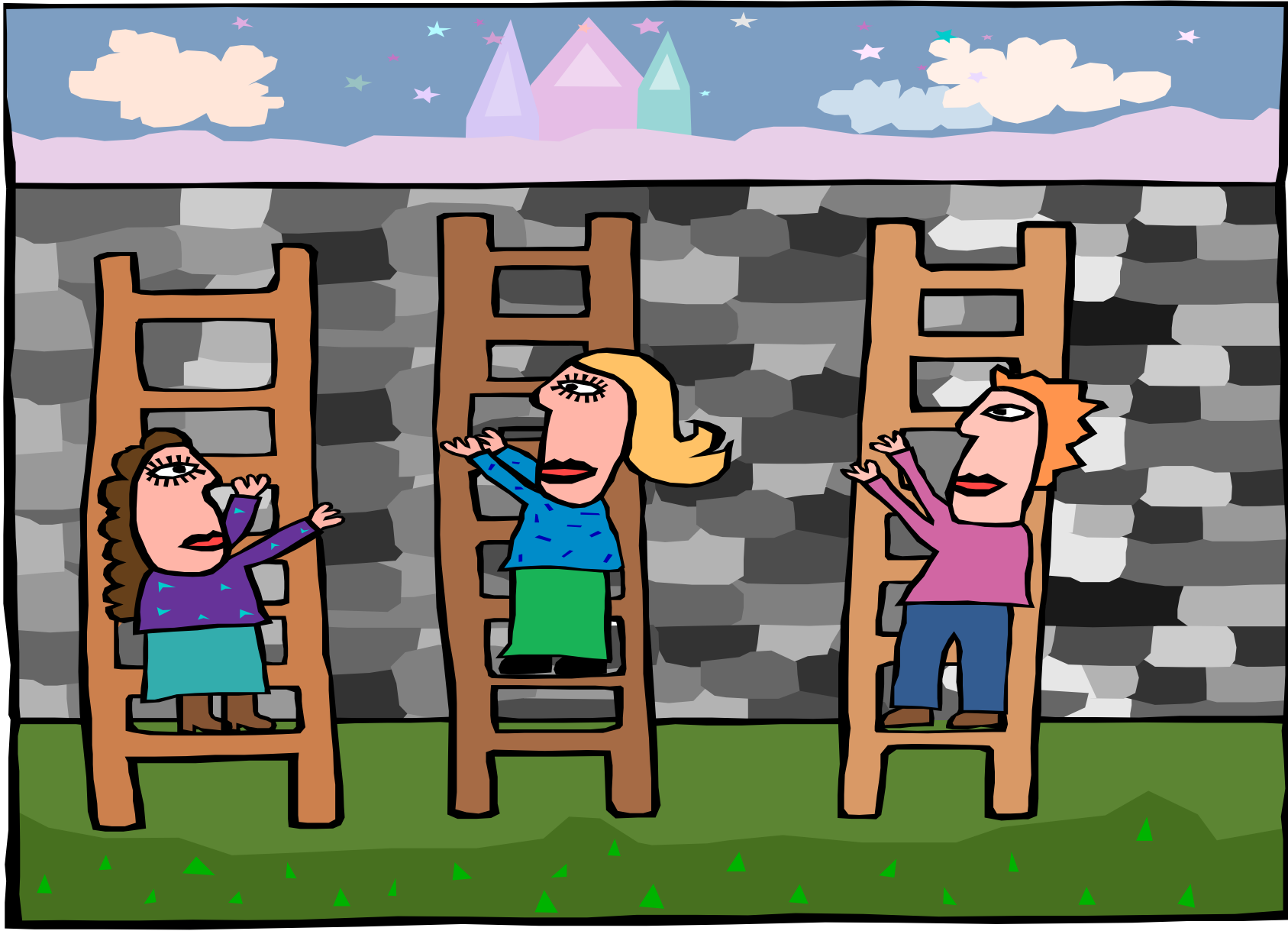
Generic: Relating to or descriptive of an entire group or class; general.

The role of support staff is not to provide support, but to help people obtain it.



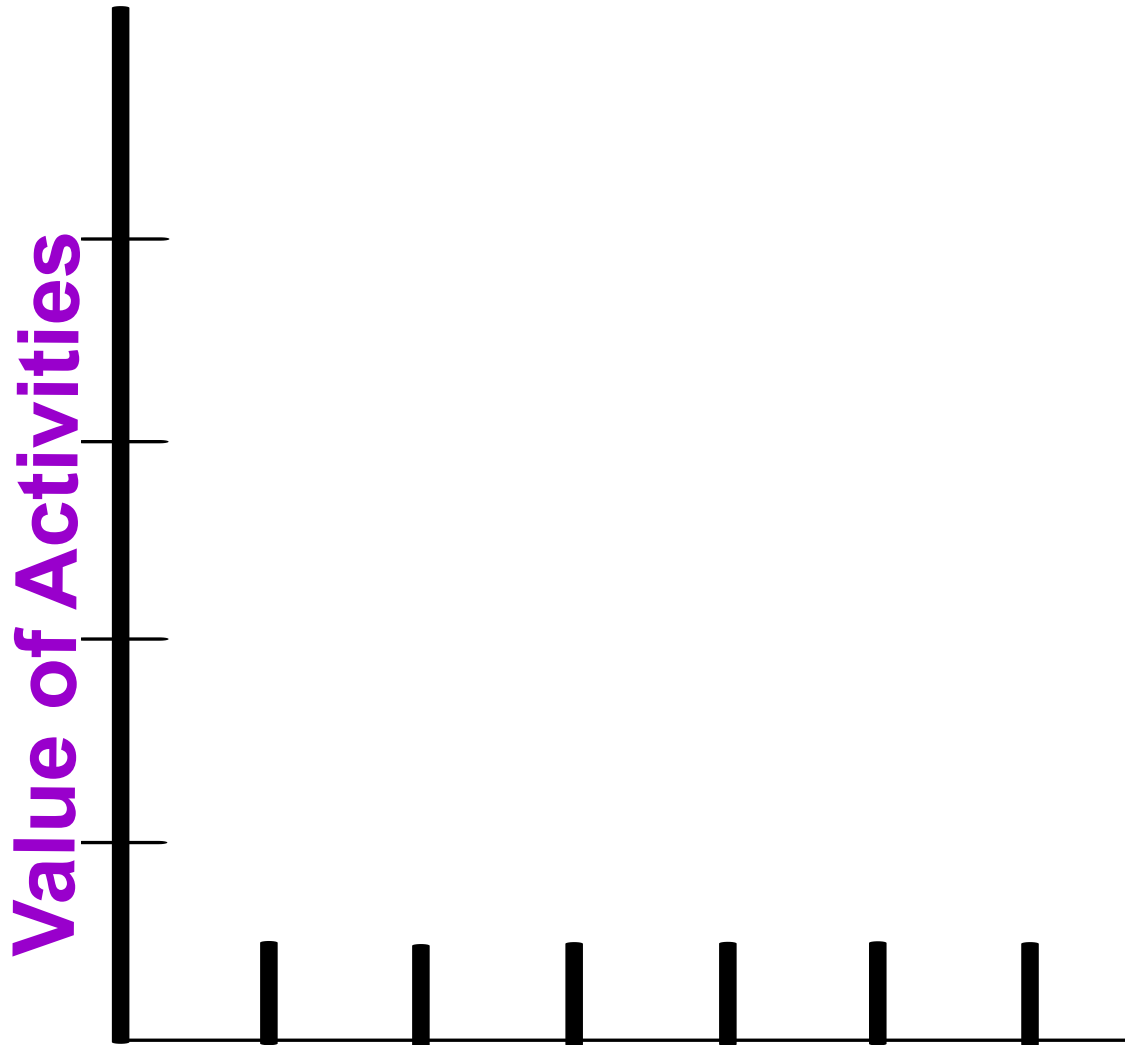
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Life Styles



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Quality of Life Profile



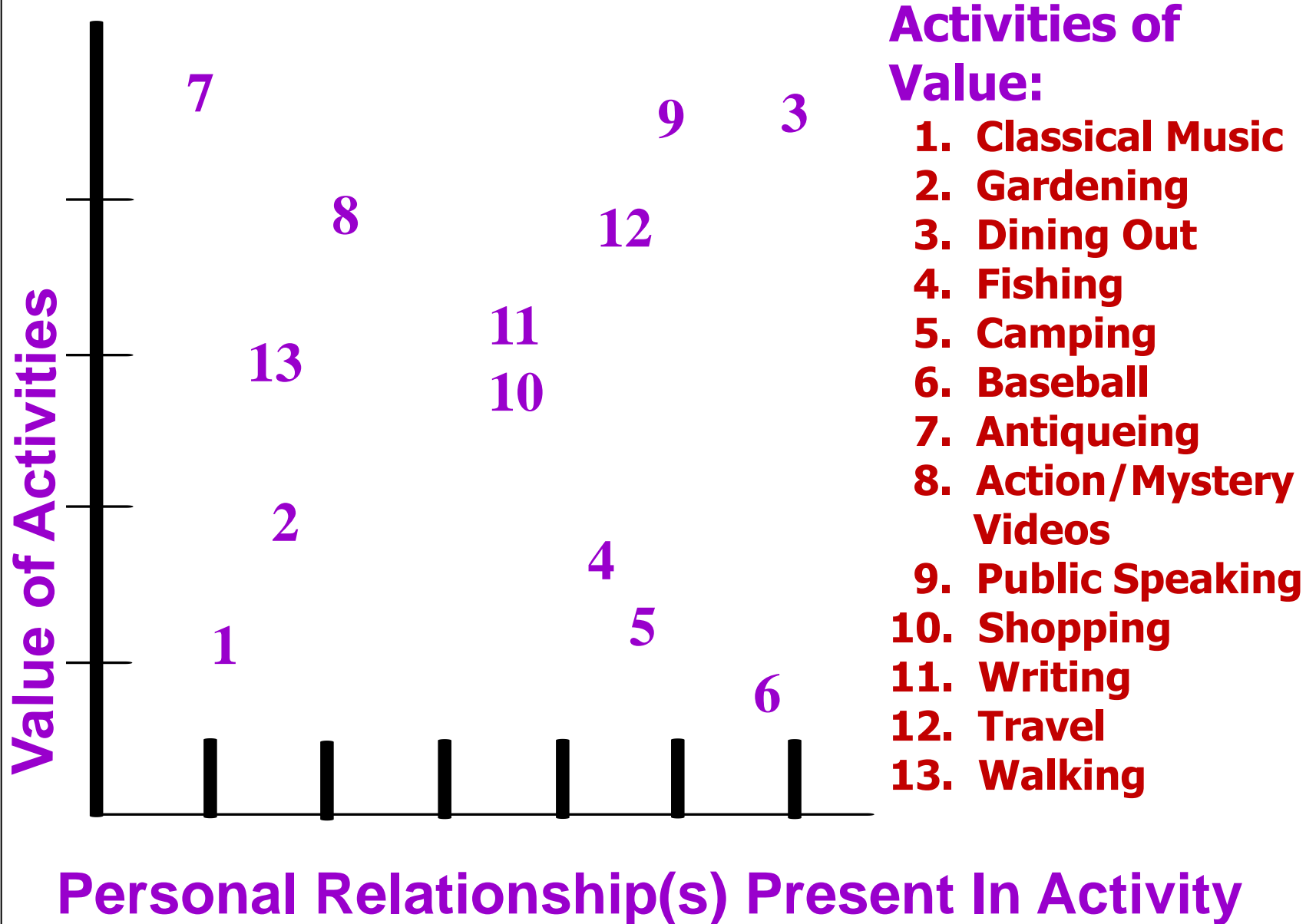
Activities of Value:

1. Classical Music
2. Gardening
3. Dining Out
4. Fishing
5. Camping
6. Baseball
7. Antiqueing
8. Action/Mystery Videos
9. Public Speaking
10. Shopping
11. Writing
12. Travel
13. Walking

Personal Relationship(s) Present In Activity

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Quality of Life Profile (Now)



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A

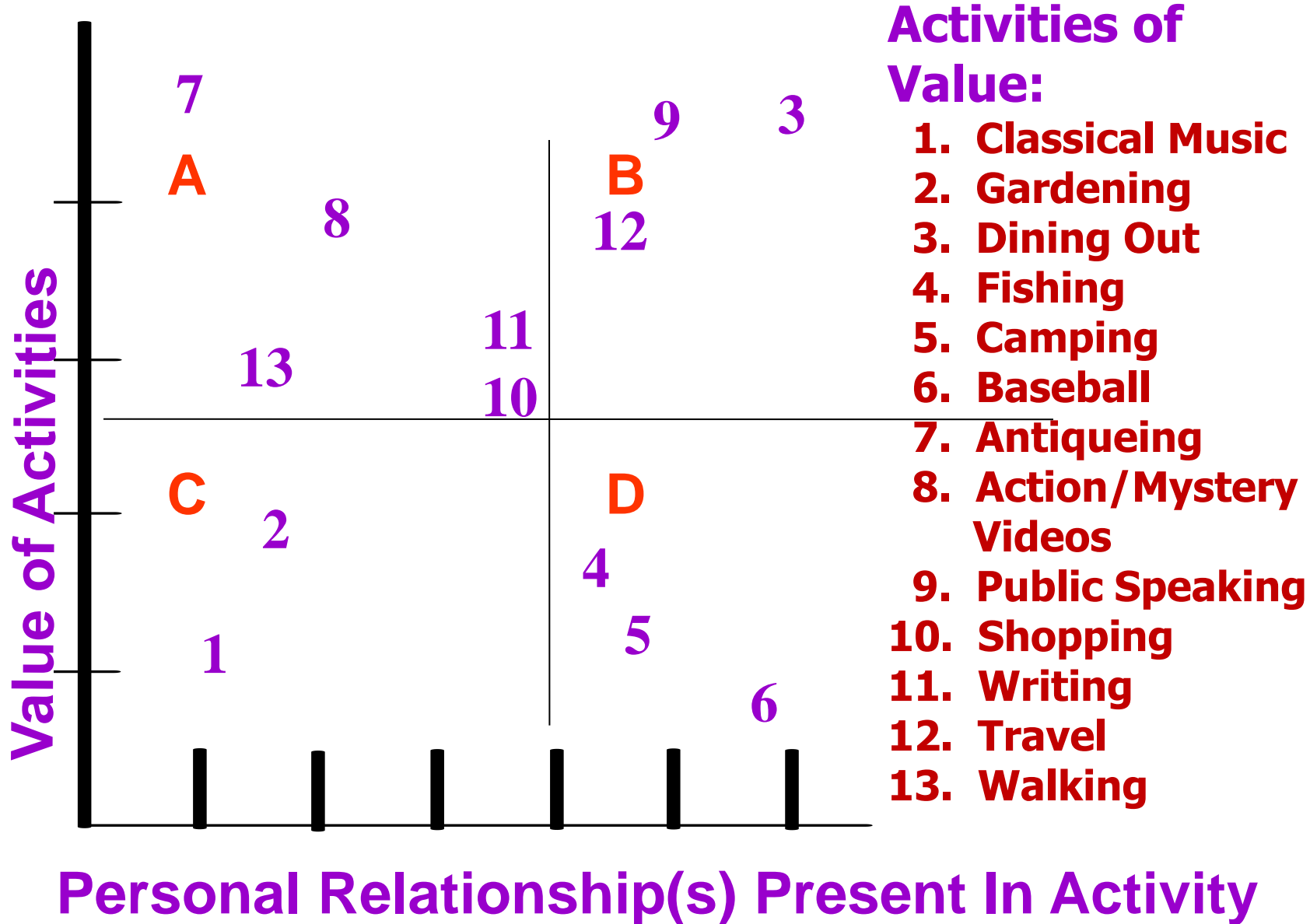
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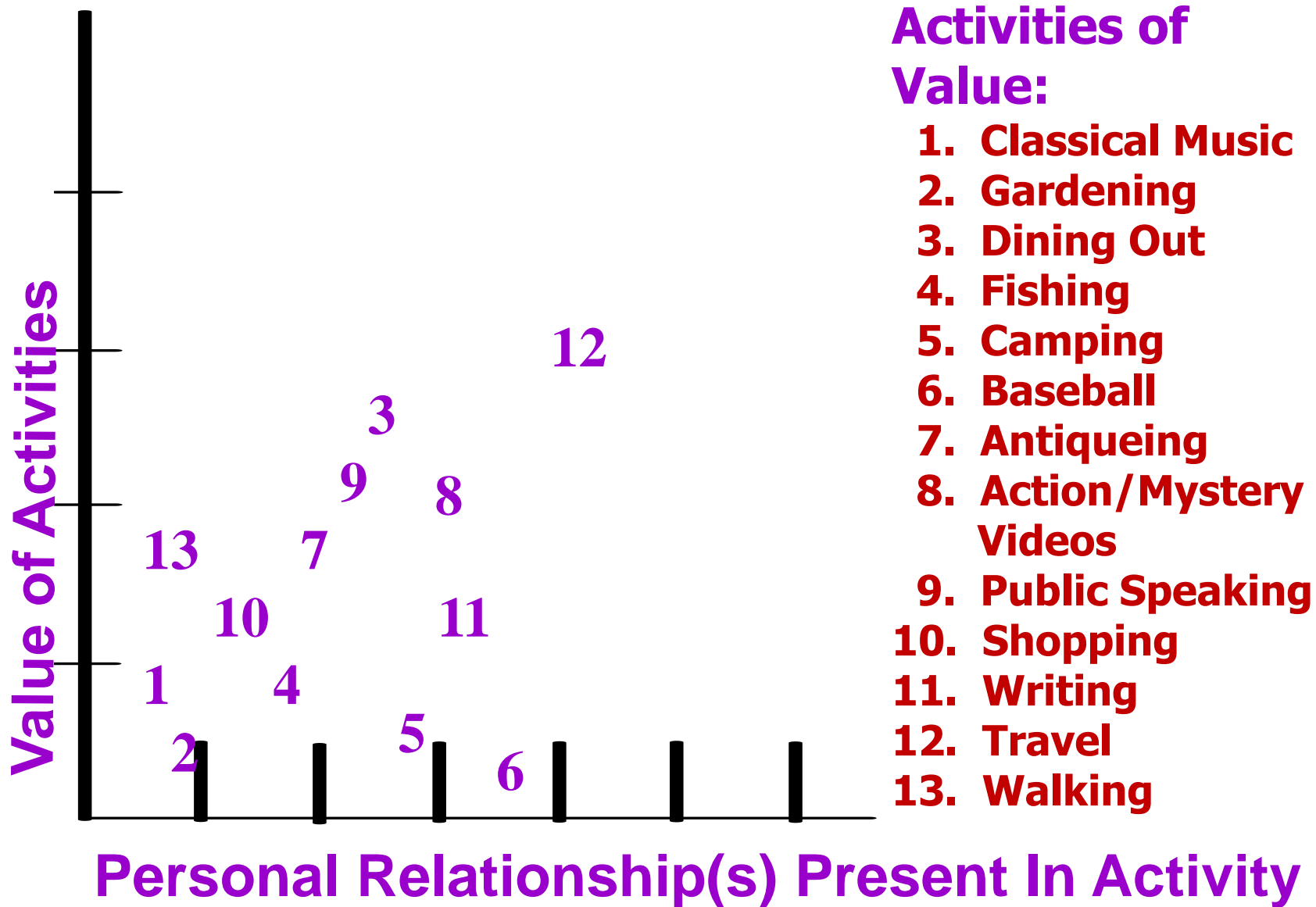
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Quality of Life Profile (Now)



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Quality of Life Profile (Before)



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A

VALUE SELF

B

**ENRICHED
(VALUE OTHERS
AND ACTIVITIES)**

C

IMPOVERISHED

D

VALUE OTHERS

Community Integration

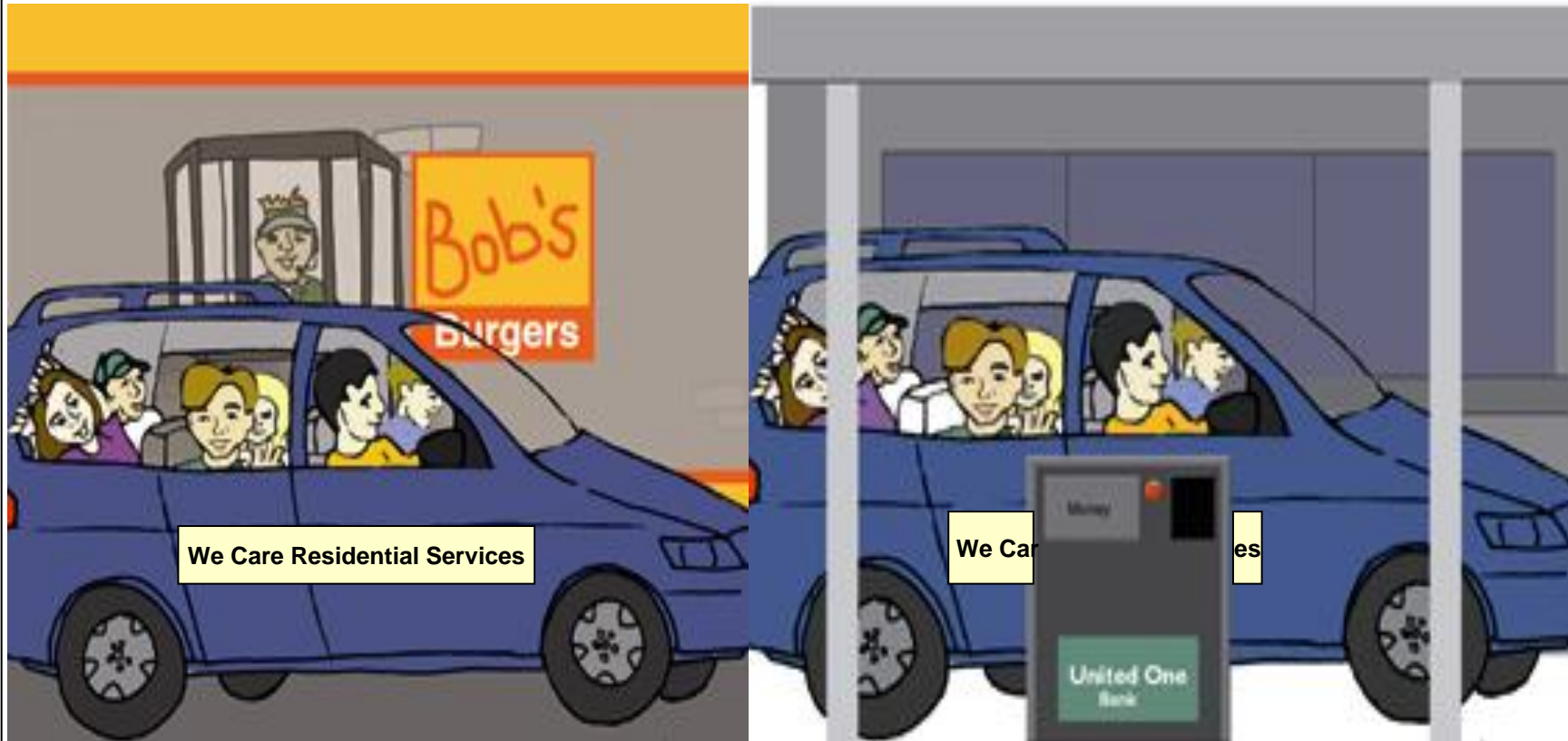
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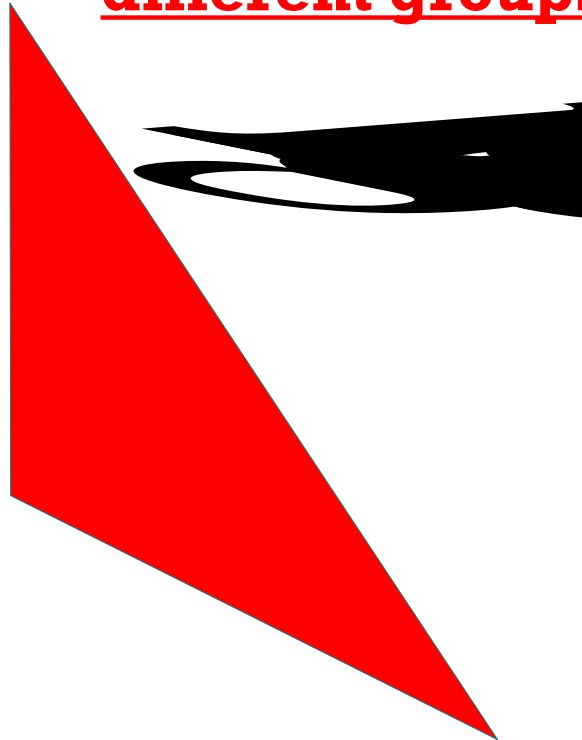
Drive Through Integration



Does drive through integration promote valued experiences and facilitate relationships?

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Community Participation

Participation (noun) 1: The act of participating 2: The state of being related to a larger whole

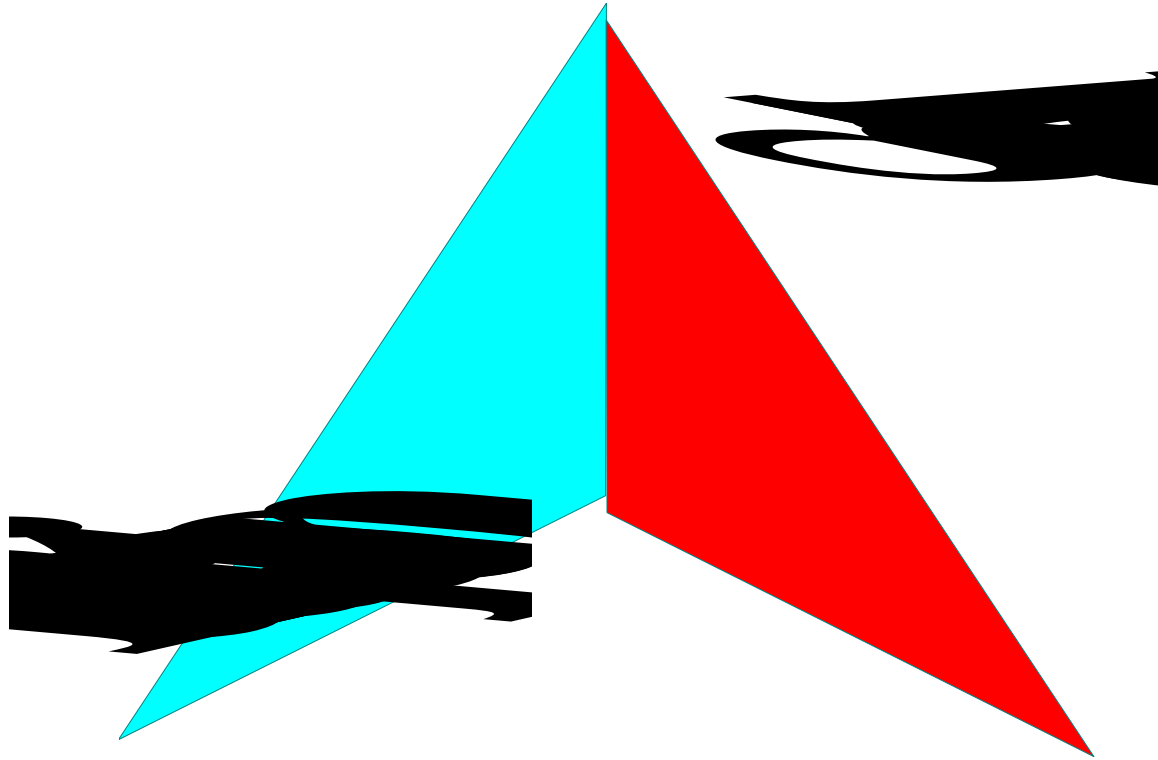


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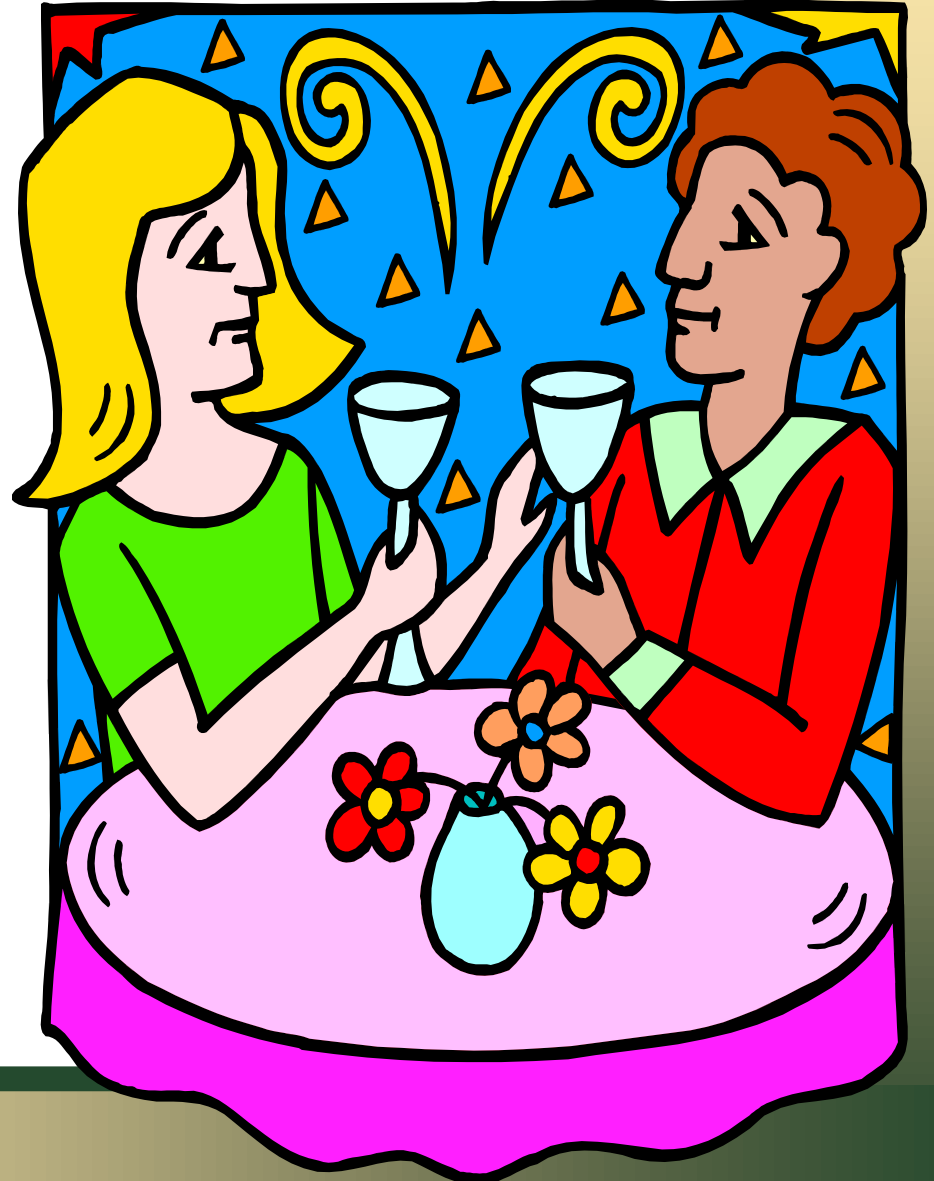
Community Relationship

Relationship (noun)

1: a connection, association or involvement

2: an emotional or other connection between people

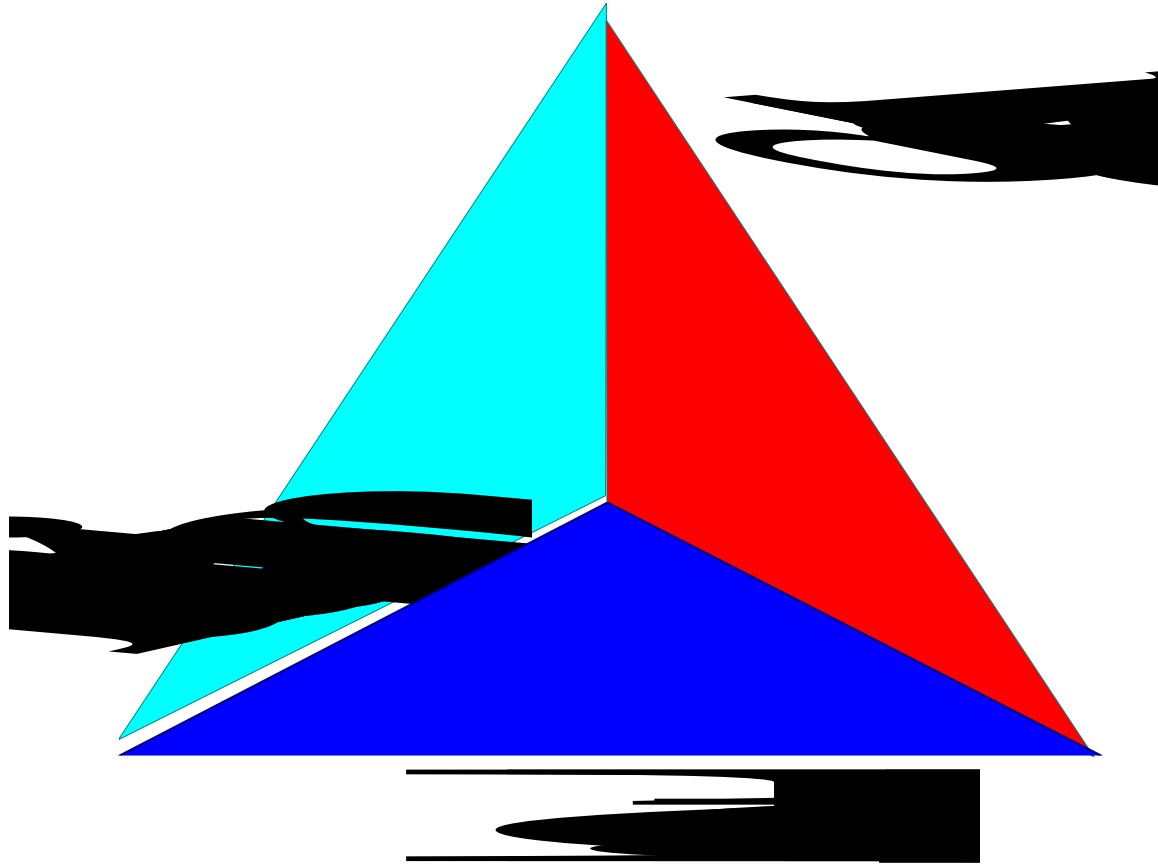
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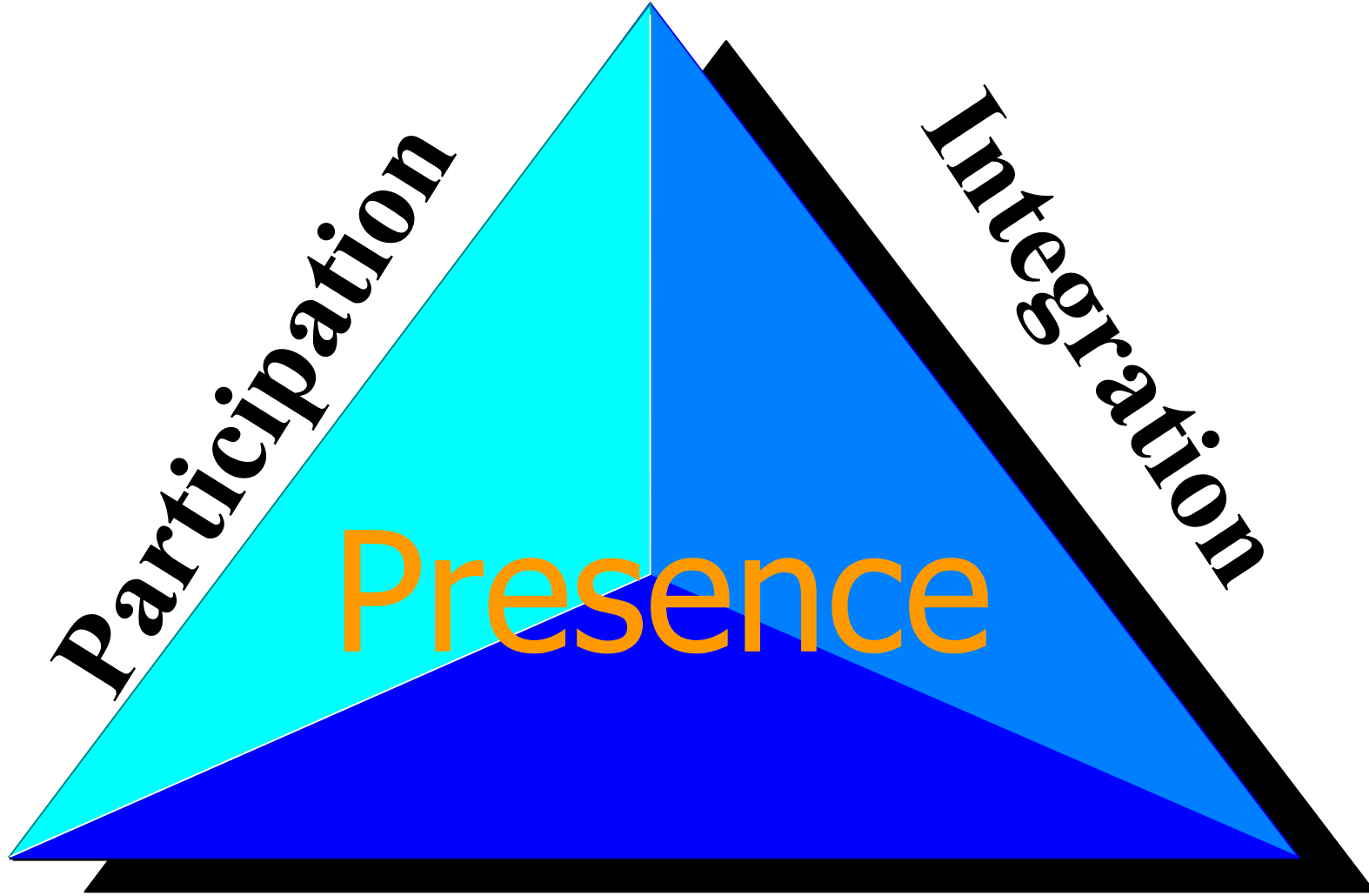
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Presence



Relationship

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Three “I’s” And a “P”

Interdependence – Mutually reliant on each other

Individuality – The aggregate of qualities and characteristics that distinguish one person from others

Inclusion – Being a member of a group

Productivity – Yielding favorable or useful results



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Natural Consequation

Alcoholic A

Enjoys his employment

Positive relationship with spouse

Hobbies like fishing and golf

Involved, caring parent

Frequent interaction with friends



Alcoholic B

Dislikes job/unemployed

Divorced

No interests

Estranged from kids

No friends

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Natural Consequation (cont'd)

Which individual has the greatest probability of achieving sobriety?

Which individual has the most to lose if he fails to achieve sobriety?



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A Good Community

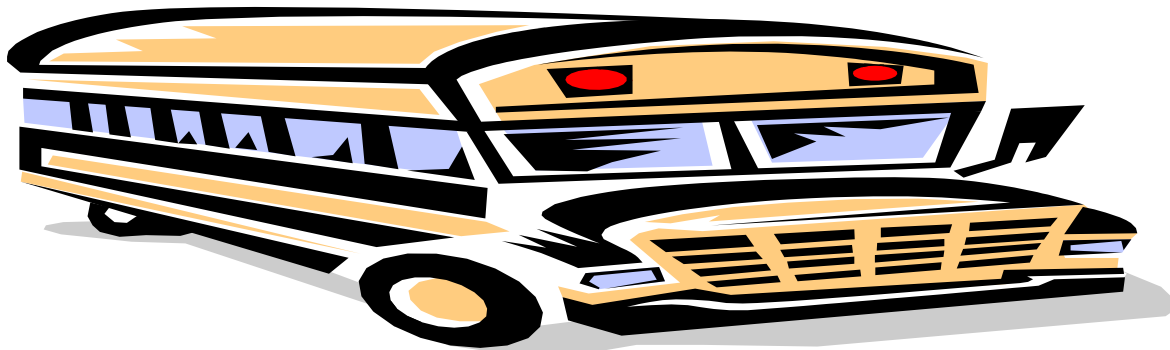
A good community insures itself by trust, by good faith and good will, by mutual help. It depends on itself for many of its essential needs and is shaped from the inside. When a community loses its memory, its members no longer know one another. How can people know each other if they never know one another's stories? If people don't know the story, how do they know whether to trust? People who **don't trust one another **do not help** one another.** Jack Pealer, Jr., "The Community Living Paper"

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Images of Life In The Community

Being 3-1/2 years old and having your pre-school teacher think you're absolutely irreplaceable; and being the one child in the class who has a severe disability.

Getting to ride the same bus to school with your brother now that there is a lift on the bus.



Listening to a friend tell her favorite story over and over again, and hearing something each time; knowing that for her to risk asking you to listen again is a sign of her capacity to trust in you.

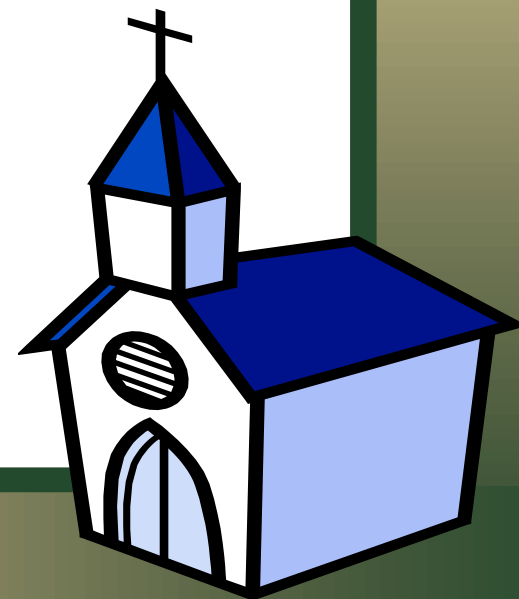
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Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Watching your son walk across the high school stage on graduation night, just as all the other graduates have done, knowing that his "autism" hasn't gone away, but celebrating the fine young man he is becoming.

Getting your first apartment at 21 with a kid you went to high school with - you were the kid in the "multiply handicapped" class; he was the volunteer from the honors program.

Using your electric wheelchair to be an usher at church on Sundays.



Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Being forgiven for failing a friend because you forgot a promise you had made and intended to keep.

Having a laugh with friends in an up-scale restaurant when you're served red skin potatoes that have been sculpted to look like giant mushrooms.

Taking your turn at the microphone during the annual community concert in the park; having the children gather around you afterwards to show them how you play the spoons.



Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Treating a friend to lunch because you want to share some of your winnings from the raffle you won at the local high school football game last week.

Helping put a roof on your neighbor's house, even though you've never done anything like that before.

Keeping in touch with a friend who is away.

Knowing your newspaper carrier by name, and having him know yours.



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Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Having your friends from the church and your family organize a schedule so you can recover from surgery at home, not in the nursing home.

Sharing your home with a friend for six years now after living in institutional places for more than 20 years.

Sitting around looking at photos with a few friends, and telling, listening to and remembering the stories.

Having a couple of friends volunteer to help take the old wallpaper off and put up new.



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Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Living in your own home even though the seizures haven't stopped; getting the help you want and need from people you select and who come when you decide they should.

Feeling confident enough about yourself and your parents to let them know, at age 22 (and having a developmental disability), that home would be a little better if it were your home; having them take you seriously and begin to plan with you to make that possible.

Having your co-workers throw a surprise birthday party for you after you all "clock out" for the night.



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Images Of Life in The Community (cont'd.)

Delivering the eulogy at the funeral of a young man who died before his dreams came true.

Always having the coffee pot on because people stop in often to visit.

Going to the local tavern on St. Patrick's Day to enjoy the music and the celebration.

Sharing dinner together and making a party out of washing the dishes.



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Images Of Life in The Community (cont'd.)

Sitting on a front porch on a street full of front porches, chatting softly with your neighbor on a summer night.

Writing letters to the editor and articles for the local newspaper.

Looking up a phone number and calling a friend with the good news that you've moved into your own place, after never "succeeding" in the telephone program you worked on for years in the group; finally having something worth using the phone for.



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Images Of Life in The Community (cont'd.)

Being a teenager who has four high school band "letters" and President's physical fitness medal, is elected to the homecoming court, and has Down Syndrome.

Visiting the same campground on the same weekend every summer so that you can visit with the family you befriended on your first trip there five years ago.

Being patiently tutored in gardening by your 76- year-old neighbor, hoping the lessons will continue for years because some things, happily, take a long time to learn.



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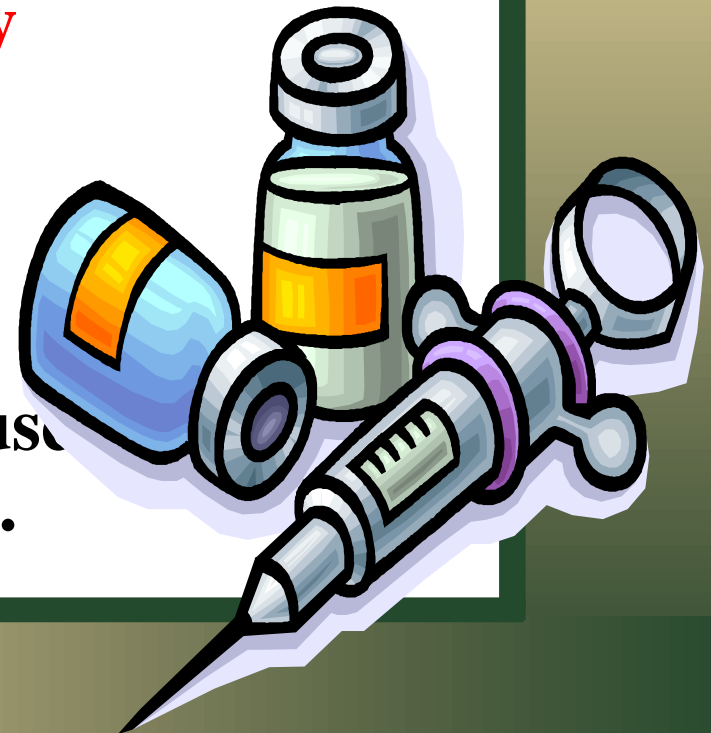
Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Being invited to share a favorite story with the children in the first grade class and being asked back on a regular basis.

Taking supper to the neighbors who have just lost their grandfather.

Looking for work; managing a challenging insulin injection procedure for yourself pretty much on your own; taking care of the house when your family is away and having an intellectual disability.

Having your neighbor stop over because he missed seeing you out this morning.



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Images Of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Remembering the person you credit with first teaching you to play basketball; being friends with that person long enough that you're taller than him now; knowing that when you first met and he gave you those first lessons he lived in a institution.

Having Sunday brunch at a friend's house nearly every Sunday for a couple of years so you can visit, have someone else do the cooking, play with the kids, and do your laundry without spending any money.



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Images of Life In The Community (cont'd.)

Hosting the annual Christmas party for the housing Association you belong to; being a part of creating and keeping traditions.

Getting to hold and rock to sleep your neighbor's grandchildren when they come to visit, even though some people still treat you as a dangerous person.



Jack Pealer, Jr, "The Community Living Paper"

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When Life Has Changed

When life has changed in desirable ways for people with disabilities, their allies, and others involved with them, strategies of collaboration and trust most often prevail.

People invest in knowing one another well—in knowing the stories of others and in sharing their own.

Jack Pealer, Jr., "The Community Living Paper"

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We Discovered His Personality



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Valued Relationships

How many relationships do the people you support have other than with:

- family members?
- paid professionals/
staff?
- individuals with
disabilities?

How does an individual's competence influence the nature of their relationships?



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Valued Roles

“People in valued social roles are apt to be accorded the good things in life, while people in socially devalued roles are apt to be mistreated.”

Wolf Wolfensberger

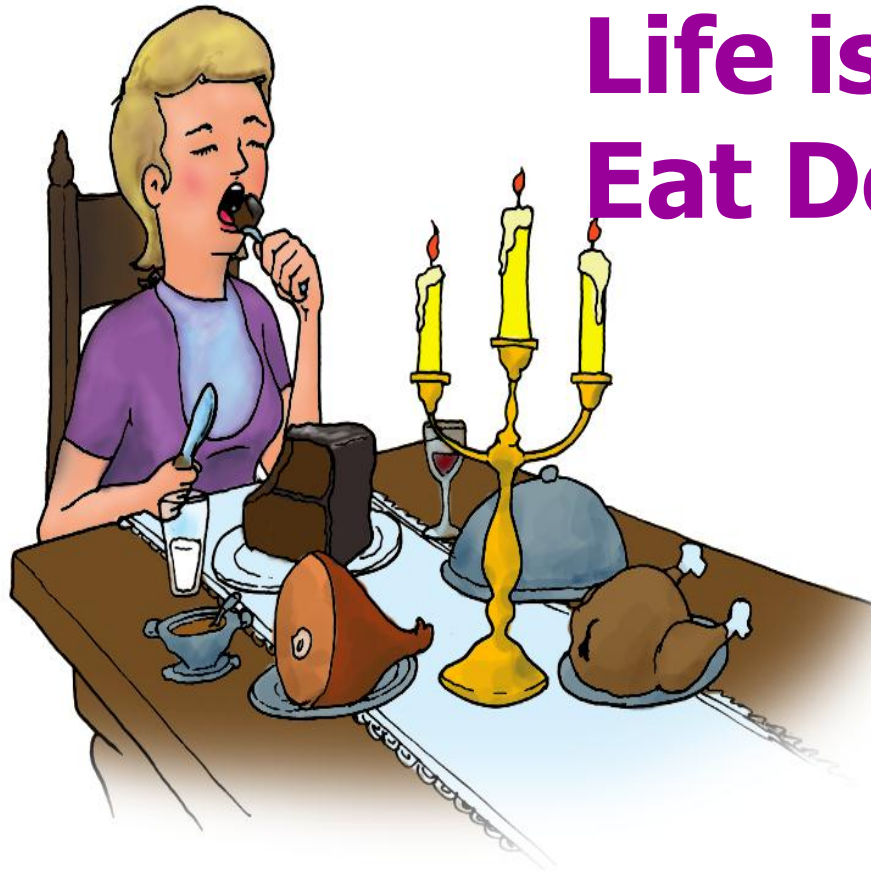


How do we assist people to obtain socially valued roles?

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Values of Universal Enhancement

**Life is Uncertain:
Eat Dessert First**



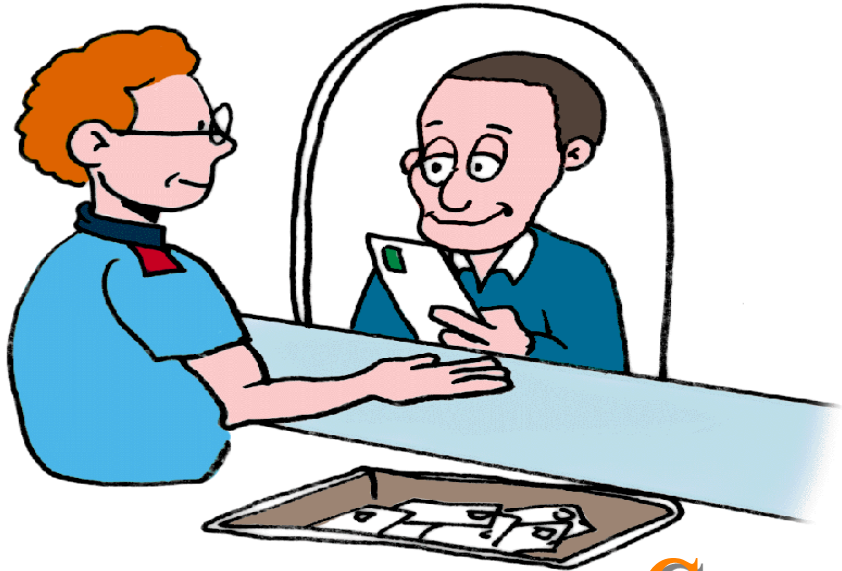
Sorry to hear
you're sick. I'll
stop by tonight!



**Best Vitamin for
Having Friends:
B-1**

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Being Connected



Rx



Joe's Burgers

Grocery



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Third Place

- A place to “go home to”
- Repeated interaction with regulars
- An atmosphere that promotes social contact

Cafe

Barber Shop

Bar

Laundromat

Exercise club

Sidewalk bench

House of worship

Library



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Consumer

How can people who are “consumers” have a life free of the system?

Consumer

Chrysler Mini Van

Food Lion

Hair Salon

Housekeepers/cooks

Washer and Dryer

Penny's, Sears

Home Telephone



Limited Means

Public Transportation

Food Pantry

Family/Friends Cut hair

Do It Yourself

Laundromat

Second hand shops

Pay phone at corner



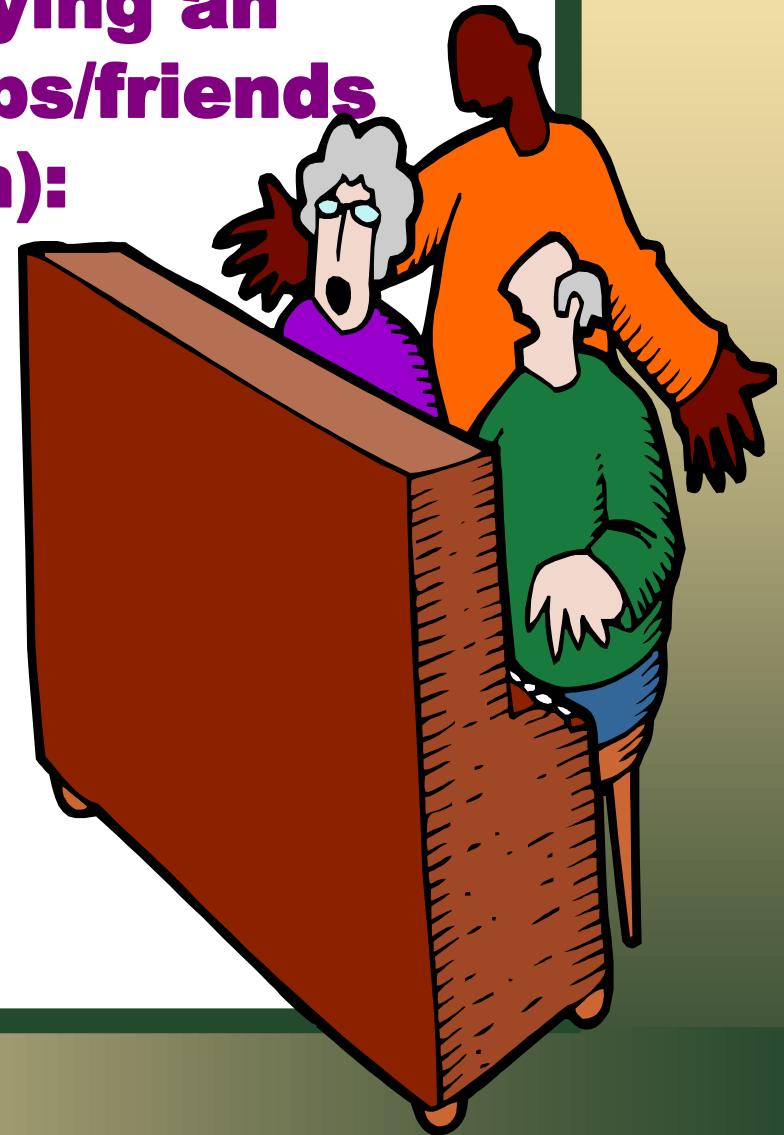
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Pathway to Friendship

Every relationship/friendship one forms in their life, other than with family, is developed as a result of playing an active role. The relationships/friends that one has nurtured as a(n):

Parishioner who collected the tithe at church...

Camper who won first place in diving at the Girl/Boy Scout Camp...



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Pathway to Friendship (cont'd)

Employee who brought tomatoes to work from their garden...

Volunteer who raised funds for a worthy cause...

Member who ran for office in a social club...

Athlete who played shortstop on a softball team...

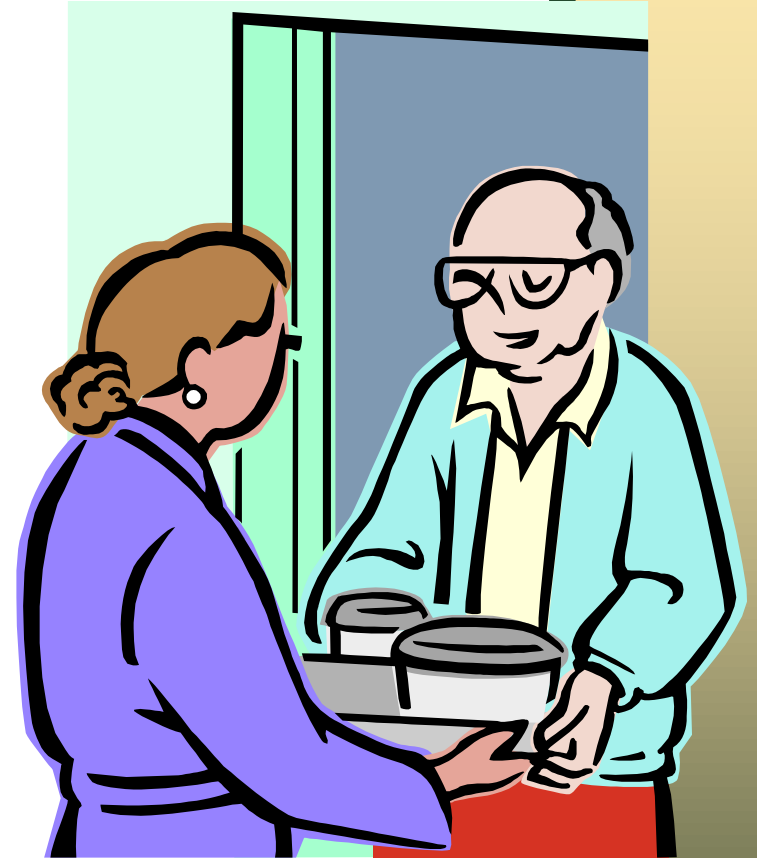


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Volunteering

Volunteering is an essential life activity and:

- is a demonstration of appreciation and thanks
- enhances sense of self
- facilitates relationships
- increases skill acquisition
- promotes adult status
- enhances QOL through meaningful engagement



How do you encourage volunteering?

Volunteer Friend

What is communicated when “friends” are recruited through newspaper ads and the volunteer is required to:

- Complete an application form
- Provide finger prints for a background check
- Submit to a Tine test
- Provide a urine specimen for drug testing
- Show proof of auto insurance
- Give references



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Pathways To Friendship (cont'd)

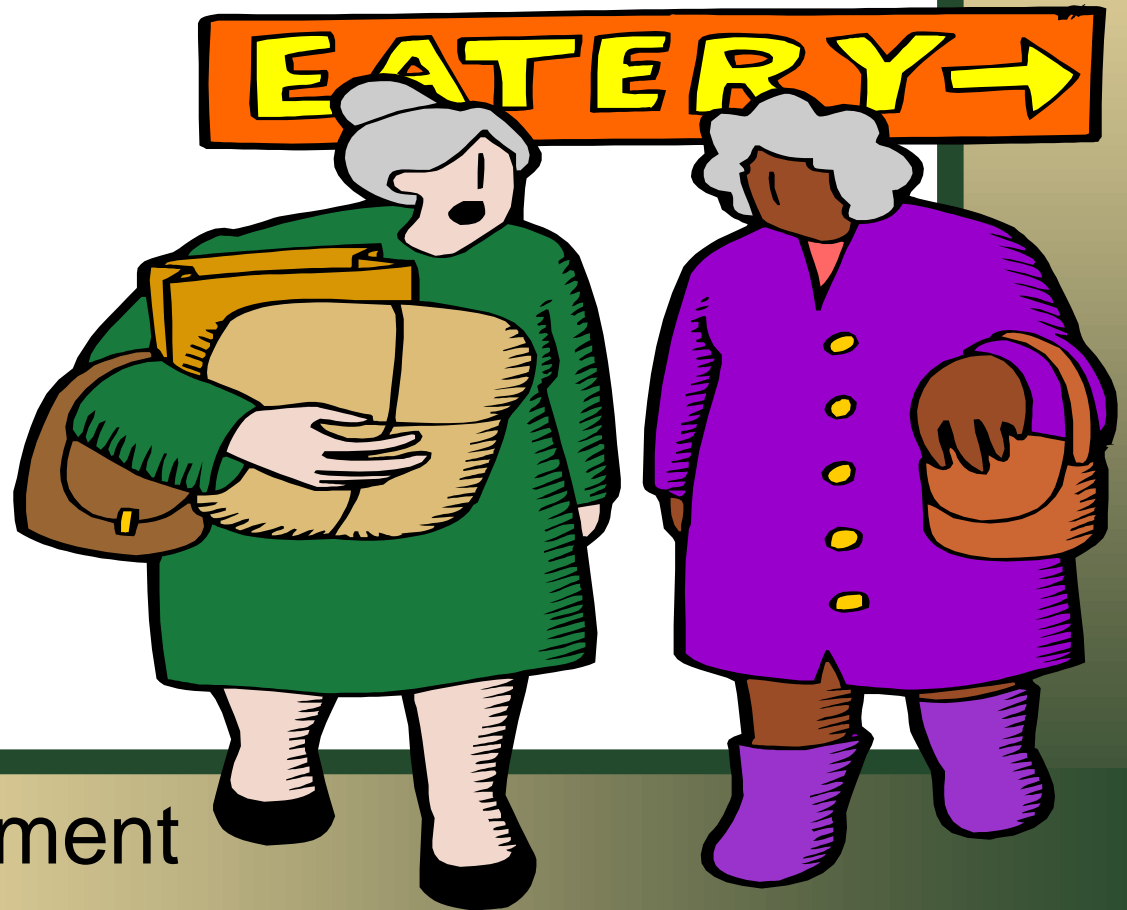
Student who played in a high school band...

Parent who volunteered time at their child's school as a room monitor...

...enhances the quality of one's life.

People who lack roles tend to lack friends

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Being In Is Not Enough

IN the Community

vs.

OF the Community

Present;

Located;

There

Connected to;

Having a presence;

*Assimilated with
others;*

*An integral part;
Included*



As in . . .

OF the Jewish faith

Member OF the Pomeranz
family

Member OF the Garden Club

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To The People

**People with disabilities
need pride and power!**

**Civic engagement is a
strategy to that end -**

Voting

Campaigning

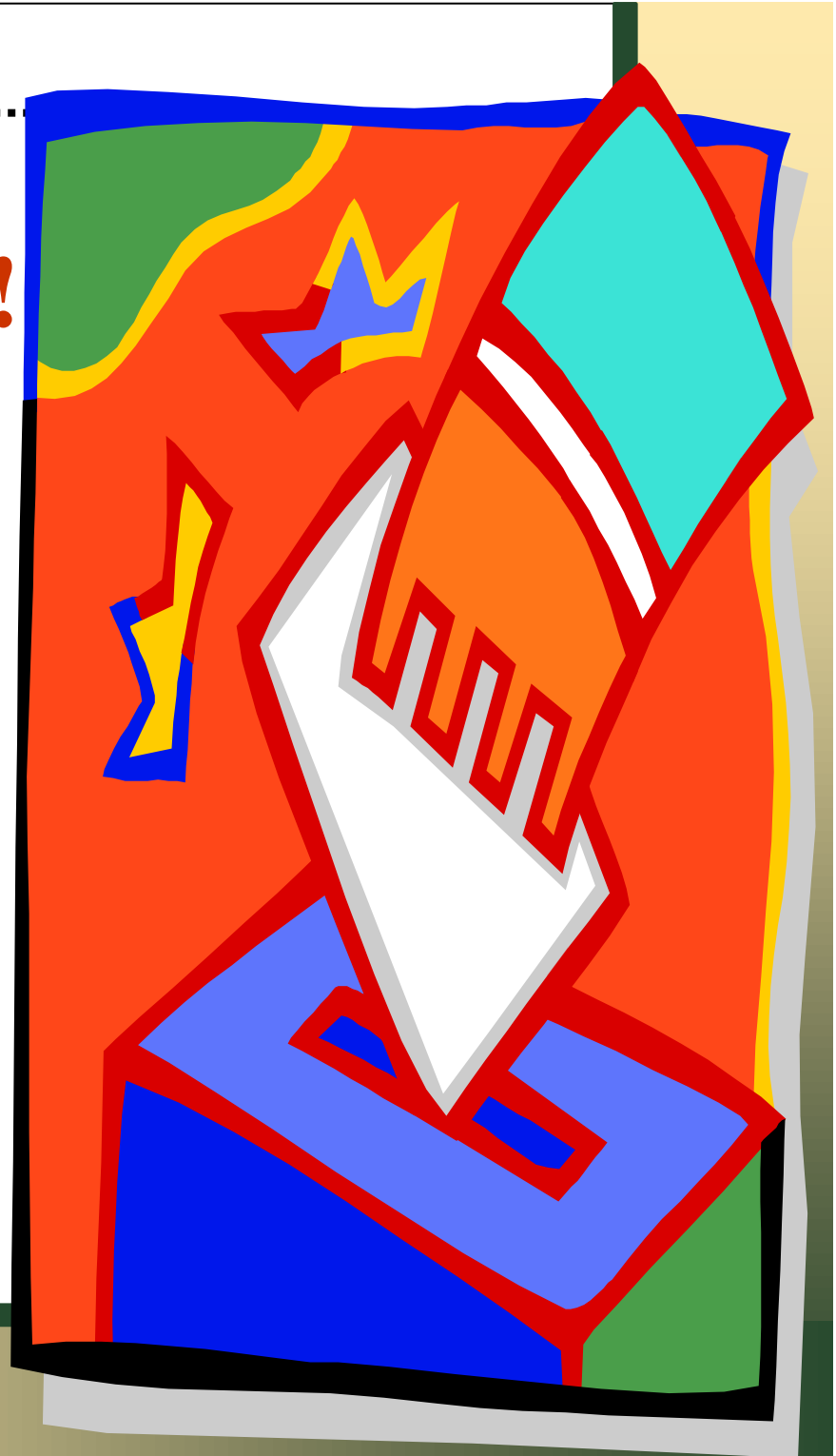
Fund raising

Donating to a cause

Petitioning for issues

Participating at hearings

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Whose Community?

When support staff “bring” a support recipient into *their* personal life by...

- *taking them to their church;*
- *having them visit with their family;*
- *inviting them to their holiday functions;*
- *having them be with their friends;*

...what happens to these relationships when the staff move on?



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Dear Friend...

Dear Friend:

All creatures Great and Small need homes of their own. Draw a line to match each creature with a home.



Wait! There aren't enough homes! In our metropolitan area, there are 658 children and adults with developmental disabilities waiting for safe and comfortable homes. This year, Rainbow Village hopes to open four new homes for people in need. But we can't do it without your support. Please join us as we make quality living a reality for people who have no place to call "home". By doing so, you will directly provide permanent homes that that are designed to last a lifetime. Currently, 90 residents live in 20 Rainbow Village Homes located throughout . Help us help more people this year by sending your tax deductible gift in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely,

President

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Inclusion Makes A Difference



Taken from "Journey to Inclusion"

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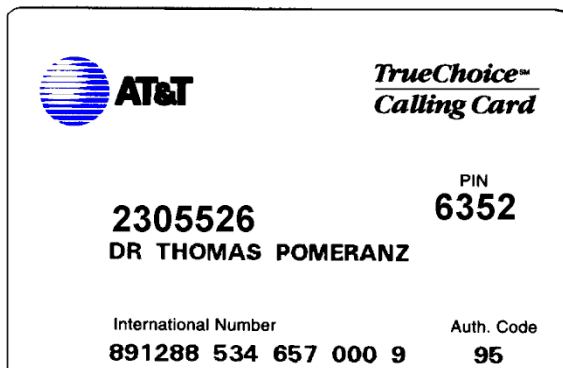
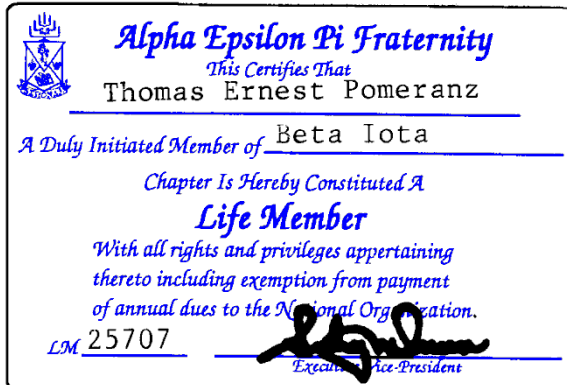
Community Presence



Sometimes my activities are spontaneous. I am never sure when I will need the extra cash for an unexpected night out with friends.

Some of my friendships have endured from college. I am a life member of my college fraternity. It's great to get news on how my "brothers" are doing.

Given how much I travel, this card gets a workout. Since I am often away from home, I like to stay in touch with my friends.



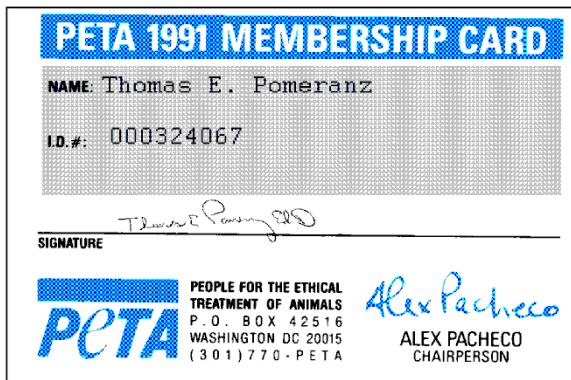
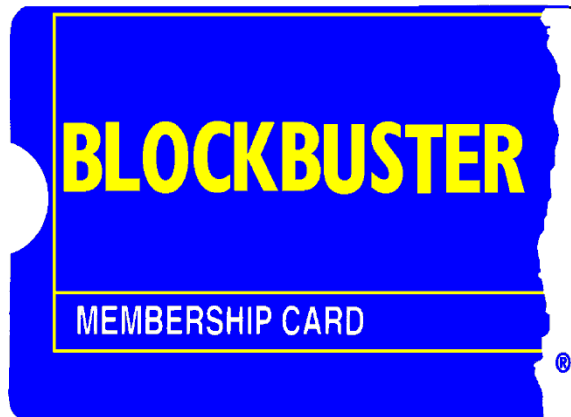
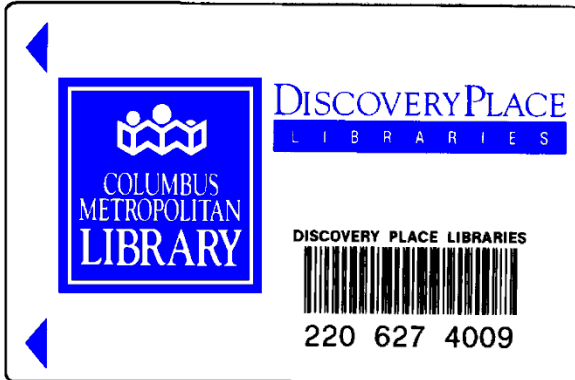
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Community Presence (cont'd)

Reading is important to me. I can hardly wait for the next Stephen King thriller. My colleagues at work are big Stephen King fans too.

I like movies - especially "blow 'em up, blood and guts flicks." On weekends I usually watch Steven Segall and Arnold Swartzenager action movies with a couple of my buddies.

Though I don't volunteer as much as I would like, I do enjoy working with animals at the humane society.



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Community Presence (cont'd)

I make myself heard -- I try to vote in every election. Influencing who is elected to govern my country and community is an important responsibility I have as a citizen.

Now that I have hit the big "60+," my focus in life has shifted. AARP offers me the opportunity to receive literature containing information helpful in assessing my options for retirement.

My membership in AAA really comes in handy. I can't tell you how many times they have routed my vacations or gotten me going in an emergency.

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April 4, 1996

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"I Am Somebody!"



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Burden

**There is no
greater
load than
the man
who
carries no
load at all.**

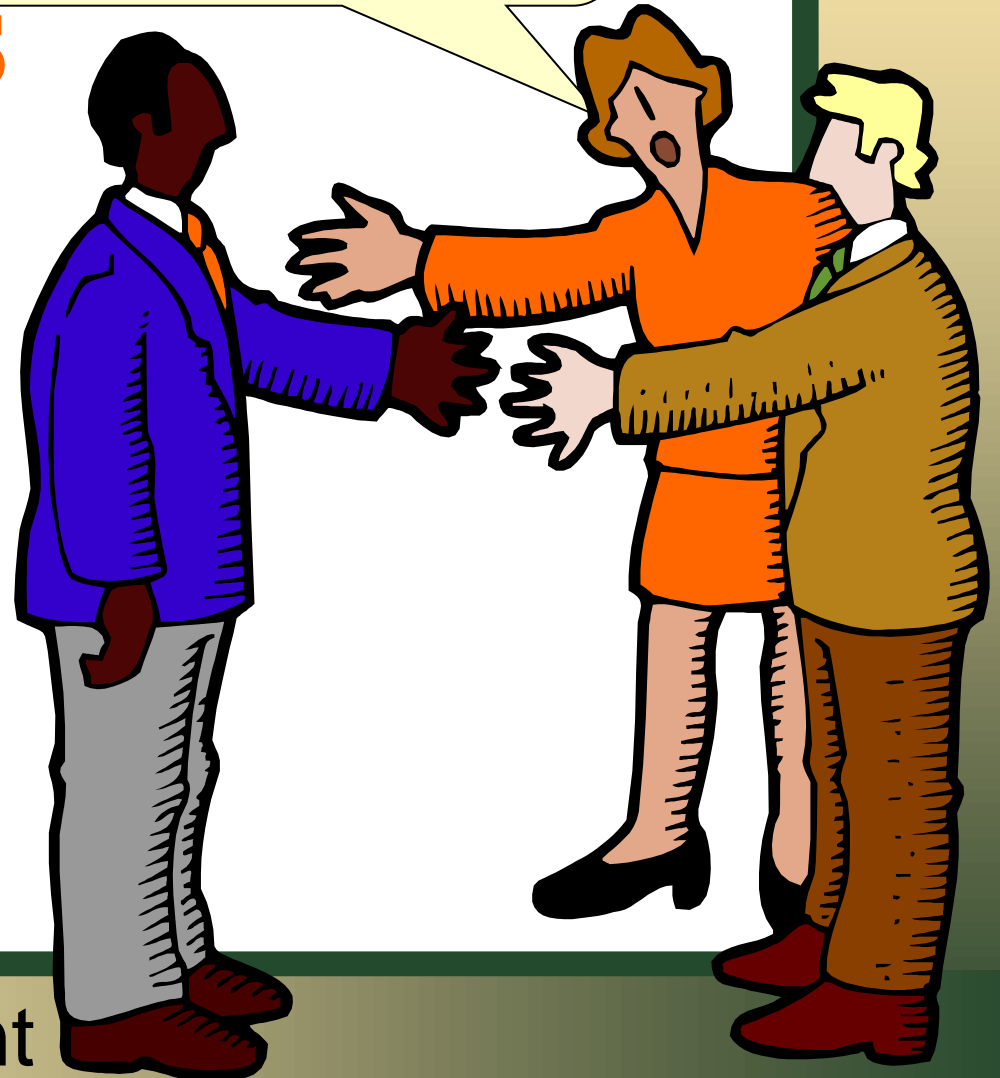


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Making Introductions

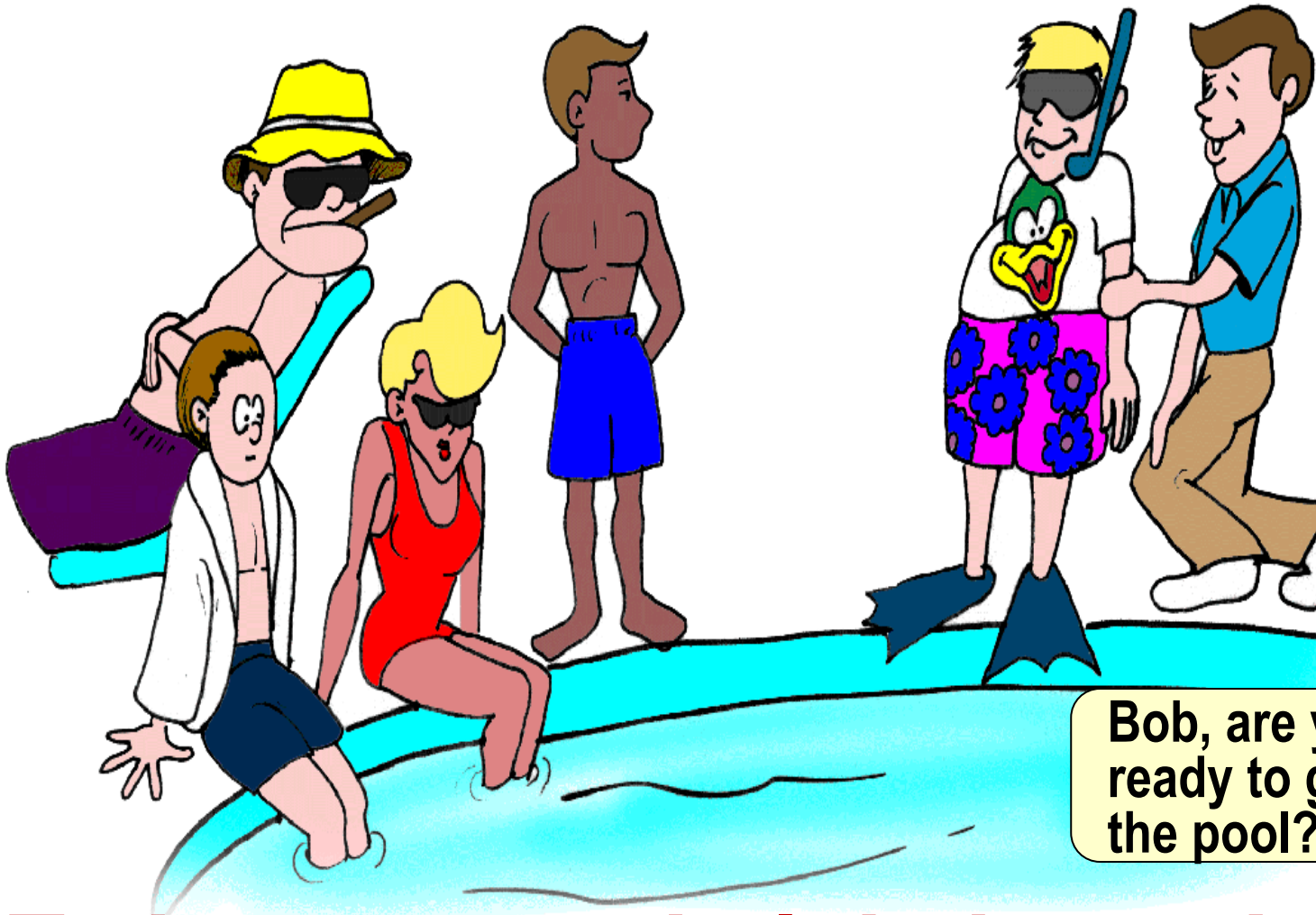
Making introductions is an essential skill for support staff.

Paul, I would like you to meet Ed.



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Community Referencing



Bob, are you ready to get in the pool?

To be accepted - it helps to know the territory.

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The Dress Standard

When leaving their homes in the morning, people you support should present themselves no differently than the staff who support them!

“Sue, your hair looks great and I really like your new cologne.”



Are the people you support encouraged to:

- *wear jewelry?*
- *carry wallets/purses?*
- *apply perfume?*
- *use cosmetics?*
- *get stylish hairstyles?*

Pockets and Purses

**Items
Carried:**

String

Apple core

**Styrofoam
cup**



**Items
Carried:**

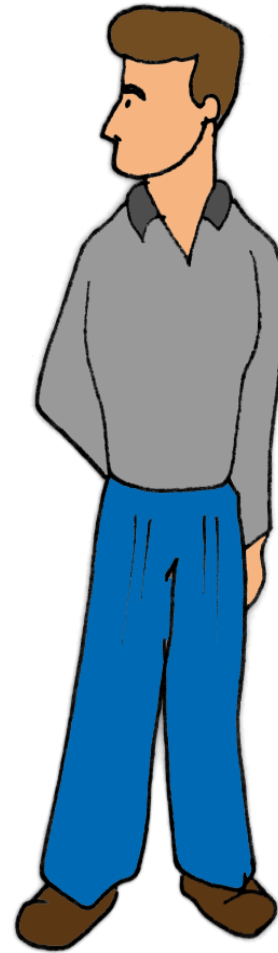
Wallet

Key

Case

Comb

Pen



The items we allow individuals to carry are directly correlated to our perception of their ability.

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Clothing Protector

Code word for bib.

Provide individuals who are not neat when eating with:

- **Kitchen aprons**
- **Barbecue aprons**
- **Chef's aprons**
- **Disposable restaurant aprons**

Covering people with towels and other linens during meal-time is only acceptable for babies!



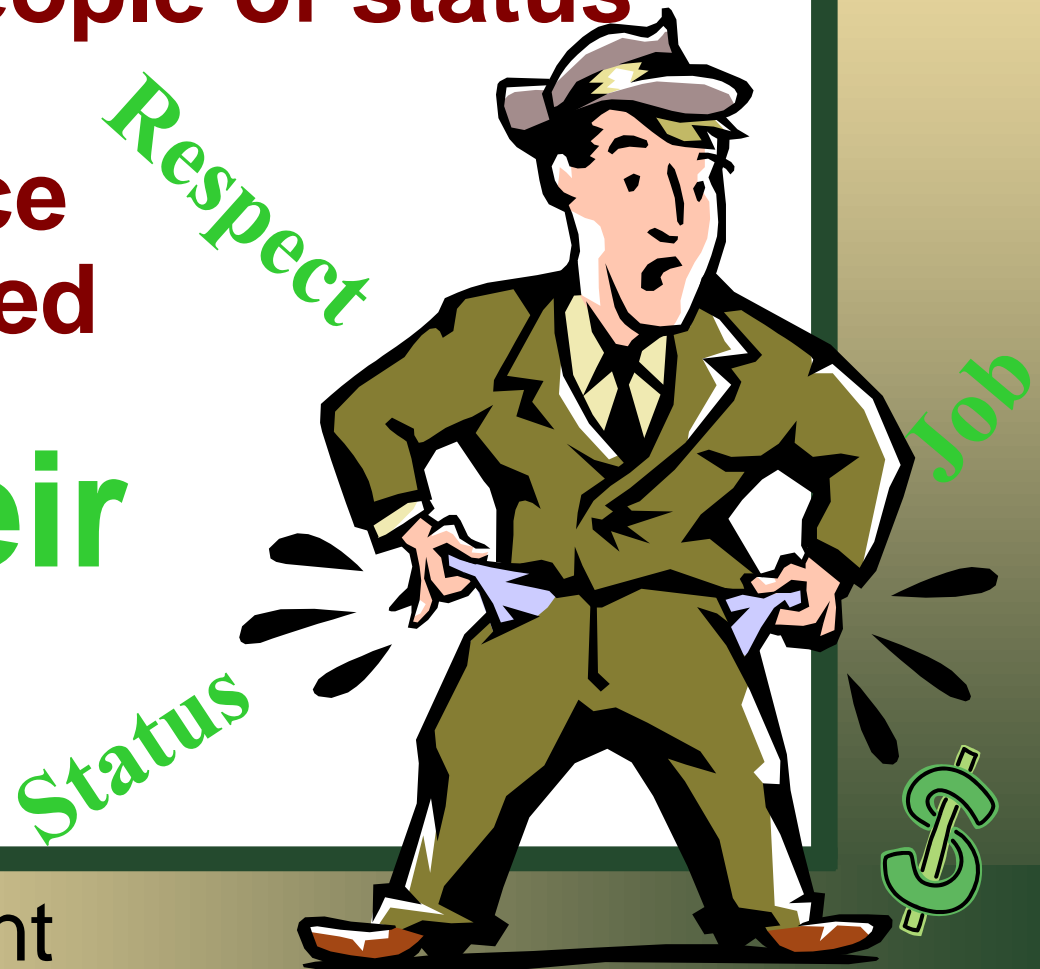
Social Capital

Many people with disabilities are socially bankrupt!

Help them obtain social capital by:

- **Connecting with people of status**
- **Generating wealth**
- **Gaining competence**
- **Working in respected positions**

Invest in their future!



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Avoidance of Humiliation

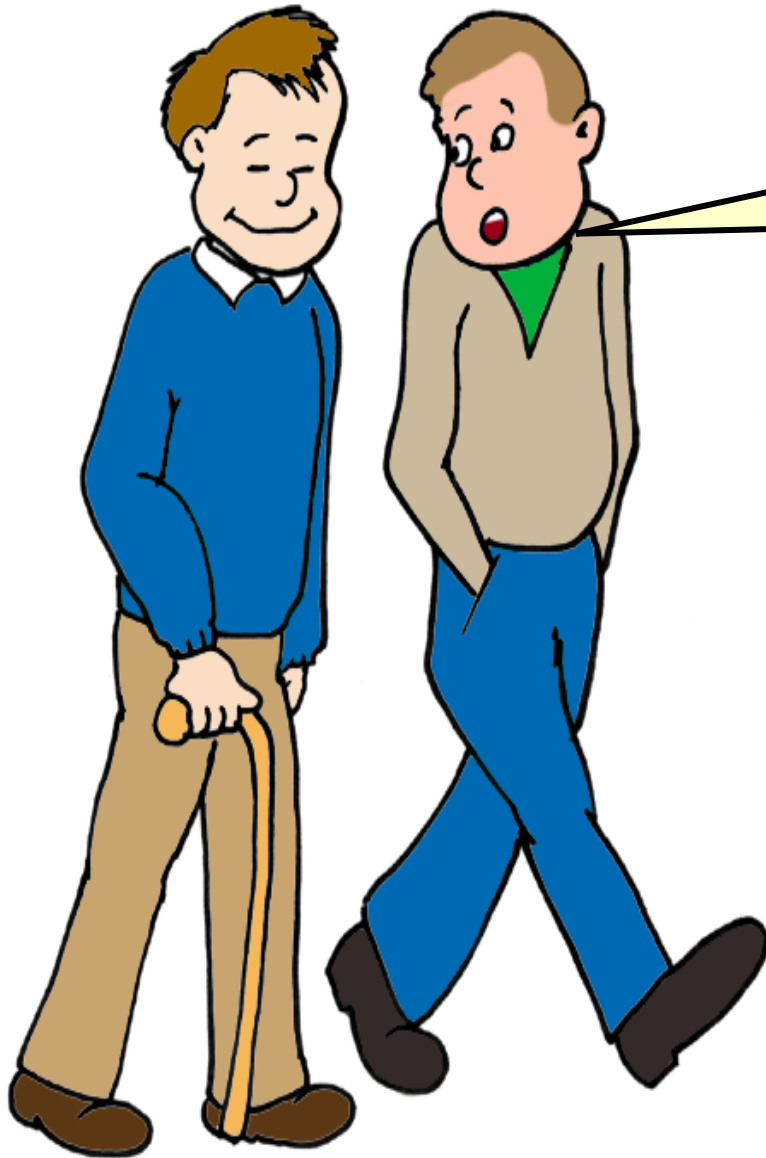
The primary responsibility of support staff is to avoid at all cost, the public humiliation of the people they support.

How do the people you support look in the eyes of others?

Is that guy weird looking or what?!



Bonding



Where would you like to go to dinner tonight?

In order to have a friend - You must be one!

This Is A Quality Relationship?

“They are my clients”

“I am assigned to them”

“I am doing these clients”

“These are
my cases”



These clients are
mine tonight!



“I’m
taking
care of
those
clients”

“I have them”

“I’m in charge of these
three”

“I’m over this group”

Words and phrases which describe a management or controlling function serve as obstacles to bonding.

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Seeing the Individual

Can you identify these traits in the persons for whom you provide support?

Loving

Honest

Independent

Caring

Faithful

Kind

Optimistic

Sincere

Industrious

Sensitive

Cautious

Assertive

Forgiving

Shy

Patient

Empathetic

Determined

Spontaneous

Creative

Motivated

Generous

We must be able to see through the individual's disabilities and challenges and appreciate the beauty of their personality.



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Seeing The Individual (cont'd)

How do you see the people you support?

Violent

Addictive

Destructive

Obsessive

Defiant

Vulgar

Deceptive

Manipulative

Angry

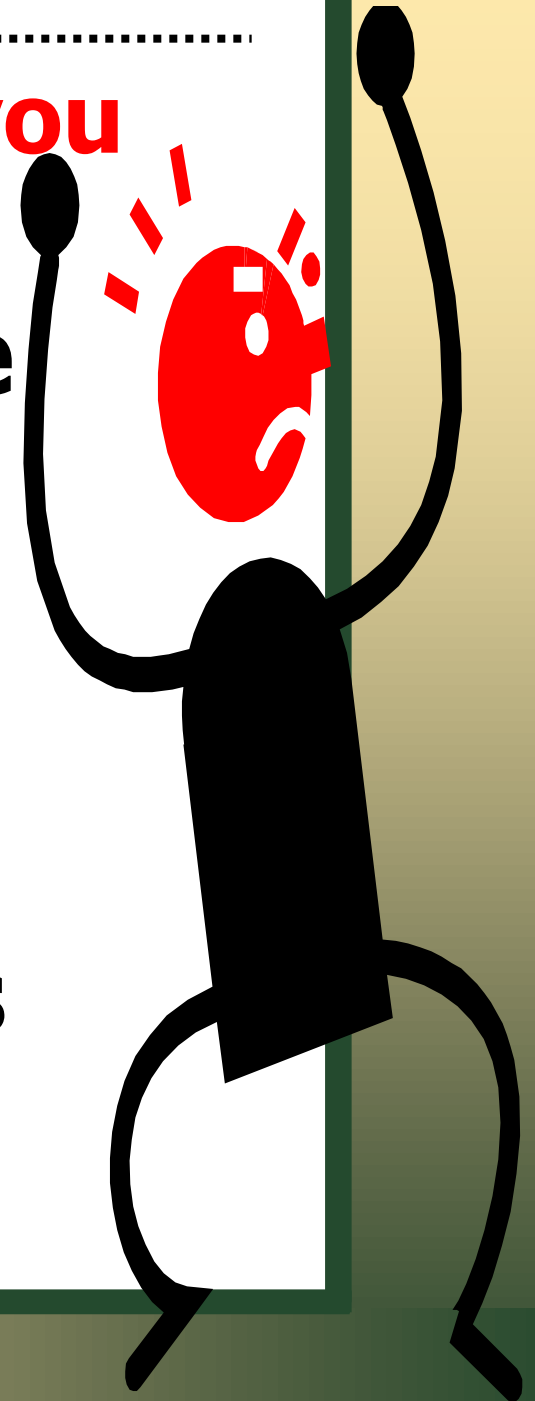
Obstinate

Aggressive

Hostile

Promiscuous

Disgusting



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Building Relationships

When was the last time you had
“fun” with one of the people you
support?



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Objectives In An ISP

When individuals with significant intellectual challenges who require pervasive supports can:

Salute

Wink

Cross their eyes

Hold their nose

Snap their fingers

Wiggle their nose

Make a fish face

Do thumbs up

Blow a kiss

Roll their eyes



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Objectives In An ISP (contd)

Make a pig nose
Whistle

Make a snoring sound
Crack their knuckles

Give a high five

What does that mean?

Click their tongue
Give the power sign

Give the victory sign

Thumb their noses

Give a "wencher"

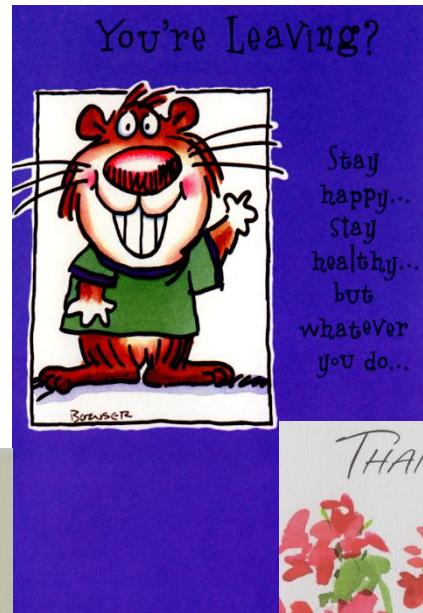


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Sentiments



I used to wonder
if what people
said was true--
that love keeps
getting better
as time goes by...
And now I know
the answer,
at least for us,
because the longer
we're together,
the more I find
to love about you.



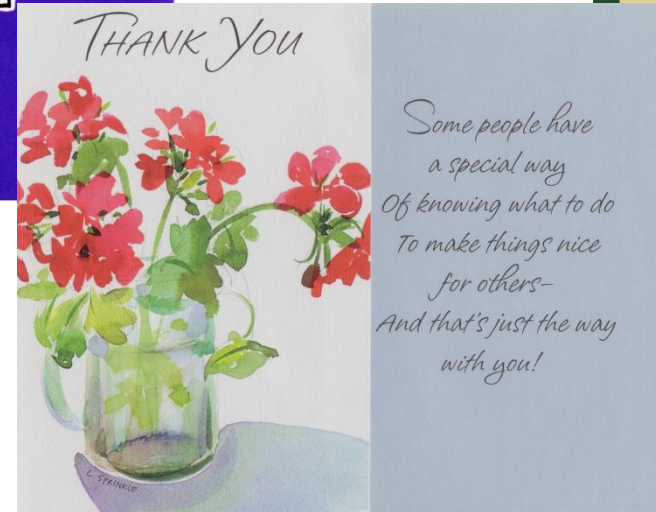
Stay
happy...
Stay
healthy...
but
whatever
you do...

..Stay
in touch.

Best Wishes!



I just want to tell you
how much it means
to have a friend
like you.
If I need someone to talk to
or to laugh with
or just to be there,
I can always count on you.
You're a very special person,
and I hope your birthday
is as happy
as you've made
so many days for me.

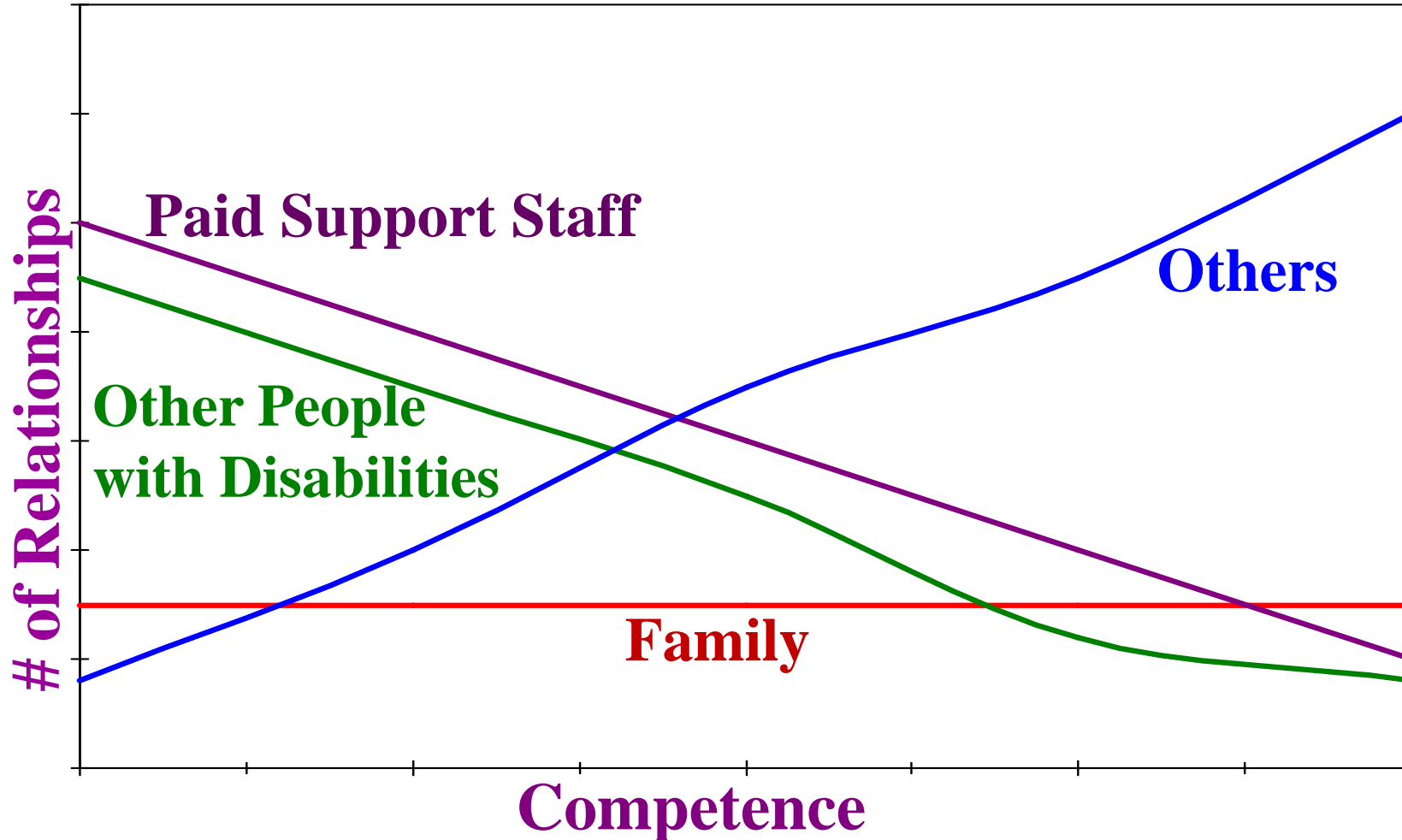


Some people have
a special way
of knowing what to do
To make things nice
for others--
And that's just the way
with you!

Do the people you support send/receive these sentiments, indicating how they feel about others and how others feel about them?

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Higher IQ—More Relationships



The more competent and capable the person, the greater number of relationships that are likely to be formed.

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Being Missed

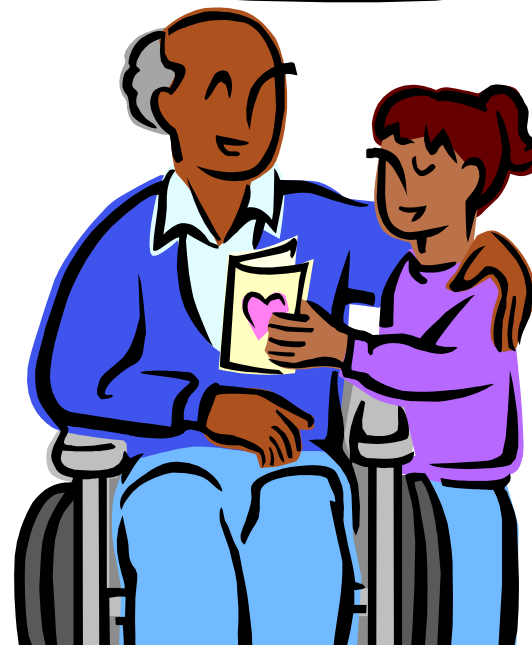
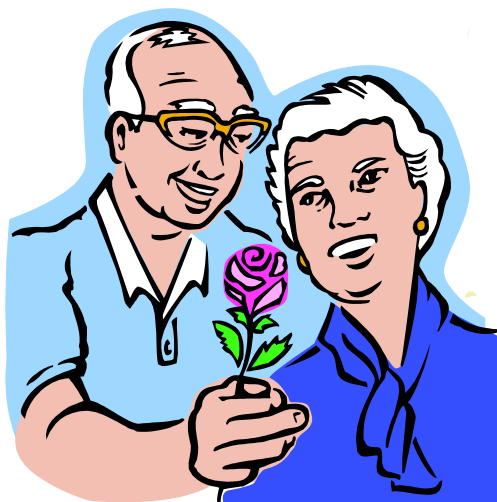
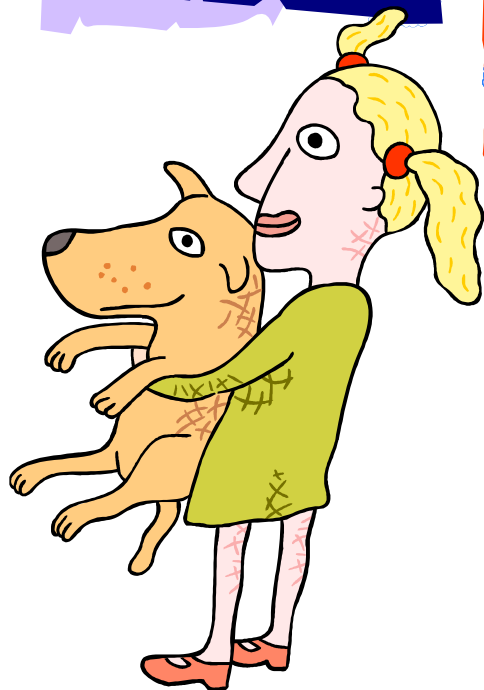


Where is Susan? Have you seen her today?

Having relationships - and being part of your community means being missed by others when absent.

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Who Do You Love and Who Loves You?



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Community

“The community is not there to find-- it has to be built.”



--John O'Brien

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Friendship

"Friendship is a thing most necessary to life, since without friends no one would choose to live, though possessed of all other advantages."

Aristotle

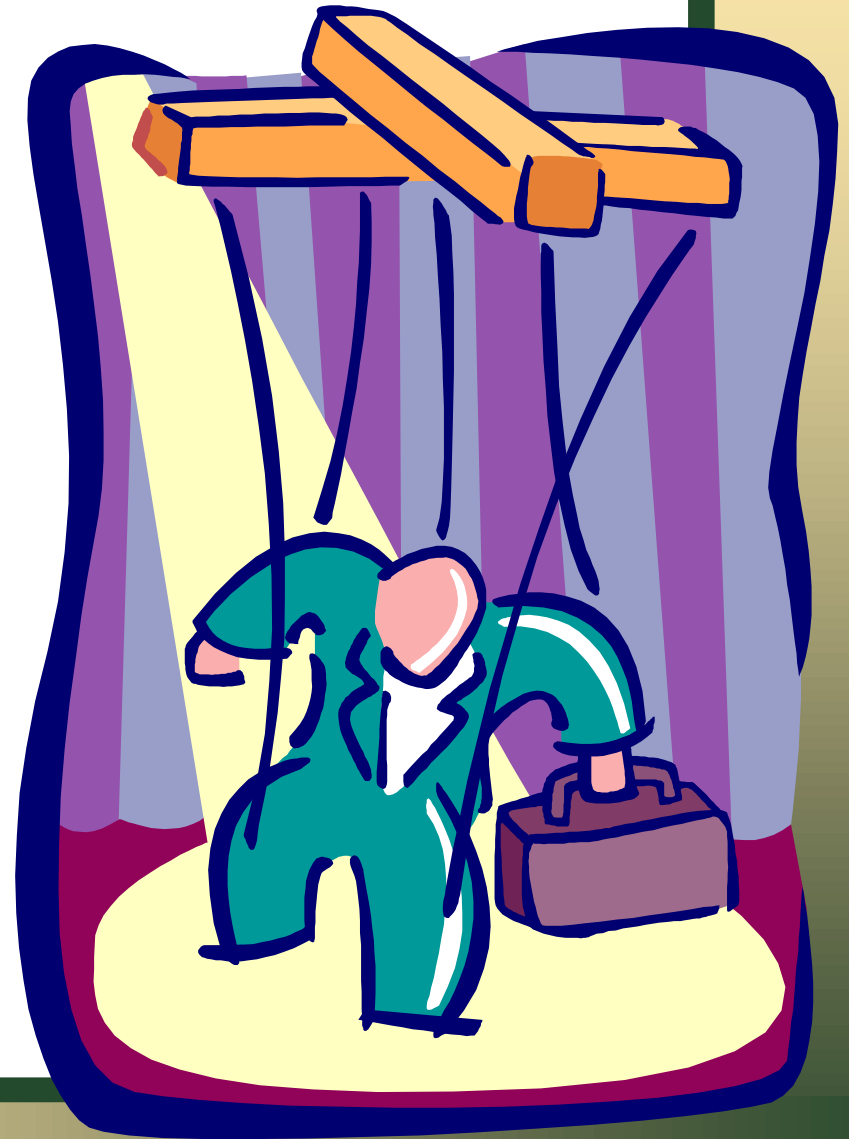
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Independence

"Independence does not mean doing things yourself... It means being in control of how things are done."

Judy Heuman,
Assistant Secretary of Special Education
and Rehabilitation Services



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Dignity in Death

What roles do housemates, friends and non-paid supports play in:

Serving as pall bearers

Delivering a eulogy

Writing an obituary

Deciding on burial arrangements i.e.: clothing, artifacts, coffin

Participating in ritualistic mourning i.e.: attending wake, gathering of friends

Developing a memorial service

Expressing condolences to the deceased family i.e.: sympathy cards

Requesting items valued by the deceased to kindle cherished memories

Supporting others in the grieving process

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What Is Inclusion?

a climate of acceptance is created -- no one is rejected or locked out.

acknowledges that everyone has different skills, talents and gifts to offer -- no one has to be good at everything.

all individuals work together as a team in a partnership -- we don't work in isolation.

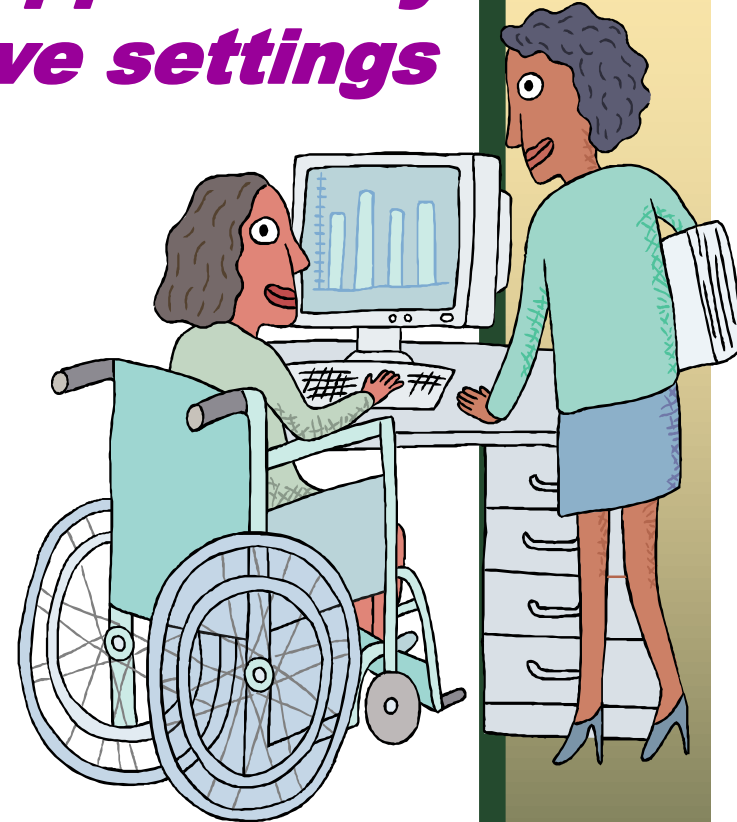


Inclusionary Model

Provides individuals with an opportunity to be integrated into normative settings

Emphasizes the importance of an individual's fullest participation in all activities, regardless of the individual's general competence and ability

Focuses on identifying and providing the supports and assistance an individual may need in order to participate



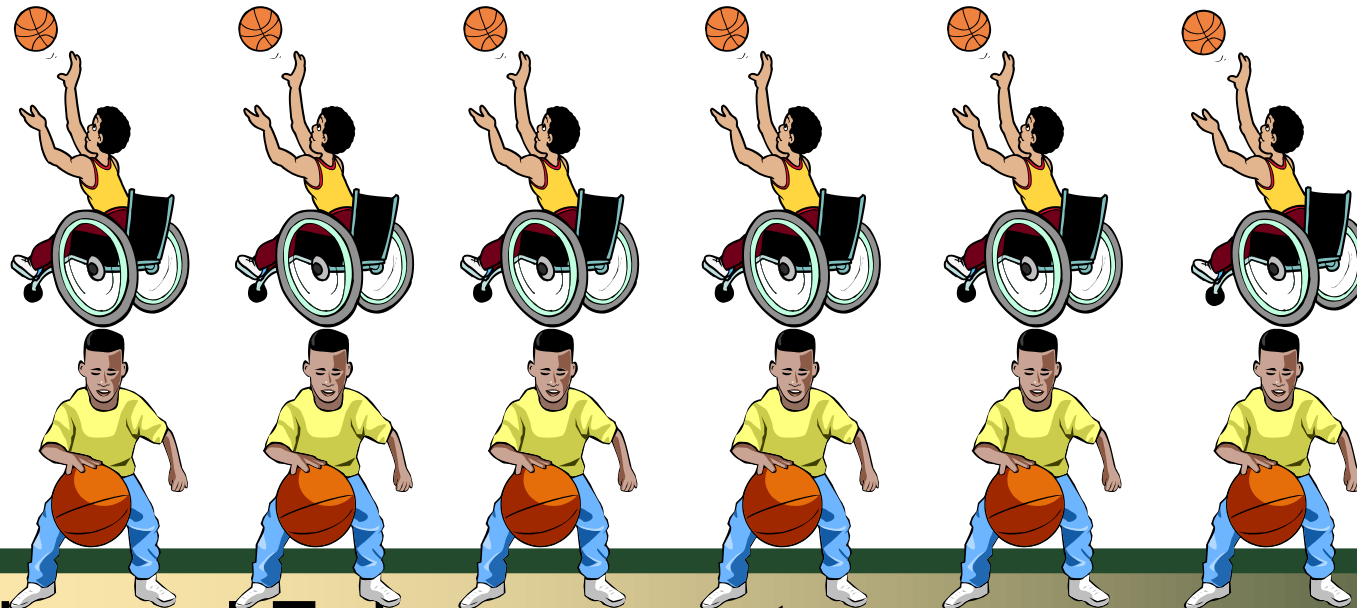
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Parallel Integration

.....is an oxymoron.

Parallel: Being of equal distance apart.
straight lines that do not intersect.

Integration: The bringing of people of different groups (e.g. racial, ethnic) into equal association.



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Inclusionary Model (cont'd.)

Is characterized by gentleness, openness and humor -- it is not rigid, regimented or authoritarian

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Humor



LEFT: Dennis Richter uses his scissor-fingers to feign cutting off friend Dennis Price's ponytail during a lunch break at Lafayette Work Center.

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Inclusionary Model (cont'd.)

Is characterized by gentleness, openness and humor -- it is not rigid, regimented or authoritarian

Talking openly about differences in a productive, positive way -- not ignoring differences or talking about them in stereotypical ways

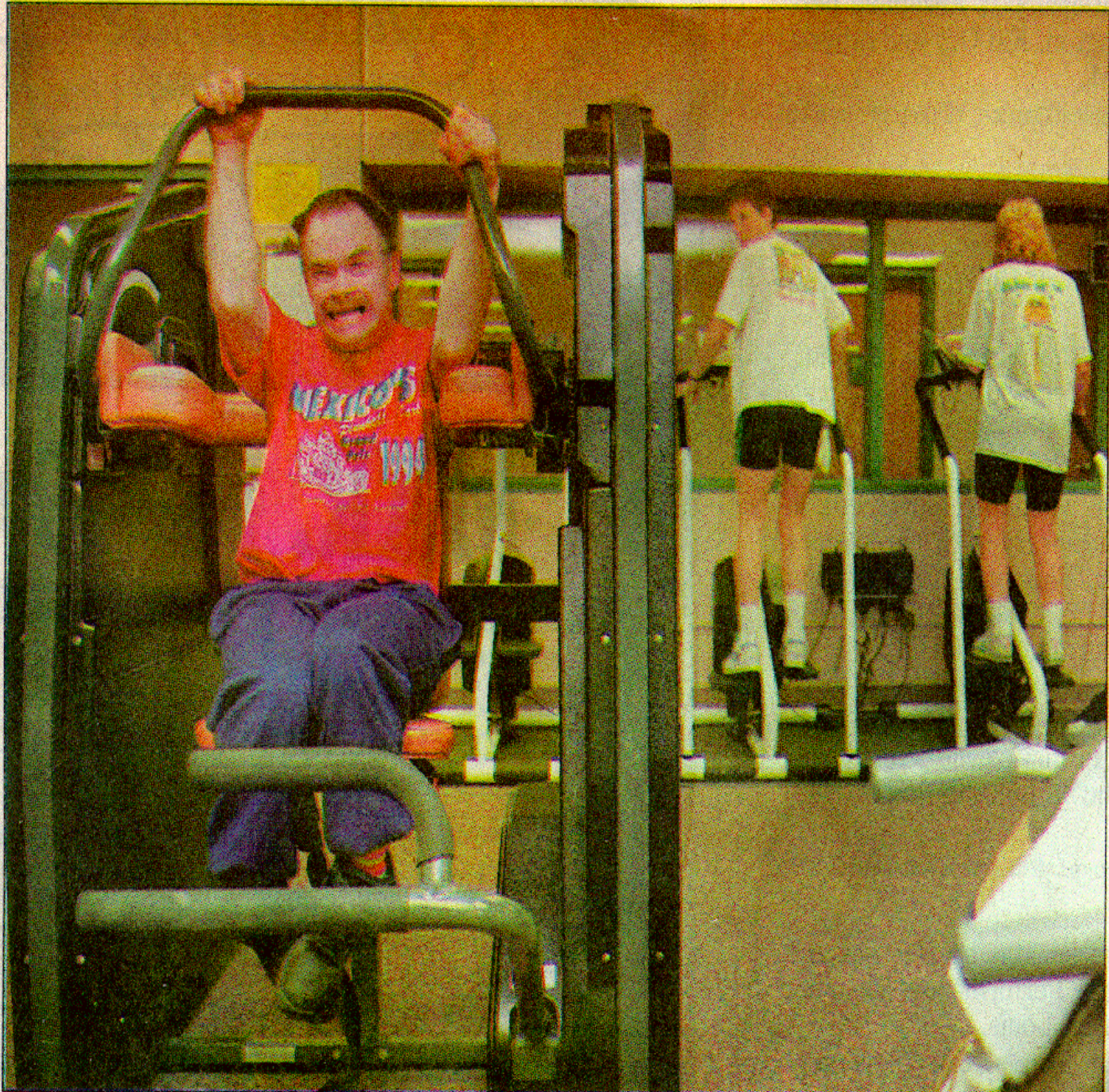
Is a daily, ongoing process -- not just mainstreaming for employment, recreation, religious and health care functions

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Inclusionary Model (cont'd.)

Recognizes that “habilitation” is a result of meaningful participation and not a goal in and of itself

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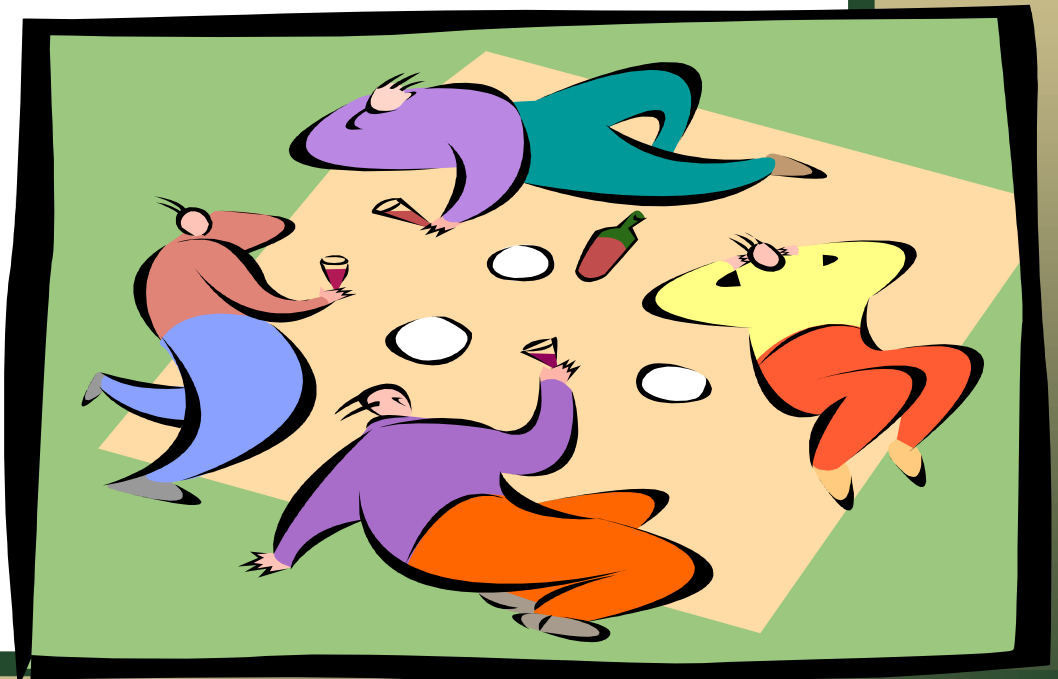
LEFT: Scott Sellenriek working out on a Nautilus machine at the West County YMCA in Chesterfield.

Inclusionary Model (cont'd.)

Recognizes that “habilitation” is a result of meaningful participation and not a goal in and of itself

Celebrates the relationship that the individual forms with others as a result of participation

Advocates for the individuals right to learn how to make choices and decisions



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Inclusionary Model (cont'd)

Is something that changes all the time.

It is a series of small adjustments, not just a replicated model.

Is characterized by an attitude of possible – to discover what is possible – not placing blame, getting stuck or giving up. Inclusion is “solution oriented.”

Creates opportunities for people to learn together.

Reprinted & adapted from “Including Kids: How It Happens” a handbook on Inclusive Education; Edward Smith School, Syracuse, City School District, Syracuse, NY, March 1991.

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Living Independently



Scott Sellenriek (left) and Dennis Richter outside their Valley Park apartment, where they live independently.

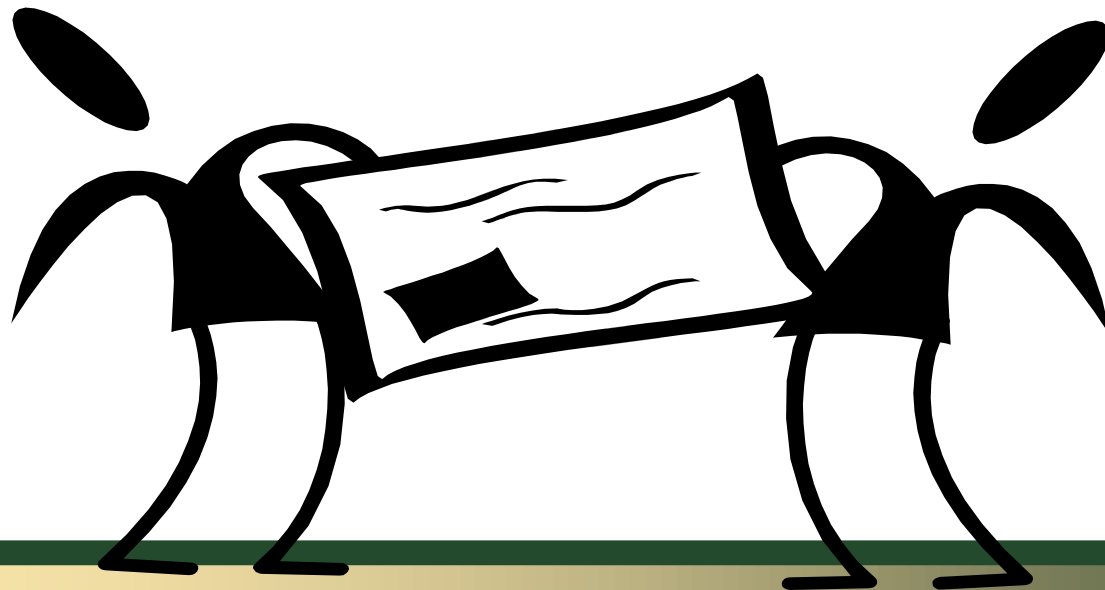
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***Inclusion is asking for
people...not just about
them.***



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***Don't advocate
for people.
Advocate with
them.***



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The greatest obstacle to discovering the shape of the earth, the continents and the ocean was not ignorance, but the illusion of knowledge.

Daniel J. Boorstein

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