



NORMALIZATION & SOCIAL ROLE VALORIZATION FOR ALL



OBJECTIVES

- To understand the concepts of Normalization & Social Role Valorization
- To learn your role as a DSP in fostering normalization for people with whom you work
- To understand the importance of seeking value for others in the community

What is NORMALIZATION??

The **normalization** principle means offering to all people with disabilities “patterns of everyday living which are as close as possible to the regular circumstances and ways of life or society.”

(Wolfensberger 1972)

“Just like other people”



SOCIAL ROLE VALORIZATION

SAME THING-

BE A VALUED
MEMBER OF
YOUR
COMMUNITY !!!!



FIVE RULES OF NORMALIZATION

#1 COMMUNITY PRESENCE

- Activities must be in the community, and include people who are not disabled
- Cost, time and distance must be considered up front (AND APPROVED)
- Activities must provide a sense of belonging for the person
- Activities should be age appropriate
- GOOD PLANNING MAKES FOR A GOOD LIFE

#2 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- Offer opportunities for INTEGRATION
- Impersonal opportunities- simple hellos, casual exchanges
- Personal opportunities- membership in a common interest group (CHOIR, VOLUNTEER etc.)
- CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT & VALUE

#3 SKILL ENHANCEMENT

- Develop skills acceptable to the community culture- adds value
- Development as a human being is the most important skill that we support
- The right to fail allows people to learn and grow (reasonable risk)
- WE NEED TO BUILD THESE OPPORTUNITIES INTO THE DAILY LIVES OF THOSE WE SUPPORT

#4 IMAGE ENHANCEMENT

- Human nature- we treat people as we perceive people
- Public presentation often determines public opinion
- Stigmas are very difficult to eliminate once they are established
- WE NEED TO MAKE PEOPLE SHINE

DISCUSSION POINT

- Honestly, how do you react when you are confronted with a person who has an apparent disability and poor hygiene??



#5 POWER AND CONTROL

- Every person should have as much control as individual capacity allows
- WE NEED TO TEACH PEOPLE TO MAKE DECISIONS



BE REALISTIC

- Normalization principles help us decide how services should be provided – with thoughtful planning and dignity
- Always start with realistic visions
- Understand that compromises are a part of life, for all of us!!!!
- Help each person find a valued role where they live-



NORMALIZATION REVIEW

- COMMUNITY PRESENCE
- COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
- SKILL ENHANCEMENT
- IMAGE ENHANCEMENT
- POWER AND CONTROL

*It is the most important part of
your job!!*