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!!*