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Community Living,
People with
Intellectual Disability
& Evolving Social
Models

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Overview

Historical, Social & Philosophical Shifts
(Institutionalisation & Deinstitutionalisation)

Social Model of Disability & Intellectual Disability

Considerations for the Future

Moral Treatment: Institutionalisation

- 1700-1800s Medical treatment & education used to optimise ability to function in society
(Kanner, 1964)
- 1800s Asylums for poor, destitute & 'insane'
(Fox, 1930)
- Patients were required to undertake some form of industry
(Conolly, 1856; Bartlett, 1999)
- Prisons of Protection
(Curtis, 1986)

Definition: Institution

Institutions are identified with a social purpose and permanence, transcending individual human lives and intentions, and with the making and enforcing of rules governing cooperative human behaviour.

(Stanford Encyclopaedia)

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Community Living

- Therapeutically preferable (Mitchell, 1864)
- “Could be seen as controlling as institutional care” (Walmsley, Atkinson & Rolph, 1999,181)
- Welfare & quality of life (Taylor, 2001)

Contemporary Theoretical Shifts

- Normalisation: Based on 'sameness' in the replication for conditions that are socially normed within one's society
(Wolfensberger, 1972; Nirje, 1980)
- Social Role Valorisation: Attainment of normalisation can be achieved when value is attached to the roles one has in society
(Wolfensberger, 1983)

Comment - Health Context

- Inequitable access to health care
(Leeder & Dominello, 2005)
- Poorer health outcomes
(Goddard, Davidson, Daly & Mackey, 2008)
- Lack of inclusion/respect in own health (Trip, 2007)
- Accessibility & provision of health information
(Hale, Trip, Whitehead & Conder, 2011, In press)

Social Model of Disability

- Union of the Physically Impaired Against Segregation
[UPIAS] (1976)
- Disability is socially constructed (Richardson, 2000)
- Limitations imposed by society (Goodley, 2001)
- Revised to include intellectual & sensory
(Barnes, Mercer & Shakespeare, 1999)
- Education levels of staff & training opportunities
(Spitnalnik & White-Scott, 2001)

Recognise Re-institutionalisation

Where individuality is not respected, where groups of people are treated as an undifferentiated block, when an individual's social and family ties are negated and life choices curtailed, re-institutionalisation of people with intellectual disability can be said to be occurring

(Burrell & Trip, 2011)

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To Have An 'Ordinary' Life: Kia Whai Oranga 'Noa' NHC, 2003)

- Recognised the restrictive nature of support
- 'Ordinary' meaning people have fundamental needs & expectations
- Citizenship needs to be embraced

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- Health
- Communication
- Chance to pay for things
- Learning new things
- Having fun
- Accommodation
- Paid & unpaid work
- Being part of community
- Relationships
- Moving around
- Maori & Pacific adults with intellectual disability
- Government capacity & service development
- Improving Needs Assessment & Service Co-ordination
- Supporting family/whanau
- Workforce development

Framework for Accomplishments (O'Brien & Lyle, 1986)

Respect

Choice

Community Presence

Community Participation

Skill Acquisition

Into the Future

- Active Support
(Mansell ,2006; McVilly, Gelman, Leighton & O'Nell, 2011)
- Self Advocacy Movements E.g People First
- Identify strengths & limitations in any movement
- Include people directly in developing research priorities & processes, as well as in tertiary education delivery

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