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MAXIMIZING INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Civibility; Interacting with people with disabilities
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What does disability mean to you?
People with disabilities constitute one of the nation's largest minority groups, and the only group any of us can become a member of at any time.

Disability Models

- Traditional Model
- Medical Model
- Social Model
- Affirmative Model
Myths and Misconceptions
Disability Defines A Person
People with disabilities always need help
People with the same disability are all alike
People with disabilities are not intelligent.
People with disabilities are confined to their wheelchairs
Disability is a Tragedy

Until There's a Cure... There's a Telethon

The Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon

The 2009 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon is the 44th Annual Labor Day Show!
Barriers

✓ Physical
  ◦ Architectural Layouts
  ◦ Restrooms
  ◦ Community Spaces
  ◦ Parking
  ◦ Snow Removal
  ◦ Elevators
  ◦ Location of Accessible Entrances
Barriers

 ✓ Attitudinal
   ◦ Inferiority
   ◦ Pity
   ◦ Hero worship
   ◦ Ignorance
   ◦ The Spread Effect
   ◦ Stereotypes
   ◦ Backlash
   ◦ Denial
Person first Language

using words with dignity
Helpful Reminders

- Emphasize strengths, not limitations
- Assume Competence, focus on abilities
- Be patient and considerate of the extra time it may take to get a task done
- Ask before helping
- Use a normal tone of voice unless requested to speak up
- Talk to the person, not an aide or interpreter
- Don’t pretend to understand someone with a speech difficulty if you do not
Questions??
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