



The Role of Family in Support of their Family Member with Ability.

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What is the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

“The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an **International Human Rights Instrument** of the **United Nations** intended to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities. Parties to the Convention are required to promote, protect, and ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities and ensure that they enjoy full equality under the law.”





Principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are

The principles of the present Convention shall be:

Respect

- ▶ Dignity, Autonomy & Freedom of Choices, and Independence ;
- ▶ Equality ;
- ▶ Participation;
- ▶ Accessibility;
- ▶ Evolving capacities ;
- ▶ The right to preserve their identities ;
- ▶ difference and acceptance ;
- ▶ Non-discrimination;



To Achieve the Principals we need to *Understand*

- ▶ How to gather information and develop an action plan.
- ▶ How to understand our role
- ▶ How to start active participation
- ▶ Develop clear expectations for the future

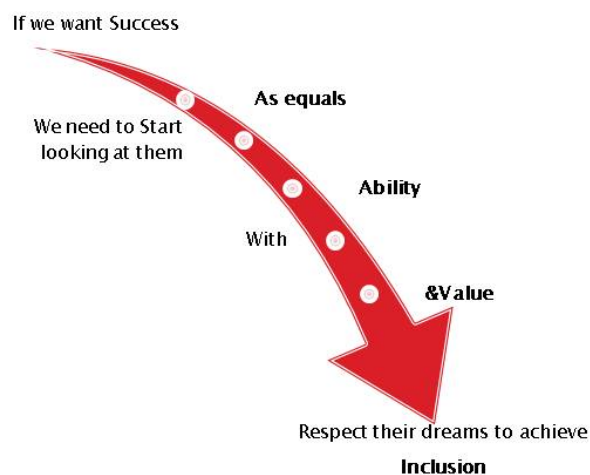




The road to success *Requires*



Wake up Call





Steps to start paving the path of support

Listen with HEART

- ▶ Listen to concerns and worries.
- ▶ Listen to their voice of and wishes
- ▶ Work on the strategies to bridge the gaps between concerns and wishes



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Listen with CARE

- ▶ Find ways to see with our hearts.
- ▶ Practice clearing away the FEAR, ANGER & HELPLESSNESS that Block our ability to Listen and understand.
- ▶ Recognise that we can never know all that is best for our family member without their voice.





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Build Alliances

- ▶ Be honest in looking for creative ways to listen and understand the voice of family member(s).
- ▶ Encourage positive action and alliance.
- ▶ Invite others who can make a positive difference.



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Open Choices

- ▶ Look for ways to Increase Opportunities.
- ▶ Follow the individual's lead as much as possible.
- ▶ Assist the individual to learn from their choice.





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Build a Community

- ▶ Build supports with the individual's input and choice.
- ▶ Explore from the point of view of the individual's potential.
- ▶ Inform others and build a network.



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Let the Hope & Beauty Shine

- ▶ Accept and recognize each person's Beauty.
- ▶ Encourage their beauty to Flourish





Equity

*My Normal is not your
Normality or hers or his,
We are unique in who we are.*

*Grant any person his or her
unique normality,
and we secure ours....*

Gary Bunch, 2010

Thank you

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