

ABOUT SOCIAL ROLE VALORIZATION

what is it? Social Role Valorization Theory (SRV for short) is a set of ideas that can be applied to positively impact the lives of people who face disadvantages because of their societal status. According to SRV, valued social roles, along with the social statuses that accompany them, are key to obtaining the good things in life. A person with devalued roles or only minimally valued roles, then, encounters more barriers to the good things life has to offer. By understanding SRV, we are better able to address devaluation and the disadvantages people face because of it.

a brief history Before the 1970's, Americans with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities had few, if any, options for community-based supports. For most, the only option was large institutions with abysmal conditions. In the late 1960's, Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger led a commission appointed to address inadequacies at Nebraska's state institution. He used positive principles, partially based on the Scandinavian idea of "normalization," to guide proposals to replace the institution with community services. "Normalization" calls for supports for people with disabilities that are as close as possible to those of ordinary, or valued, citizens.. Dr. Wolfensberger then systematized and taught the "principle of normalization." He later refined the principle, identifying the power of social roles as central to the teaching, and thus, established the principle of Social Role Valorization (SRV). SRV is now taught internationally and continues to inspire people who wish to improve the others' lives.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This introductory workshop presents the common life experiences of people who are marginalized and devalued in our society. The workshop also proposes strategies to address some of these experiences to support people to become valued community members.

at the workshop, you will...

Reflect on devaluation and how it affects the lives of those at risk.

Learn about the concept of Social Role Valorization and how to address devaluation in all aspects of your life

Examine your personal values and commitments to individuals who are societally devalued.

Renew your passionate commitment to marginalized and devalued people.

“ A very **EMOTIONAL** workshop. ”

what to expect. Because the workshop takes such a thorough look at devaluation, full participation and attendance are required. This workshop paints a vivid portrait of experiences of people who are devalued -- experiences that can be emotional, and sometimes shocking. For this reason, we encourage attendees to arrive well-rested, free of outside commitments, and prepared for full engagement in discussion of the workshop's content.

who should attend? Anyone who seriously desires to deepen their understanding of the dynamics and consequences of societal devaluation and desires to work to improve the lives of people who are devalued. The workshop is especially important for human service workers, educators, people with disabilities, advocates, family members, and educators.

“ This workshop requires full participation and attention the entire time you are there, but **THE THINGS YOU TAKE AWAY WILL LAST A LIFETIME.** ”

interested? Visit Disability Rights Nebraska's website for information about the upcoming 2020 Social Role Valorization Workshop, including dates, location, cost, and how to register.