Social Role Valorization Theory & Implications for Supported Employment

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Rationale:
Since the early 80s many people with disabilities have benefitted from supported employment (SE). However, much of its promise remains unfulfilled. There’s clearly a need for increased foundational understanding, critical thinking and principle-based decision making. Wolf Wolfensberger’s Social Role Valorization (SRV) theory can lead SE professionals to a new level of curiosity, inquiry and analysis of SE practices including a deeper understanding of essential principles such as “natural supports,” and “choice.”

Content:
This workshop will move from what we do, and how to do it, into the essential dimension of why. We’ll examine SRV’s foundational implications for offering high quality supported employment services including: 1) the study of the dynamics of social devaluation and ways to address its impact through image enhancement and competency enhancement, 2) gaining clarity about the complexity of choice, 3) an enhanced level of discovery — knowing job seekers from a different perspective, 4) determining the most relevant job planning considerations, and 5) strengthening the role of employee (i.e., “my employee” versus “your client”).

• Fee: $190/person (includes SRV book) • Deadline: 4/21
• Registration is limited to 20 participants.
• To register: http://www.hdi.uky.edu/setp/training.aspx
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