



Definition of intellectual disability and current perspectives

Module 1: The ageing process --- Video 3



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What is an Intellectual disability

Intellectual disability means a significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information and to learn and apply new skills (impaired intelligence) (WHO).

Intellectual functioning

Adaptive behaviors

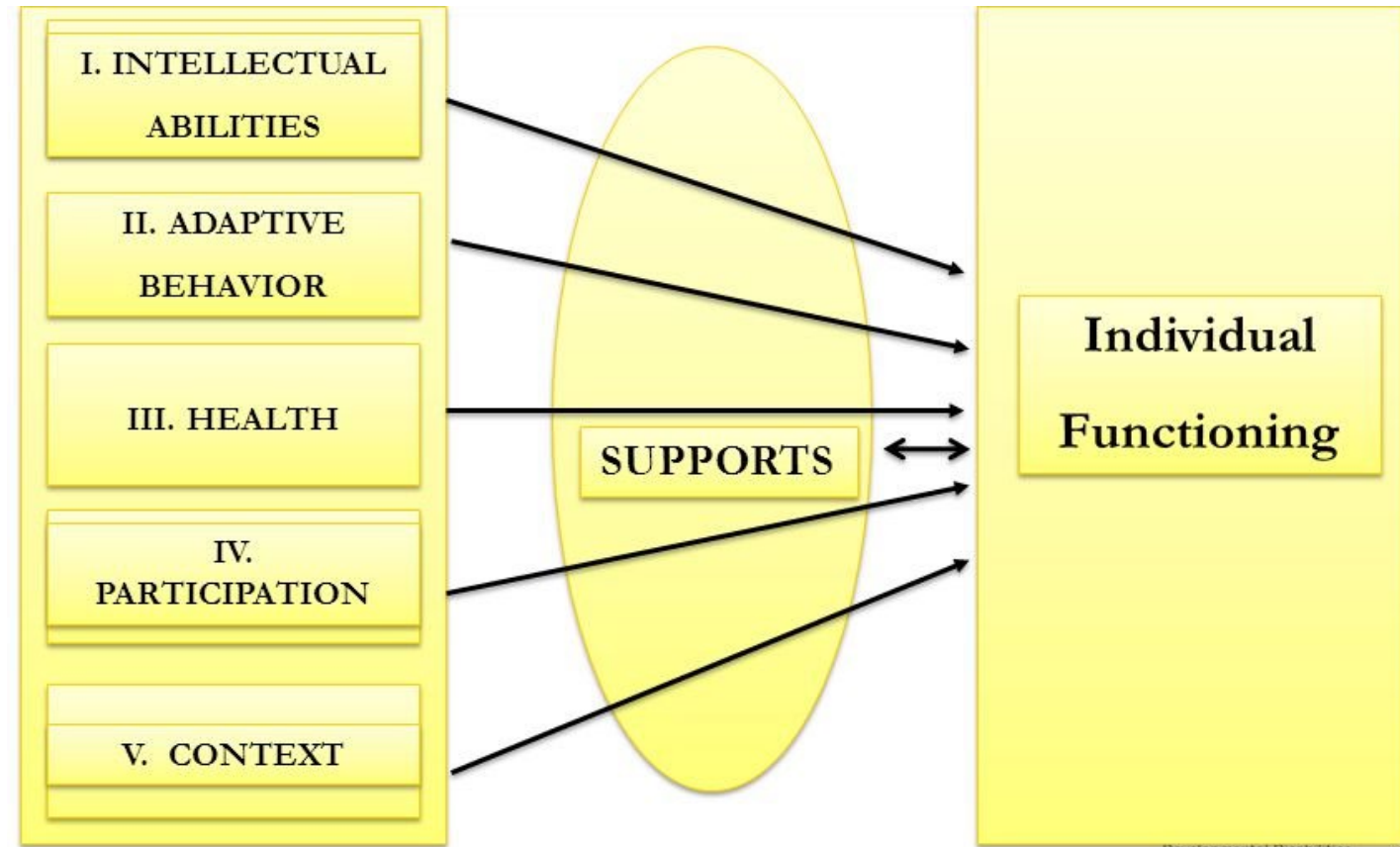
Mild

Moderate

Severe

Profound

The multidimensional model of human functioning



Developmental Disabilities 20

Social aging

Social aging refers to changes in a person's roles and relationships, both within their networks of relatives and friends and in formal organizations.

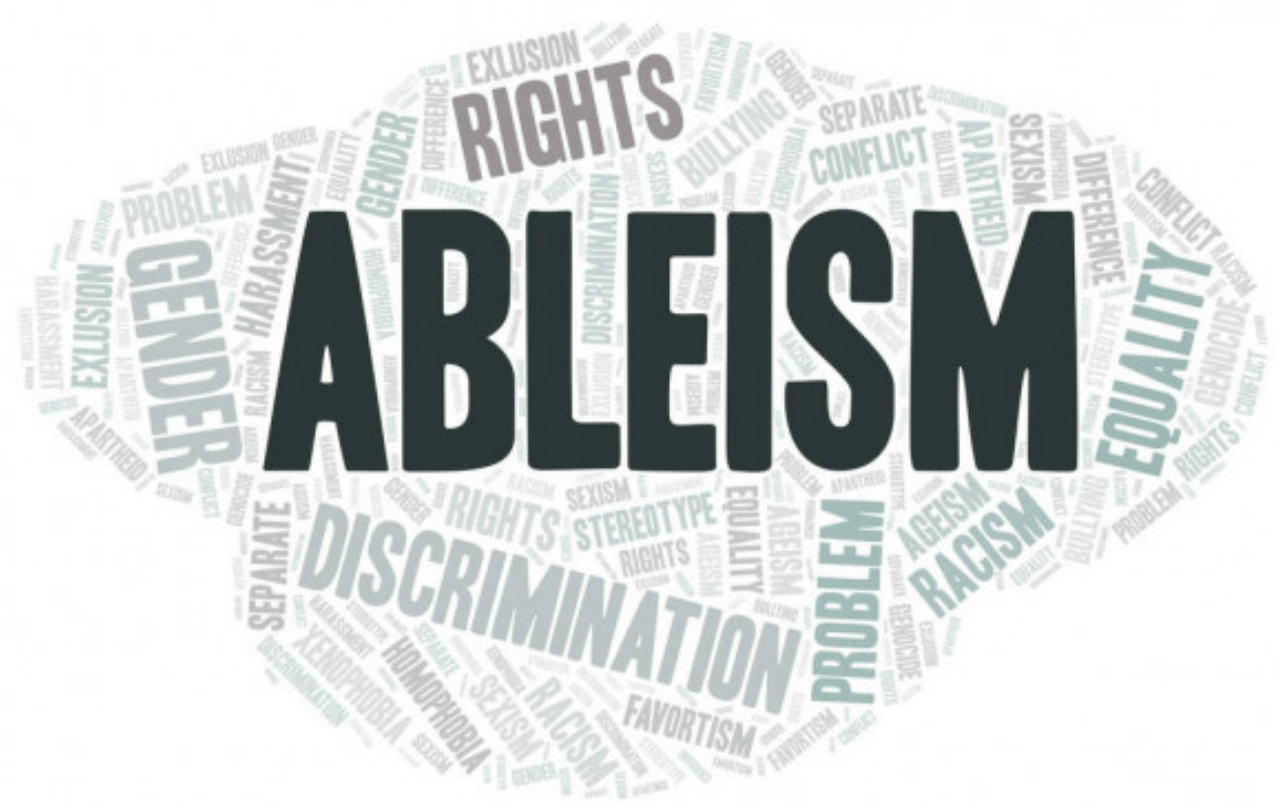
If a society views aging positively, the social aging experienced by individuals in that society will be more positive and enjoyable than in a society that views aging negatively.

Social support, opportunities for education and lifelong learning, peace, and protection from violence and abuse are key factors in the social environment that enhance health, participation and security as people age.



Ableism

Ableism is the discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities. Ableism can express itself through ideas and assumptions, stereotypes, attitudes and practices.



Emergence of an intellectual disability

| Genetic cause | Neurological cause | Other biological causes | Traumatic cause | Social cause |
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| Down syndrome Fragile X syndrome | Brain malformation Problems at birth (ex. lack of oxygen...) | Maternal disease Infection during pregnancy Nutritional deficiency Because of an illness: Meningitis Whooping cough Measles | Head trauma during childhood | Environmental influences (alcohol, drugs, ...) Exposure to toxins (lead, mercury, ...) Labour- and delivery-related events |

References:

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