
CHALLENGES IN THE FIELD OF DISABILITY

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ABSTRACT

Working with the persons with disabilities can be an extremely rewarding area of work which involves supporting disabled people to lead fuller, more independent lives, taking up education and employment opportunities and contributing to their communities. People who have mental or physical disabilities often face a unique set of challenges in their everyday life. The challenges individuals with disabilities face largely depends on their specific impairments as well as their severity. This module explains the role of social work in addressing issues of persons with disabilities. Disability document provides an overview of the role, scope and contribution of social work in the disability field. Social workers focus on maintaining and enhancing quality of life. We contribute knowledge and skills to assist people with disability, their families and communities through our work in a range of settings. Our work includes all levels of management and program design, individual planning, counselling, coordination and case management, as well as policy development, research and advocacy.

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Introduction

Social Work is an art with scientific and value foundations. It focuses basically on Human needs and aspirations. Disability is an important public health problem especially in developing countries like India. The problem will increase in future

because of increase in trend of non-communicable diseases and change in age structure with an increase in life expectancy.. In India, a majority of the disabled resides in rural areas where accessibility, availability, and utilization of rehabilitation services and its cost-effectiveness are the major issues to be considered. Disability is an umbrella term covering impairment, activity limitations, and participation restrictions. an impairment is a problem in body function or structure ,an activity limitation is a difficulty encountered by an individual in executing a task or action . Disability is thus not just a health problem. It is a complex phenomenon, reflecting the interaction between features of person's body and features of the society in they live.

Problem

Globally, around 785-795 million persons aged 15 years and older are living with disability based on 2010 population estimates. Of these, the World Health Survey estimates that 110 million people (2.2%) have very significant difficulties in functioning while the Global Burden of Disease Survey estimates 190 million have (3.8%) have severe disability. Including children, over a billion people (about 15% of the world's population) were estimated to be living with disability.

Disability can be included

Physical nature- an inability to walk due to amputation, or muscular or neurological dysfunction, for example

Sensory - as in blindness or deafness

Cognitive - as in brain damage or mental retardation

Behavioral - as in an inability to work, emotional.

THE RIGHTS OF PERSON WITH DISABILITIES BILL -2016

The Rights of person with disabilities Bill 2016 which will supplant the PWD Act 1995,has passed the Parliament (December 2016) . The sorts of incapacities have been expanded from 7 to21and the Central Government will have the ability to include more hands of handicaps. The 21 inabilities are given beneath

1. Visual deficiency	12. Perpetual Neurological conditions
2. Low vision	13. Particular learning disabilities
3. Uncleanliness cured people	14. Various scleroses
4. Hearing impairment	15. Discourse and language disability
5. Locomotor Disability	16. Thalassemia
6. Dwarfism	17. Hemophilia
7. Scholarly Disability	18. Sickle cell sickness
8. Psychological sickness	19. Different disabilities including deaf blindness
9. Extrem introvertedness Spectrum Disorder	20. Corrosive attack casualty
10 Cerebral Palsy	21. Parkinson's sickness
11. Solid Dystrophy	

Discourse and Language disability and specific learning Disability have been included out of the blue. Corrosive attack Victims has been incorporated. Dwarfism, solid dystrophy has been demonstrated as particular class of indicated disability. The new class of inabilities additionally included three blood issue, Thalassemia, Hemophilia and sickle Cell infection. Furthermore the government has been approved to advise some other class of indicated disability.

Major Current Challenges

The major current challenges includes understanding the concept of disability and acceptance of

- ❖ CBR as a valid intervention.
- ❖ Hospital-based rehabilitation services will lead to mystification of knowledge with social isolation and low efficiency of services which will benefit fewer disabled.
- ❖ Prioritization of resources like finance, manpower, and materials will be another important issue to be considered.
- ❖ Poor planning and management of CBR with lack of intersectoral coordination leads to poor functioning of the services to disabled.

- ❖ Non-availability of evidence-based facts, lack of co-ordination between the Government and NGOs, the absence of a coherent community level strategy, limited competence and capacity of decentralizing services, limited models of good practices are the other lacunas in the system.
- ❖ Disability should be considered as an important issue by the Government so cover all types of disabled who need rehabilitation services and it should be part of mainstream development in the community.
- **Suggestions**
- ❖ A multi-sect oral approach that this important public health problem can be tackled in the community.
- ❖ The services should be such as early identification of impairments and providing basic interventions, including social integration interventions, health, education, and vocational programs are important issues related to rehabilitation services.
- ❖ Primary health care system must play a major role both as a provider and supporter, and should engage with initial to specialized services such as physical, occupational, and speech therapies, prosthetics and orthotics, and corrective surgeries.
- ❖ The educational sector should be more inclusive by adapting newer techniques with respect to content of the curriculum, methods of teaching and ensuring that classrooms, facilities, and educational materials more accessible.
- ❖ Children with multiple or severe disabilities who might require extensive additional support may access education through the use of innovative methods best suited to their context.
- ❖ Collaboration with the employment and labor sectors is essential at community level.
- ❖ Monitoring and Evaluation in the service delivery should be strengthened

Conclusion

Professional social workers have much to contribute to the disability field in both government and non-government organizations and the emerging private sector. With the focus on self-determination and holistic analysis, social workers offer a

unique and valuable contribution to providing appropriate and targeted services to meet the complex needs of individuals, their families and communities, in both disability and mainstream services.

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