

# Person Centered Thinking and Planning for Everyone

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## The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices

envisions a world where all people have positive control over the lives they have chosen for themselves. Our efforts focus on people who have lost or may lose positive control because of society's response to the presence of a disability. We foster a global learning community that shares knowledge for that purpose.

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## A Description for Colleen



## **Important To**

- Feeling respected
- Having control
- Being helpful

## **Important For**

- To never physically hurt others again
- Staying safe while living in the city by herself

## **Instructions for Supporters**

Always ask - never order

Keep a good relationship with neighbors so that they will call when there is something amiss

Come by often enough to know when

- She has a new "roommate"
- More cats then space

Help the extra people move on & help the cats find new homes

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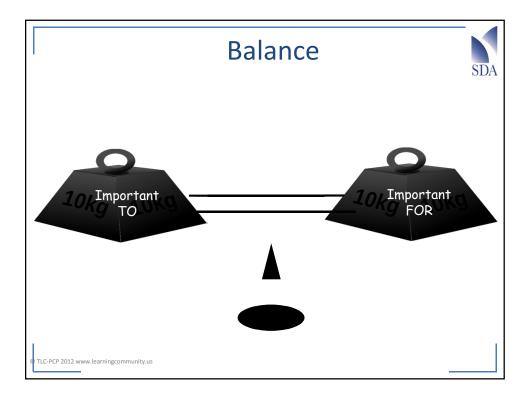
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## Universal questions

- What does a balanced life look like for me?
- How do I help others see my gifts and contributions while recognizing the support I need to stay balanced?

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## **Important TO**



What is important to a person includes those things in life which help us to be <u>satisfied</u>, <u>content</u>, <u>comforted</u>, <u>fulfilled</u>, and <u>happy</u>. It includes:

- •People to be with /relationships
- •Things to do & places to go
- Rituals or routines
- •Rhythm or pace of life
- •Status & control
- Things to have

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## Important FOR



- Issues of health:
  - -Prevention of illness
  - —Treatment of illness / medical conditions
  - -Promotion of wellness (e.g.: diet, exercise)
- Issues of safety:
  - -Environment
  - -Well being ---- physical and emotional
  - —Free from Fear
- What others see as necessary to help the person:
  - -Be valued
  - —Be a contributing member of their community

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# Important To and For are Connected

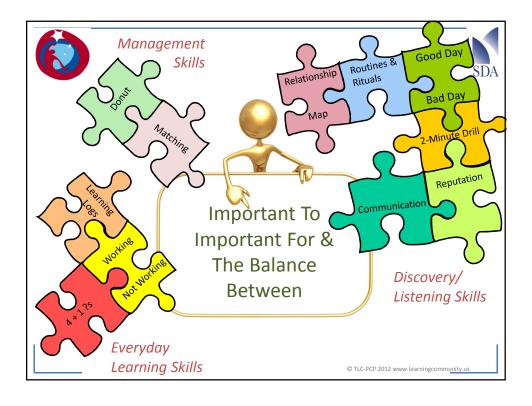


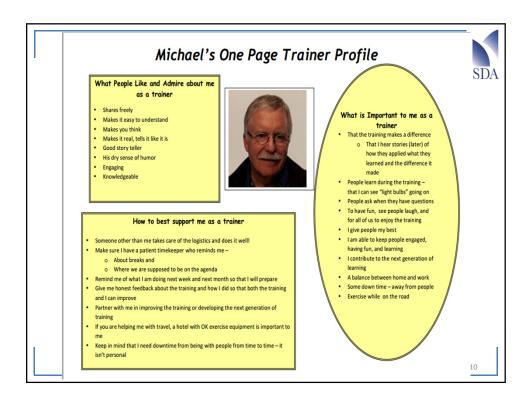
- Important to' and 'important for' influence each other
- No one does anything that is 'important for' them (willingly) unless a piece of it is 'important to' them

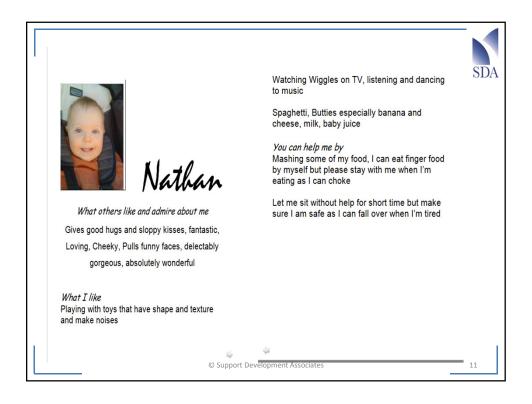
The balance is dynamic and always involves tradeoffs:

- Among the things that are 'important to';
- Between important 'to' and 'for'

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## Joe Student



## What others like and admire about Joe

- He is very sweet and knows how to make himself happy
- He finds things to entertain himself
- When he giggles it makes everyone else laugh

#### What is Most Important To Joe

- Having some control
  - o Having his own space in the classroom
  - o Being able to take his shoes off whenever he wants to
  - o Being able to reject an activity when he wants to
  - Choosing when he eats and when he drinks, <u>Having</u> the ability to get up and wander around the room when he wants to.
- . Having and doing the things that he likes (sensory)
  - Not being around people who scream and yell
  - o Tapes,boxes, baskets, & containers. To carry them
- o Listening to, and playing with musical toys (keyboards)
- o Using mirrors to look at himself, looking at pictures of himself
- o Balls. Balls. Balls! (carrying them, or hitting them to make noises)
- WATER PLAY! SINKS, WATER TABLES, SMALL POOLS

### Supporting Joe's Sensory Needs

- Joe loves to sit in the net swing and being swung around in circles. It helps him calm when
  upset.
- . Avoid large open spaces with high ceilings (like the gym) these are difficult for him
- . Joe is very sensitive to noise, he gets upset when other students screams
  - o When things are too loud for Joe, he will let you know by covering his ears
  - It's good to have earphones handy, both for Joe to try when things are loud, but also for staff when he gets loud.
  - o Joe is very bothered by the sound of crying babies
  - Joe likes to see what sounds things make, he'll touch and try different things to hear the sounds. He'll find his favorites and repeat them.

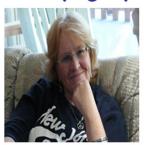
## Supporting Joe with Tasks/academics

- When Joe is in a good space, he can do up to three tasks before losing focus.
- When he is not in a good space, he may not be able to complete even a very simple and basic task
- Pay attention to his mood and health when setting up work
- Be prepared to offer many sensory breaks and modify expectations if he is not able to perform
- · Have many tasks available for Joe to work with
- Don't be surprised if one day he is very competent with a task, and another day he is not able to do it.

## Janet's one page profile

#### What is important to me at work

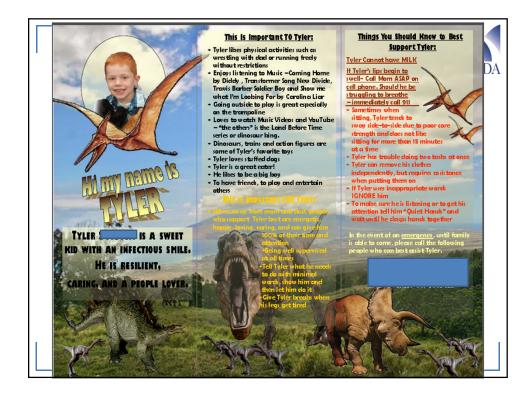
- That my work makes a difference in some way in the lives of people with disabilities.
- That teachers and EA's get the support they want/need so they can do the real work.
- I'm a verbal processor; I need time to talk my ideas and concerns out at least some of time.
- Person Centered Planning is a passion of mine, I will glways, include elements of it in my work.
- Being able to share my ideas and vision, even if it's not technically "my place"
- Feeling like I am being helpful to others/not feeling like I am wasting my time or anyone else's time
- Having my role defined...and redefined if my role changes. What is expected? Where can I use judgment and creativity? What is absolutely NOT my job?





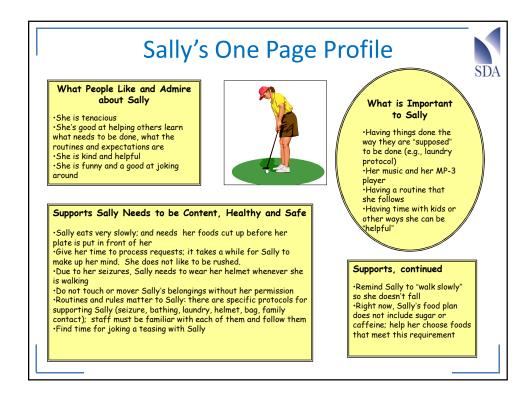
#### How best to support me in my role

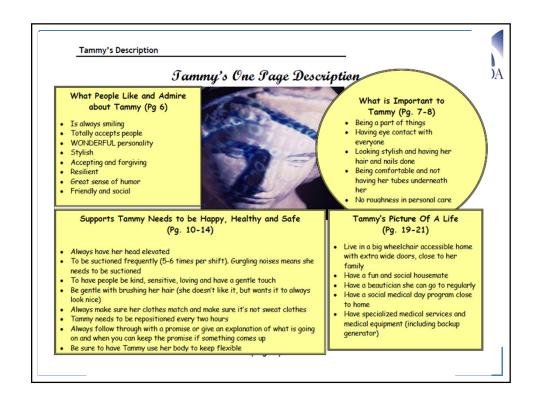
- If you are planning something that requires my time and energy, I need to know in advance, so I can mentally prepare myself for the task.
- Never ask me to do anything without a deadline. If I can't make a deadline I will let you know.
- I'm a talker, it's ok to tell me how much time you have to chatthen I won't run on and you aren't late for your next appointment
- Let me share my ideas and visions with you, if you don't have time, ask me to write them down.
- Tim pretty oblivious to subtle cues. Be direct with me; don't expect me to read behind the lines. It'll be quicker for you to say what you have to say right up front.











## ~ Sara's One Page Description ~

### What People Like and Admire about Sara (Pg 5)

- · She has a passion and zest for life
- Friendly and fun
- Positive energy in wanting to advocate for others
- Likes to help and is protective of others
- Very independent
- Knows what she wants to do and is resourceful



### What is Important to Sara (Pg. 6-8)

- Being respected and people not breaking their promises
- Being social, joking and doing things with friends
- Making a difference for people
- Being able to smoke without being bugged
- People not messing with her

## Supports Sara Needs to be Happy, Healthy and Safe (Pg. 10-

- One person to provide clear directions and expectations
- Give her choices to keep her from getting bored. Always have a "plan B' in case things don't work out
- To be supported unconditionally so she can gain trust in you to help when she
- Must have people be consistent with her and talk with her when she get upset or starts self-diagnosing herself
- Have consistent respite for Sara and others to relax and recharge
- ASK Sara to do something, rather than tell her.
- Always follow through with a promise or give an explanation of what is going on and when you can keep the promise if something comes up

## Sara's Picture Of A Life (Pg. 20-

- Live in a Host Home where she can have her own living space and be able to smoke outside
- Have an active community that has good public transportation and advocacy opportunities
- Have a GED class that can lead to paid work for her
- Have mental health services to support Sara and her new provider

## ~ Liz's One Page Description ~

#### What People Like and Admire about Liz

- She knows everyone's birthday
- Has the gift of gab ~ can hold a
- lengthy conversation with anyone!! Has a green thumb and knows lots about plants and flowers
- Never gives up even through long
- bouts of serious illness
- LOVES animals!
- Her sense of adventure



## What is Important to Liz

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- Being in control of her life Living in her own home with
- her 3 cats
- Talking with her daughter frequently
- Having lots of information about her health, and any changes in her life
- Being active; doing things with her family and friends
- Staying in touch with

#### Supports Liz Needs to be Content, Healthy and Safe

- When really depressed, family needs to ask "what did you eat today" to help keep an eye on possible malnourishment
- Must be able to keep a small notebook to write notes and help her remember tasks; she will get confused when she is not well or when she is feeling overwhelmed
- When she is not well, it helps if she talks to her daughter every day
- Because of having Fibromyalgia, she needs someone to clean her house regularly for her
- When she isn't well, she needs someone who can grocery shop and run errands for her; or take her to run errands
- A skilled pet sitter to care for pets when Liz is away or unwell

#### People Who Support Her Best:

- Like to chit chat and are good listeners and processors of
- Are consistent; punctual and
- dependable Like to share about their own life

## What we have done to address Liz's malnourishment



What have we	What have we	What are we	What are we
Tried	learned	Pleased about	concerned about
<ul><li>Healthy</li></ul>	●She doesn't like	<ul> <li>She is steadily</li> </ul>	•Stress on
frozen meals	processed food	gaining weight	daughter to cook
<ul><li>Daughter</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Will almost always</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Found at least two</li> </ul>	and drive 5 hours
cooking a	eat daughter's	options that work for	round trip every
week's worth	home cooked food	her	weekend
of food for her	<ul><li>Protein shakes</li></ul>	<ul> <li>She is committed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Only eating once</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>High protein</li> </ul>	work really well	to eating when she	a day
shakes 2x a	<ul> <li>If she is having a</li> </ul>	can	<ul> <li>Will lose appetite</li> </ul>
day	really bad day,		again if depression
	might only drink		comes back
	one shake at best		

+1: Keep doing protein shakes; find someone local to cook occasionally; keep asking "what did you eat today, not just "did you eat today?"

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## ~ Ruth's One Page Description (at home)~



#### What People Like and Admire about Ruth

- Such a "grandmother"
- · A true lady
- Has the gift of gab ~ can hold a conversation with anyone!
- Always dressed so nice ~ everything always matches, right down to socks and earnings
- Very liberal thinker for her age



## Supports Ruth Needs to be Happy, Healthy and Safe

- Needs people to ask frequently if she is warm enough and help her put on sweater/sweatshirt if she is not (she'll be cold when you're not)
- Must have assistance with her medications ~ knows them by color but you need to dole them out and keep track of times
- Needs assistance with bathing and dressing ~ will tell you what clothes she wants to wear for the day/event
- When bathing, no water on face ~ she will wash with cloth
- Must talk with daughter 2-3 times a week on the phone ~ will need you to dial for her
- Must see her doctor right away if she has cough, fever or is "off balance" ~ indications of systemic infection that will grow quickly!

#### What is Important to Ruth

- Living with granddaughter and grandson-in-law
- Being warm and feeling safe with caregivers
- Having "a little pour"
- before bed (rum and tea)
   Being a part of whatever is going on at home ~ being in the middle of it!
- Sweets during the day!

#### People Who Support her Best

- Like to chit chat
- Are timely and stay busy
- Polite and mannerly
- Have a witty and dry sense of humor
  Can be reassuring and help Ruth feel
- safe

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Mary Katherine's One-Page Description Done after the loss of her partner Tom 10/2010

What People Need to Know About Me Now

Now
Most of the time I am OK
When I am feeling sad or am grieving I will
probably want to be alone.
When I am feeling good I may still want to be
alone or I may want company
I will let people know when I want/need company
and when I need to be alone
I don't need any more books on how to grieve; I
am writing one of my own every day.
My attention span is not very long so please don't
be offended if I cannot keep up a long
conversation
Short visits are best but try to call first
Phone calls are good but texts and e-mails are
even better.
Some times I am up in the middle of night and
might e-mail, text or play on Face Book, this is
not a matter for concern but if you are up too feel
free to respond

free to respond





Things I Don't Need Food, I like to cook and need to do more of it
Books on grief
Taking sleeping aids, I would rather
face the night even if it gets long





What Helps Me Feel Better Right Now Being in my home

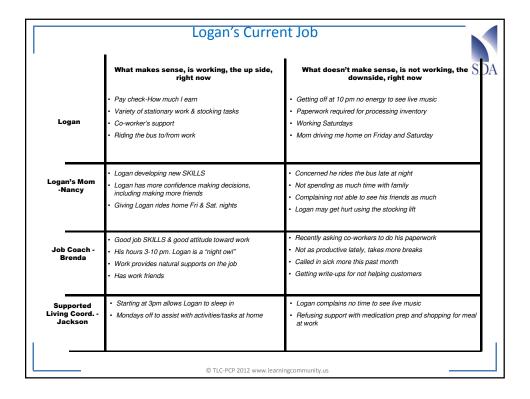
Prayer
Listening to music, especially V an Morrison
Spending time with my dogs and cats
Being with, talking to, Tom's friends and my

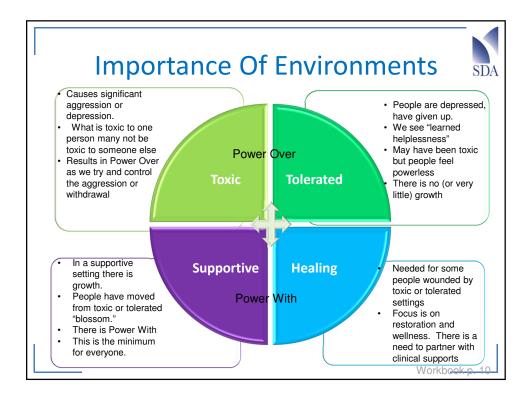
Being with, talking to, Tom's friends and my friends
Working out at the Y
Going out with friends but leaving when I need to
Going to hear live music, especially people that
Tom and I liked to listen to together
Mystery novels
Going back to work
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Texts and e-mails from friends

Other Things
If you have questions, don't be afraid to ask them. I am sure it will not be the first time.
If I am telling you 'foo much' feel free to stop me
Sometimes my body hurs and I may not want to be touched
Sometimes a hug is the thing I need the most
If you need a hug from me or are having a hard time I want to help. I know that I am not the
only one who has lost a loved one

Communication Chart For Chuck					
What Is Happening	What The Person Does	What It May Mean	What We Should Do $_{ m SD}$		
It is Sunday	Calls afterhours and leaves you a voice mail that includes scripture or singing of a gospel song	Chuck had a great day at church!	Do nothing.		
Anytime other than Sunday.	Calls and leaves you a lengthy voice mail that sounds like a sermon.	Chuck might be having some mental health issues. He may have forgotten to take a dose of medication.	Call Chuck and ask if he remembered to take his medication, he will likely check and then tell you yes, he forgot. For the next few days, call Chuck in the morning and offer supportive reminders to take his meds.		
Anytime	Makes any mention of "Ruby Red Lights", even just a passing reference.	n auditory hallucinations. Stick around and chat for awhile (be on			
Anytime	Stops eating and tells you that his food has been poisoned or that there is blood in his food.	Chuck is experiencing delusions and auditory hallucinations. © TLC-PCP 2012 www.learningcommunity.us	This is an EMERGENCY! Call the Mobile Crisis Unit and support Chuck in being assessed for possible admission. Stay with Chuck until they arrive. Offer reassurances that you are there to help keep him safe. Do NOT try and convince him that his food is not poisoned.		





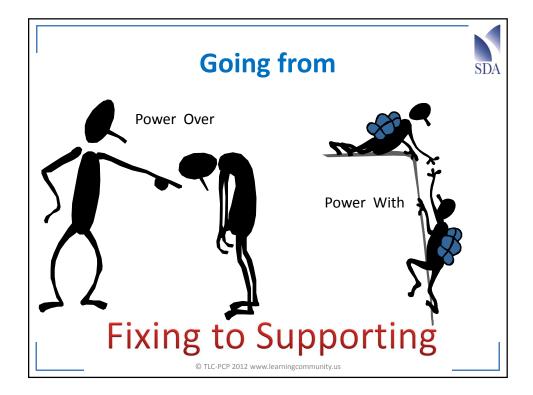
# How do you teach people to develop and use these?



- For families and self-advocates a 1 day training
- For teams to learn to support each other – a 1 day training
- For those who want/need to learn to use the skills in day to day work –
  - -2 days for skills
  - −1 day for descriptions

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