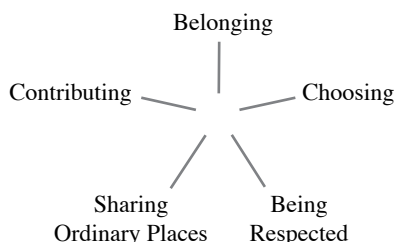


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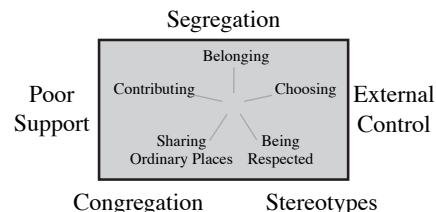
Everyone's world grows more interesting when there are more opportunities for these **valued experiences**.



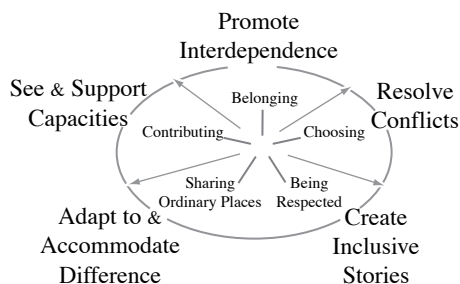
Services can either reinforce this pattern of vulnerability or support people to resist the negative by learning how to create these **service accomplishments**.



Mistaken beliefs and prejudiced actions expose people with developmental disabilities to these world-shrinking **vulnerabilities**.



Services that choose to act like bridges instead of like walls that divide communities will support people with disabilities and their allies as they engage these **community challenges**.



Resources

We work in collaboration with **The Center on Human Policy** at Syracuse University. (805 South Crouse Ave, Syracuse, NY 13244). You can download resources on disability, community, and personalized supports for education, employment, home and family life, including many of our papers, from <http://soeweb.syr.edu/thechp>. Site includes selected links to other websites.

Inclusion Press (24 Thome Crescent, Toronto, Ontario M6H 2S5 fax: 416 658-5067 www.inclusion.com) publishes print and video resources for people working toward inclusive communities, including these books of ours:

Implementing Person-Centered Planning: Voices of Experience chapters by practitioners from the US, Canada, & the UK

A Little Book About Person-Centered Planning collects writing by many of the developers of person-centered planning

Members of Each Other discusses what innovators have learned from five different approaches to community building

Action for Inclusion presents the how and why of welcoming students with substantial disabilities to ordinary classrooms

Inclusion Press also presents occasional courses on *Creative Facilitation*, *MAPS & PATH* and the *Design of Social Change* and hosts an annual international gathering in July, *The Summer Institute on Inclusion and Community*.

Options in Community Living (22 North Second Street. Madison, WI 53704 fax: 608 249-3372 www.optionsmadison.com). Options staff have collaborated with us on two books that reflect what they have learned from 25 years of supported living:

Remembering the Soul of Our Work a collection of staff stories on the meaning and difficulties of their work

Celebrating the Ordinary describes how to organize to meet the challenges of supporting people in community life

Capacity Works (PO. Box 271, Amenia, NY 12501 888-840-8578) Beth Mount's books and posters on person-centered planning.

Internet: www.mouthmag.com (an opinionated monthly committed to justice for people with disabilities) www.qualitymall.org (developing site on improving the quality of services to people with disabilities) www.paradigm-uk.org (resources and links on services in the UK) www.disabilitymuseum.org (developing site on US disability history) www.grove.org (graphic facilitation)

Books: Herb Lovett, *Learning to listen* Jack Pearpoint, *From behind the piano* John Kretzmann & John McKnight, *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing Community Assets* John McKnight, *The Careless Society: Community and Its Counterparts* David Schwartz, *Who Cares? Rediscovering Community* Robert Putnam, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* Robert Cialdini, *Influence* Robert Greenleaf, *Servant Leadership* Susan Langer, *Mindfulness* Howard Gardner, *Good work* Karl Weick & Kathleen Sutcliff, *Managing the unexpected* Order these books from amazon.com.

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