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### The Community-based and Person-centered Care Model for People with Physical Impairments

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### **Challenges of the Approach**

### What is "community"? What is "person-centered"? Care vs. Support





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## **Disability and Impairments**

- Disability = barriers in the environment, which prevent people with impairments from participation
- Impairment = failure of one or more body parts to function





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### UN CRPD

•Preamble of Convention states:

✓ Disability is an evolving concept, and it results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others'

•Article 1 of the Convention states:

✓ Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.





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## **Care and Support**

- **Care** implies: dominant position of the caregiver; passive position of the recipient; professional input; little development.
- **Support** implies: control in the hands of the disabled person; encouragement and more development.





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## **Inclusive Model**

Accessible/affordable housing

Personal Assistance
Peer Support
Technical aids

Accessibility

Education

Transport

Services





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## Physical Disabilities

- Individual needs assessment in the framework of inclusion and development;
- Housing adaptations;
- Technical aids;
- Personal assistance;
- Peer support.





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### Community Work

- Awareness raising activities to open community structures to accommodate disabled people;
- Building bridges between disabled people and mainstream local structures;
- Promotion of accessibility and universal design.





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**Real Choices** 

- Create real options for disabled people to choose between special services and IL;
- Availability of different options;
- Relevant funding for any choice;





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# Universality of the Approach

THE ABOVE IS VALID FOR EVERYONE regardless of the impairment and the extensiveness of the needs





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### Thank you for your attention!

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