

The **West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council** is pleased to announce
a workshop on **Social Role Valorization (Part I)**

Purpose of the workshop:

Human service workers play a critical role in the lives of the children and adults they serve. This workshop, together with a practicum experience called PASSING (Part II), lays out a helpful framework for service workers to use in implementing relevant and effective services in the lives of socially devalued people.

Social Role Valorization, Including 10 Related Themes: A High-Order Concept for Addressing the Plight of Socially Devalued People, & For Structuring Human Services

- To be held **Monday, March 22 through Thursday, March 25, 2010.**
- Location: **Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center**, 100 Hodges Road, Charleston, WV
- Taught by **Jo Massarelli** of the SRV Implementation Project and **Joe Osburn** of the Safeguards Initiative.

Description of the workshop:

This workshop is specifically oriented to leadership development and is Part I of a two part workshop. It introduces the learner to Social Role Valorization (SRV), using the 10 core themes developed by Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, one of the most influential thinkers in the field of human services broadly, and mental retardation specifically. His work helped lay the foundation for many current human service trends, including integration, deinstitutionalization, and safeguarding of individual rights.

A central goal of SRV is to enable socially devalued people to attain culturally valued roles, with an eye towards having a typical life and gaining access to all that typical citizens enjoy. SRV will be reviewed with the implications of its positive assumptions about the worth of all people and their belonging in our communities. Since competency and image enhancement are essential building blocks of valued social roles, both concepts will be thoroughly explained. Participants are encouraged to reflect on the typical life experiences of socially devalued people, with an eye towards deeper identification with the people they serve. A past participant said of this workshop, *“This training has changed my outlook on human services and has provided me with a better understanding of how expectancies can affect success or performance. Thank you all for your helpful suggestions and educated experiences, it was a truly informative and beneficial training!”*

Who the workshop is intended for:

The well motivated learner! This includes paid or unpaid human service workers and managers, service recipients, family members, advocates, teachers, board members, and others interested in the lives of people who are disenfranchised due to mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, poverty, homelessness, age, mental illness, or physical impairment.

The workshop is taught at a college-level, with long hours and hard work. The information presented is quite complex in its entirety, requiring a systematic exposition of multiple ideas.

Format of the workshop:

The workshop is taught in lecture format, with extensive use of overheads and images.

What participants will learn:

- To recognize current social trends that affect vulnerable people, including social policies, laws, and cultural values.
- Positive strategies in support of personal social integration and valued social participation, particularly in different areas of social life.
- Essential elements of relevant and effective service, including group size and composition, accessibility, individualization, and interactions.
- A developmental approach to learning and teaching, especially for people with significant intellectual impairment.

For online information about Social Role Valorization:

Go to <http://www.srvip.org/>

Overnight accommodations:

Individuals are responsible for making their own arrangements if overnight accommodations are needed. A list of area hotels can be provided on request.

Directions: From I-64, take exit 58A (Oakwood Rd/US119). Get in, or stay in, the right lane and enter onto US119 South. Travel through 3 traffic lights, then turn left on Hodges Road. The retreat center is at the end of this road.

Tuition:

Because the WV DD Council is committed to providing valuable and worthwhile information to policymakers, human service workers, and others to benefit citizens who have developmental disabilities and their families, the **tuition is only \$200**. This **includes handouts, refreshments, and 4 lunches**. Some assistance with expenses will be made available to people with developmental disabilities and family members.

To register:

Complete the registration form and send, with payment, to: *Linda Higgs, WV DD Council, 110 Stockton Street, Charleston, WV 25312*. **Deadline for registering is February 15, 2010.**

Please **DO NOT** make checks payable to the WV DD Council. Follow the instructions given below. **The Council cannot accept checks or credit cards.**

CEU Information: 27 Social Work CEUs have been approved for this workshop.

For more information:

Contact Linda by e-mail at Linda.s.higgs@wv.gov, or by phone at 304.558.4884.



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