



## *L.I.F.E. Perspective on Disability*

At L.I.F.E. we recognize that people have different perspectives on disability.

Perspectives may be shaped by culture, location, experience, and education. Thus, we recognize that families having a different perspective on disability than what we hold at L.I.F.E. can make communication and goal planning difficult.

We educate our staff on common perspectives on disability so that we can better understand the desires of a family for their loved one.

### **At L.I.F.E. we have a perspective that is a fusion of multiple models of disability.**

- We identify impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions and aim to reduce them through specific interventions.\*
- We recognize the dynamic interaction of multiple factors to influence function/disability.
- We strive to set-up our environments with universal design principles in mind and to utilize assistive technology to improve accessibility and thus reduce disability.
- We believe it is important to empower individuals to be as independent as possible and make as many decisions for themselves as possible.
- We recognize that disability effects all people at some time in their life.

\* Impairments- Problems in body functions and structures such as significant deviations or loss

Activity Limitations- Difficulty a person has in executing activities

Participation Restrictions- Problems a person may experience in involvement in life situations

ICF Information: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/icfoverview\\_finalforwho10sept.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/icfoverview_finalforwho10sept.pdf)