



Community Membership concepts to know-

Natural proportions, Age appropriate, Third Place, Gatekeeper, Social Network

Typical

Questions to ask--- Is the activity age appropriate? Is it "Good enough for me?"

Does our presence represent a "natural" proportion of people with disabilities in the community?

1	3	5
<p>Clients have chosen this opportunity but it does not match the age of HOPE individuals present. The individual is viewed in the group's culture as "special."</p>	<p>The individual is perceived by the group as an outsider but the group is accommodating and making efforts to take the individual as a valued member.</p>	<p>The individual is completely absorbed into the group's culture. They are considered a valued member of the group. The time, place and quality of the opportunity are "Good enough for me."</p>

Involvement

Questions to ask--- Is client involved in aspects of task? Who makes decisions?

How can we increase contact beyond HOPE personnel? How can the client do more for himself/herself?

Rate- Activity must meet requirements of lower level before moving to higher score				
1	2	3	4	5
<p>Present but isolated or segregated. Little contact with NON-HOPE community, staff "does" client mostly watches or follows, Clients contribute in some way.</p>	<p>Engaged some of the time with task or others, Client activity mostly directed, unfamiliar with routine or expectations</p>	<p>We know routine and expectations; activity requires staff direction or decision. There are opportunities for clients to demonstrate strengths.</p>	<p>Involved in planning. Clients engaged with task or others most of the time.</p>	<p>Plans and arranges activity. Staff monitors and supports rather than leads.</p>



Relationships

Questions to ask--- Can this become a “third place”?
 Will this opportunity offer the chance to get to know each other?
 Are there ways to engage with people we don’t know yet?
 What can we do to encourage interaction? Is there a “gatekeeper” here?
 Do we know anyone who is part of this network?

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We are seen as strangers or customers, there is little association beyond a superficial role.	There is minimal interaction with non-HOPE persons, but we are known here	Client is a member or “regular”. There is frequent opportunity to connect with non-HOPE people in more than a customer role.	Client is engaged with non-HOPE community members much of the time, this is a place where connections can be strengthened, people here are part of the clients’ “network”	This is a place where the client is known and new connections can also be made on a continuing basis.

Contribution

Questions to ask--- Is the person seen as capable and productive? Is there an opportunity to give back?
 Does the client have an opportunity to demonstrate his/her independence?

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Potential opportunities are limited or undefined. We can be polite, spontaneous, and responsible. For example picking up after self or opening door for someone.	Special event. Clients contribute in “helper” role. Not doing the same tasks as others.	Clients perform activities similar to others present. Clients know how their efforts contribute or benefit others.	Opportunity is valued by community. The community values the people making the contribution. We would be missed if not there.	Opportunity is valued by clients there and they have chosen this activity because of its specific contribution to self /community. Clients seen as capable by others