

Disability Rights: A Human Rights Perspective

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Intended Audience: All Audiences

Session Description

Frederick Douglass of the 20th Century said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand, it never has-it never will. This famous quote sums up why grassroots civilians must always be aware of, understand, and advocate for human and civil rights.

This presentation will outline the importance of disability advocacy in the lives of student's in higher education, people with disabilities in the workforce and in the house of worship. Focusing on cultural competency, as well as advocating for cultural sensitivity during the intake assessment process, and when servicing people with disabilities. Personal vignettes, case studies, hand-outs and a culminating ten minute documentary will convey the concerns and inequities people with disability face as they go to school, work, and engage in social activities. This presentation will list a step by step process of creating new paradigms for human rights advocacy and independent living for the disability community. Lastly, you will hear from disability advocates what paradigms worked for them and what paradigms they had to re-work.