Definitions

Developmental Disabilities (federal definition)
A severe, chronic disability of an individual 5 years of age or older that:

A. Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination [of the two];
B. Manifested before the age of 22;
C. Likely to continue indefinitely;
D. Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more major life activities (self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent learning, economic self-sufficiency); and
E. Reflects need for lifelong individualized supports and services

Source: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/opa/fact_sheets/add_factsheet.html

“Intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18.”

• Intellectual functioning – “refers to general mental capacity, such as learning, reasoning, problem solving, and so on.”

Source: http://www.aaidd.org

References


**Resources**

**Curriculum/Training Materials**


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**DVD/ VHS**


