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THE POWER OF INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

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LIFE FROM AN AUTISTIC PERSPECTIVE





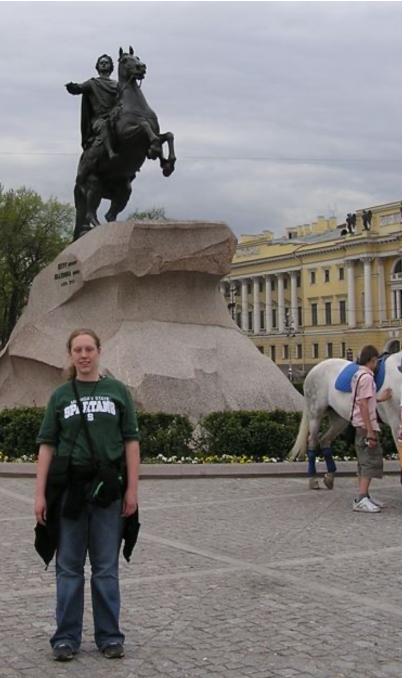


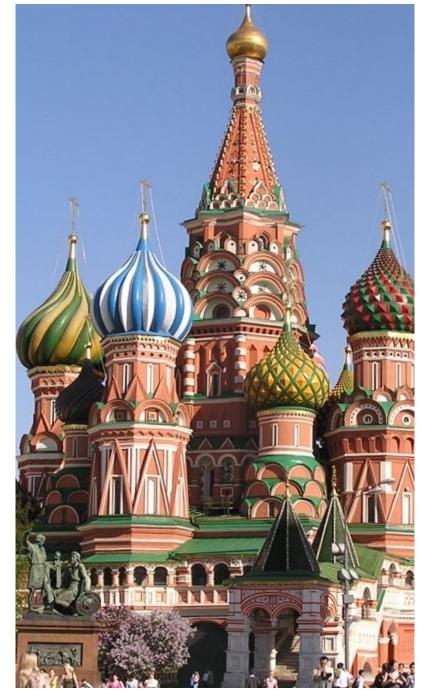






















Exclusion from society

- Wrong planet!
- Lack of acceptance of autistic people
- Ableism
- Negative impacts of exclusion

Impacts of Exclusion

- Poor access to education
- High unemployment and risk of homelessness
- Challenges establishing and maintaining relationships/social safety net
- Challenges navigating services
- Inability to contribute to society
- Poor mental and physical health outcomes



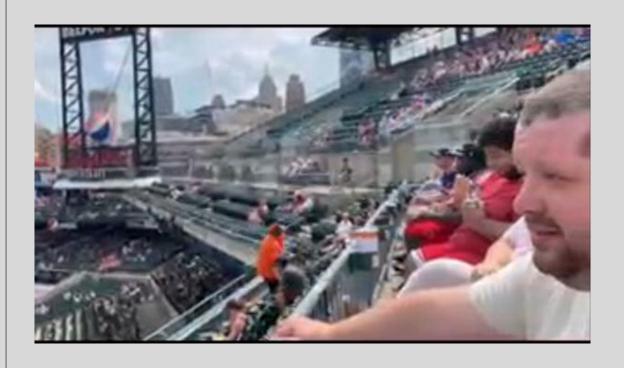
INCLUSION AS PREVENTION



MICRO LEVEL: PEER GROUPS





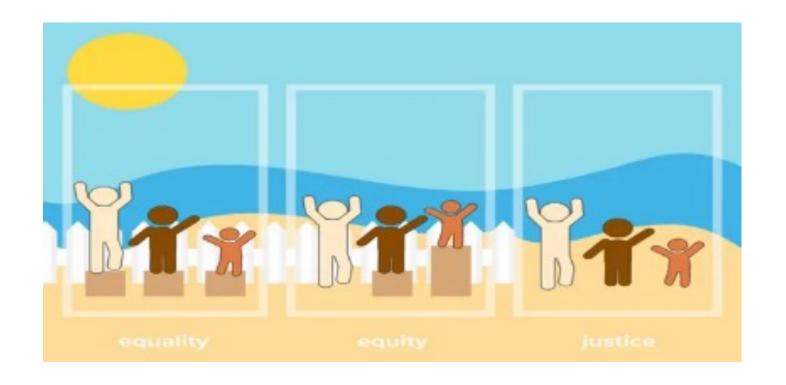






MACRO LEVEL: SOCIETY





RETHINKING BARRIERS



NOT ALL BARRIERS ARE PHYSICAL





REMOVING BARRIERS



Inclusion in different settings

- Inclusion is a way of being that each of us as an individual can choose to embrace
- Inclusion strategies can work in
 - Office/workplaces
 - School
 - Businesses
 - Church
 - Community gathering places
 - ∘ In your home



VISION

 A world where autistic people of all backgrounds and abilities are accepted and included as valued members of society and our respective communities.

MISSION

 Full Spectrum Agency for Autistic Adults exists to support and foster independence and build community for autistic adults.

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QUESTIONS