



MANY VOICES ONE VISION

ALLIANCE FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you are planning to view these videos as a group, the following suggestions will help support participation, meaningful discussion and follow-up action.

To Prepare for the Discussion:

- Watch the video ahead of time so you are familiar with its content.
- Have a flip chart and markers available so you can record the answers during the discussion.
- Decide who will serve as facilitator for the discussion and who will record comments. These should be two different people if possible.

Before Watching the Video:

- Offer a brief overview of the Summit, or show the Highlights video. (Note, other than the Highlights video, each segment of the DVD begins with an identical brief overview of the Summit, to provide general context. If you do not want to show this, simply fast forward to the next scene, which will be the start of the content portion).

After Watching the Video:

- Get people's initial reaction to the video.
 - If the group is 15 people or fewer, stay together as a group and ask each person to give a brief reaction to the video.
 - If the group has more than 15 people, break into small groups of 3-5 people and have individuals share their reactions to the video. When the group comes back together, ask a few people to share the impressions of their group.

Facilitate Discussion:

- Introduce the discussion questions. You do not need to cover all of the questions and you may wish to substitute a few of your own questions.
- After the discussion, talk about action steps that can be taken.
- Decide how you will implement the actions you have decided to take.
- Schedule a follow-up meeting to share what you have done and discuss additional ideas for working through these issues.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GENERAL BARRIERS TOPIC VIDEO

- What barriers to full participation do you see in your community?

- Do you believe that with the right supports all people with developmental disabilities can live in the community? Why, or why not?

- How do you think most American communities feel toward people with disabilities?
 - Accepting and supportive
 - Neutral
 - Hostile and resistant
 - Well meaning, but generally clueless

(Ask this first question as a round robin, to get the sense of the community, then break into groups to discuss the follow-up question.)

What do you think could or should be done to change attitudes of the general public toward people with developmental disabilities?

- What do you believe is the number one challenge in the lives of people with developmental disabilities?
 - Some ideas include: personal freedom, healthcare, schools, jobs, dignity and respect, lack of opportunity.

What action can our community take to eliminate those challenges?