

Don't Waste a Perfectly Good Crisis - Realizing the Promise of Community

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The challenges and frustrations of helping people, without exception, to live in the community are real. There are also many things that we have done, often unwittingly, that have made it more difficult for people to experience the promise of community living. A crisis in our economy has caused some to question the value of the goal of supporting people in the community as “too expensive”. A crisis can result in new thinking and creative solutions we have not yet considered. This (what are you referring to?????) is a perfectly good crisis that should not be wasted as we re-think the best way to do the best things. This session will challenge many of our preconceived notions about what it takes for people to be successful. It will also challenge us to think beyond our perceived limitations and to develop new possibilities that will enable those who have historically been judged as “too difficult to live in the community” to know that the promise is also for them.