

Self-determination of citizen with permanent impaired physical and mental functioning



Presentation of us

- We are from Soelund – Denmark
- We are responsible of 16 citizens and their mental age is between 8 months and 5 years.
- We have been working in Soelund since 2009 and just started as Gentle teaching mentors.





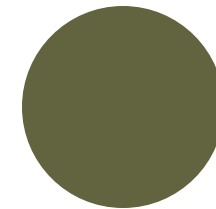
- Our speech is inspired by the visit we had from the social supervision about the use of power and limiting of the personal freedom of individuals with reduced physical and mental abilities.
- The social supervision recommended that we should have the main doors be open most of the time, meaning our citizens can leave the place when they want to and in their own free will. Our kitchen should be open at all the time, so they can eat whenever they feel like it. The Danish law says: The personal freedom is inviolable. No Danish citizen may be subjected to any form of detention because of his political, or religious convictions or descendants.
- We as workers have been challenged to rethink the way we organize our daily routines. This change has given us workers a tremendous amount of work and of course some frustrations among us.

Our dilemma is how can we follow the law and at the same time insure the duty of care? Especially when our citizens are of developmental age between 8 months and 3 years.

How do we deal and be aware of the invisible use of power in daily basses and give our citizens the freedom they are entitled to?

How to deal with the fact that even though they depend on us in every aspect of their daily lives, they still have rights to decide to accept our help, though they don't realize the consequences of their choices?

How can we work, reflect and cope with the spirit of Gentle teaching? Without neglecting our duty of care.

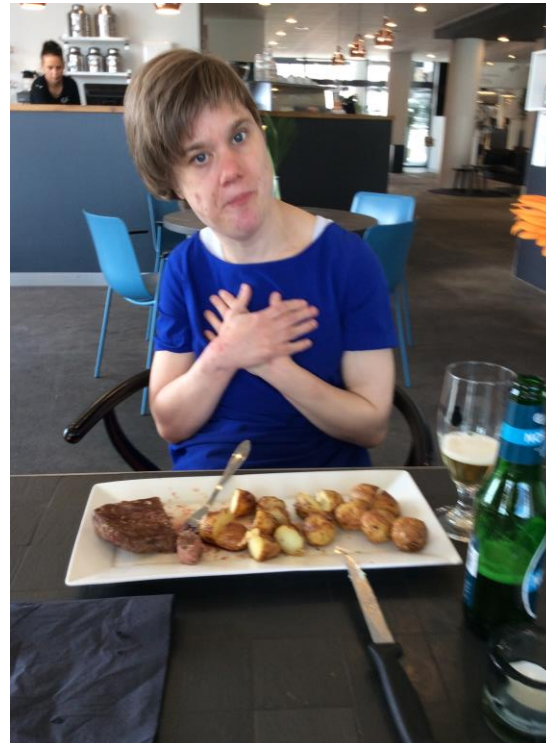


Individual assumptions

Motivation	Ressources	limitations
What motivate the person	Whar ressource the person has so	What limitaion the person has so u can compensate
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Case 1


- Stine's development over the past several years, has resulted in that she went from being a passive citizen now to be active participants in her own live.



Case 2

- We have a citizen who is very occupied about food and drinks, which is very frustrating for the staff. We feel torn apart between the law, the philosophy of Gentle Teaching and the relatives.
- We have just decided, to help her, that she eats in her apartment to create calm environment for her. In addition, we have ordered a heavy vest that will help her to be grounded.





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- Questions and dialogue