

Fostering Social Inclusion

Promoting Social Inclusion for Persons with Intellectual Disability and
other Neurological or Developmental Disorders in Albania

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Who are we?



Why are we here?



To Encourage Persons with Disabilities to Share their Life Experiences

Our Project Goal

Document and assess the current state of social inclusion of persons with disabilities through several stakeholders

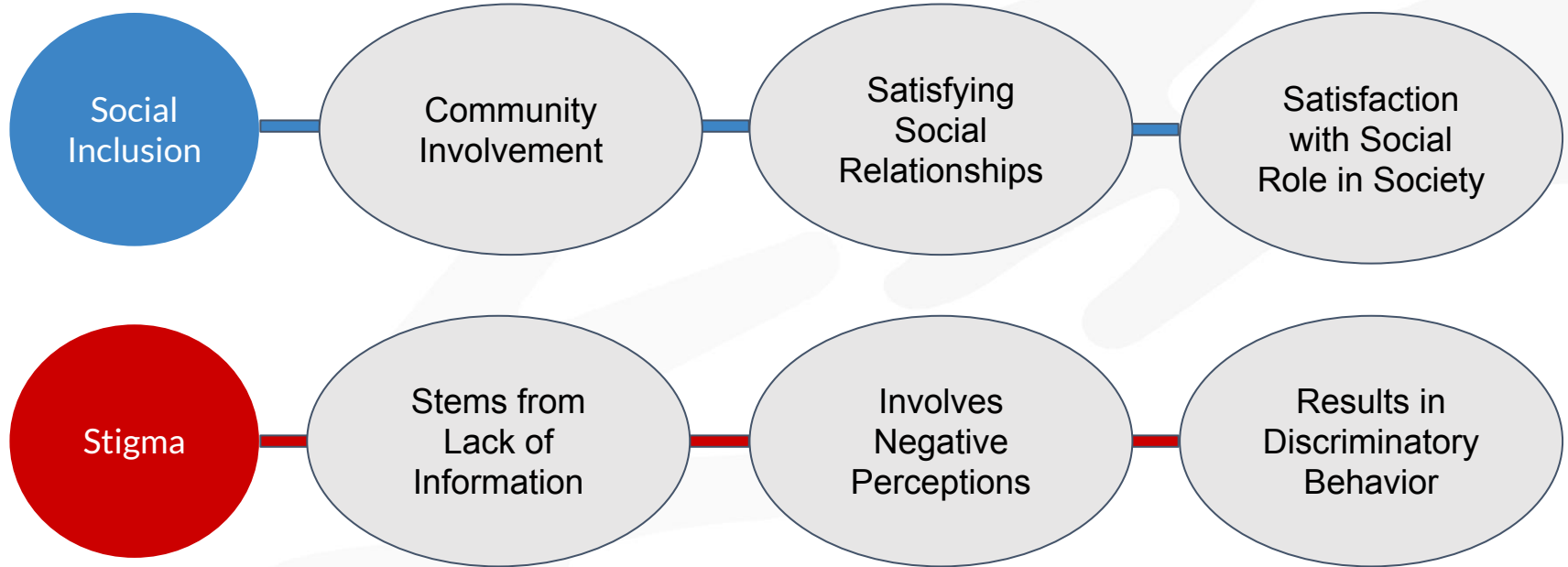
Suggest recommendations which promote social inclusion for persons with ID, ASD, and DD



WPI Context from Literature: Social Inclusion and Stigma



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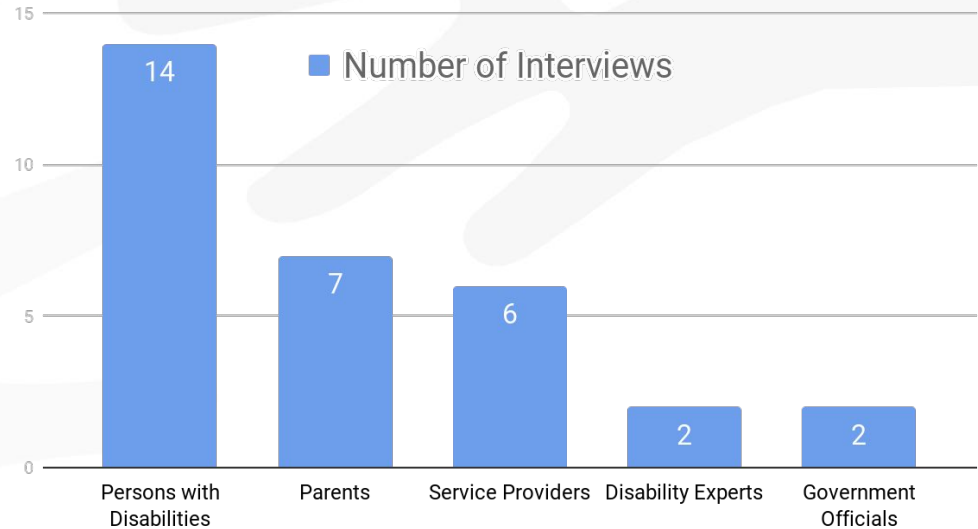


Interviews:

- People with Disabilities
- Parents of Persons with Disabilities
- Service Providers
- Disability Experts
- Government Officials



Interviews Conducted



“The teachers say they cannot work with him because they are not specialized for his disability”

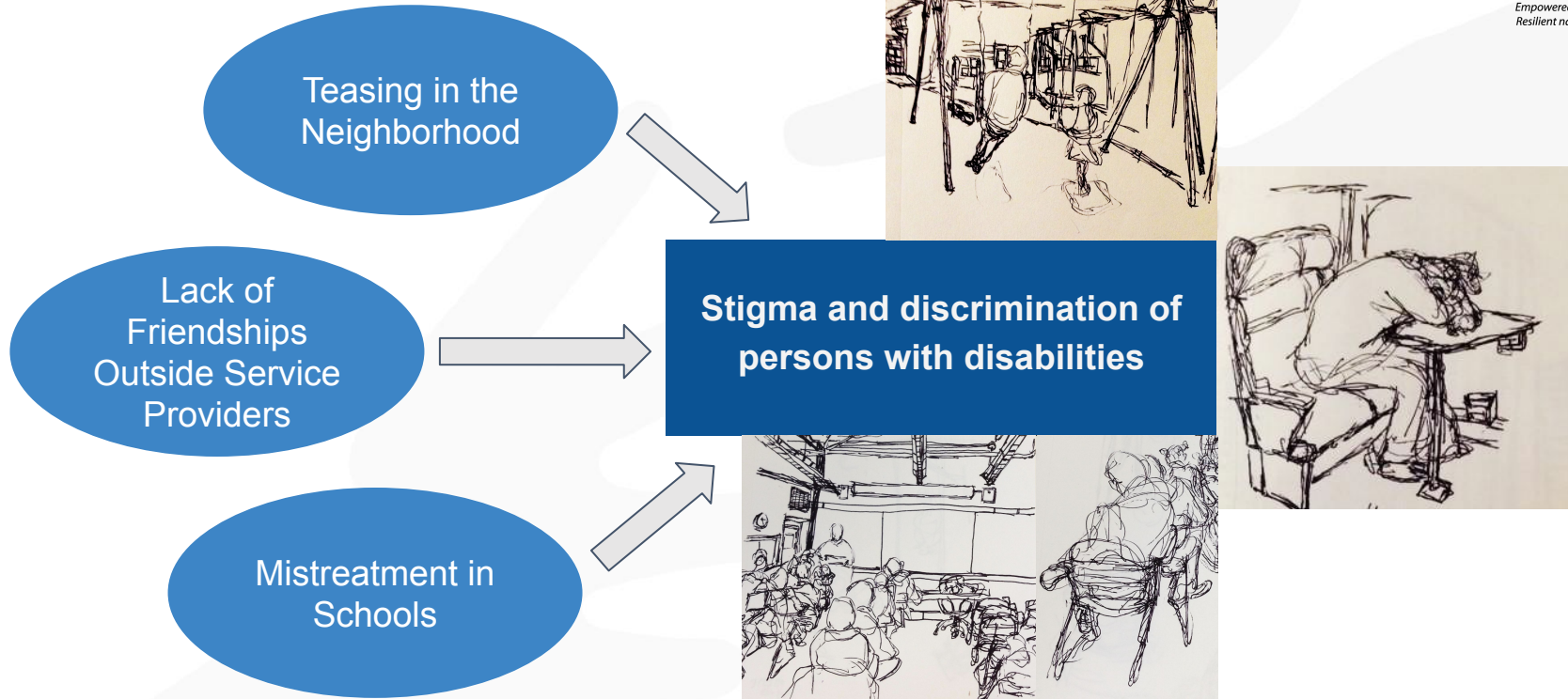
“The school has not provided any help, she only went for the first year”

“School life was terrible for [my son]... they were not qualified to provide services for him”

Contributes to Stigma and Isolation



Findings: Stigma and Discrimination



Findings: Supports are Insufficient

Parents Provide Immense Support

External Supports are Insufficient

“The public centers do not offer the correct process of therapy. When my son starts crying, they send him out”

“Law has indicated what should be done, but no one is implementing the law”

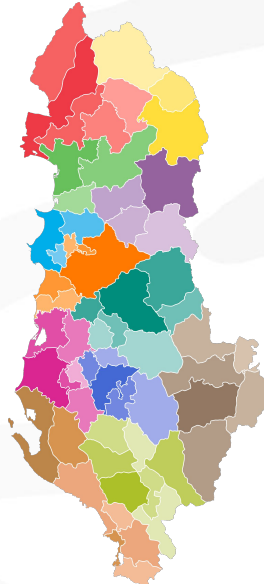
“There is nothing. I have asked for services at the local service office and at the municipality, but none of them gave information”



WPI Recommendation 1: Future Research



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Autism Spectrum Disorder

Up to Date Disability
Demographics

Interviewing Persons with
Disabilities



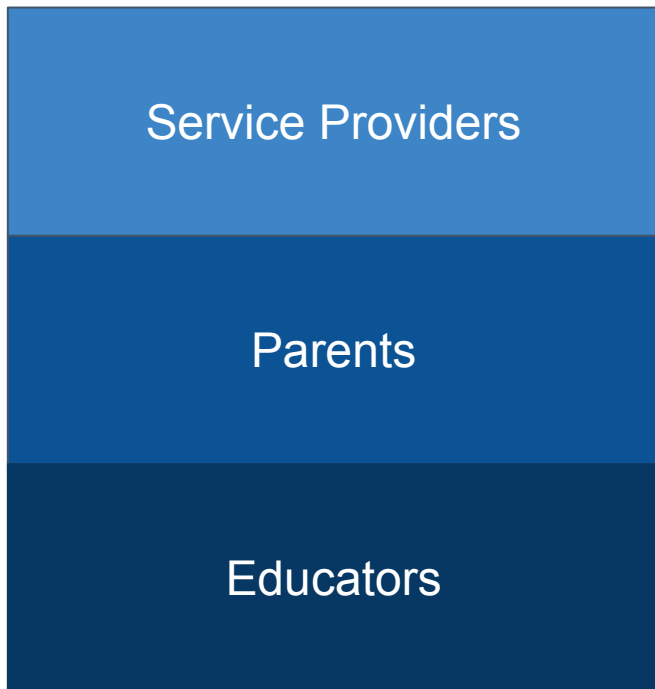
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WPI Recommendation 2: Information Sessions



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WPI Recommendation 3: Community Interventions

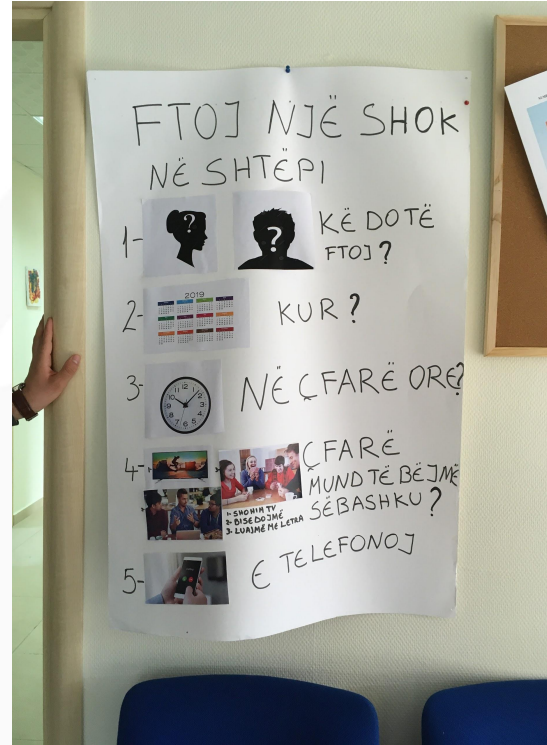


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Organized Friendships

Internship Opportunities for University Students

Vocational and Social Skills Trainings for Persons with Disabilities at Universities



Universities



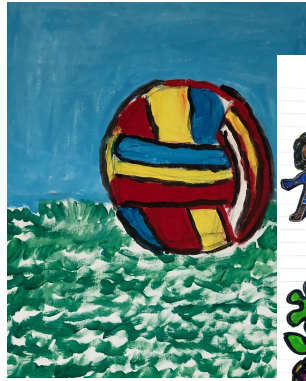
Service Providers



Public Schools



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