

Social Contexts - Realization

Socio-emotional development level equivalent to 7 - 12 years of age

Adapting Therapeutic Approaches and Environments

Interacting with Clients

- Create a social environment that provides structure but leaves room for clients to make individual choices
- Clients can seek outside help when needed and do not require the presence of live-in staff 24/7, but they should be able to turn to someone they trust for individual attention and support in crisis situations
- Respect individual preferences and privacy when structuring daily routines and environments

Adjusting Settings and Demands to the needs of Clients

- Ensure that the spheres of work and home are clearly separated
- Clients are able to live independently in assisted living arrangements, either on their own or in a group
- Clients are usually not equipped to handle the demands of employment on the primary labour market
- In most cases, clients have a legal guardian
- Clients can manage routine everyday situations on their own but generally need help in dealing with more complex matters such as contracts, managing finances etc.

Therapeutic Approaches

- With adequate psychosocial support, most clients requiring therapy or medical care do not need to seek treatment in special facilities geared to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but can take advantage of the full range of healthcare services available to the general population (inclusion)