

Counseling Practice Brief

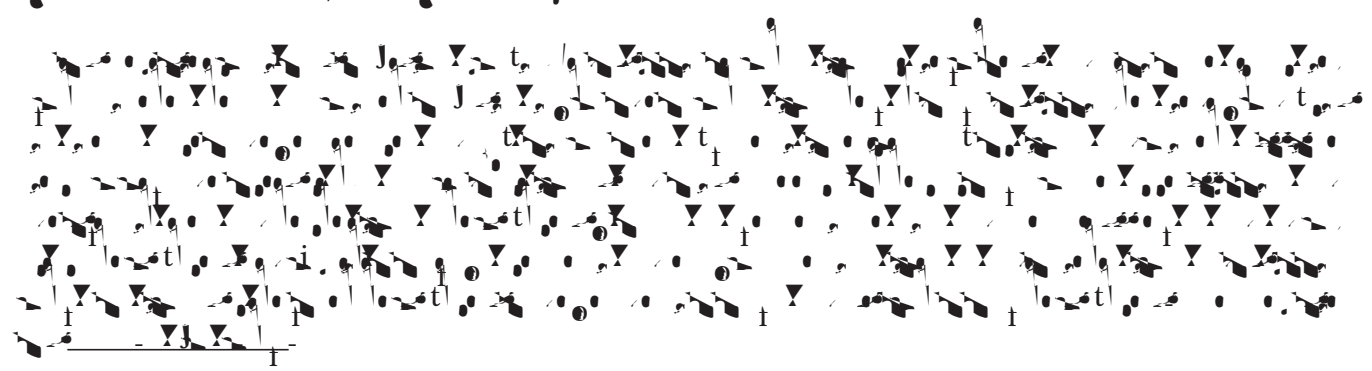
DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Approximately 26% of the U.S. population, or 84 million people, have a disability (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013). The U.S. Census Bureau defines a person with a disability as someone who has a long-term physical, mental, or cognitive condition that limits one or more major life activities. The most common disabilities are physical disabilities, followed by mental disabilities and cognitive disabilities. Physical disabilities include conditions such as arthritis, back pain, and hearing loss. Mental disabilities include conditions such as depression, anxiety, and bipolar disorder. Cognitive disabilities include conditions such as learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and dementia. The U.S. Census Bureau also reports that the number of people with disabilities is increasing, particularly among older adults. In 2013, 15% of the population aged 65 and older had a disability, compared to 12% in 2000. This increase is largely due to the aging of the population, as the number of people aged 65 and older is expected to continue to grow in the coming decades.

For the purpose of this brief, we will focus on the physical disabilities of individuals with hearing loss. According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), approximately 15 million people in the United States have some degree of hearing loss. Hearing loss can be caused by a variety of factors, including aging, noise exposure, and certain medical conditions. It can range from mild to profound, and it can affect one or both ears.

Some of the challenges that individuals with hearing loss face include difficulty understanding speech, especially in noisy environments, and difficulty participating in social activities. These challenges can lead to social isolation and depression. However, there are many ways to help individuals with hearing loss overcome these challenges. One of the most effective ways is through the use of hearing aids. Hearing aids are small devices that are worn in the ear to amplify sound. They can help individuals with hearing loss hear better and understand speech more easily. In addition to hearing aids, there are also many other ways to help individuals with hearing loss, such as sign language, captioning, and assistive listening devices. By providing these services, we can help individuals with hearing loss live more fully and participate more fully in society.

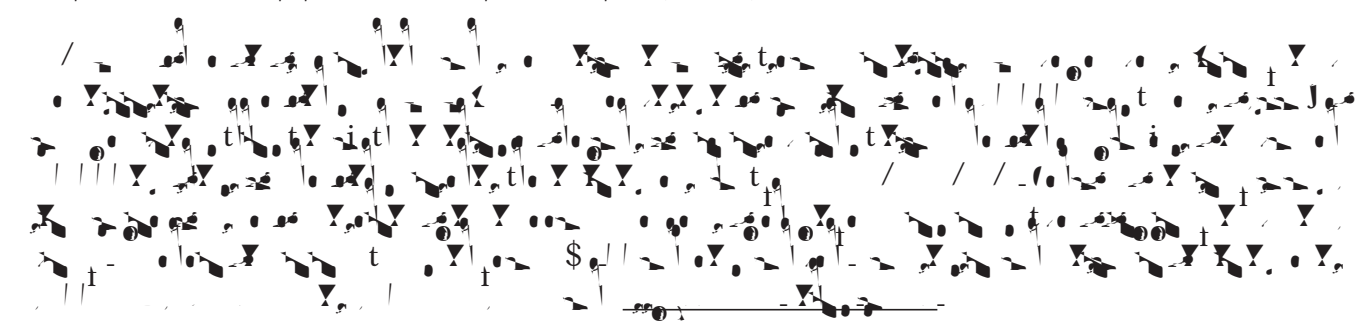
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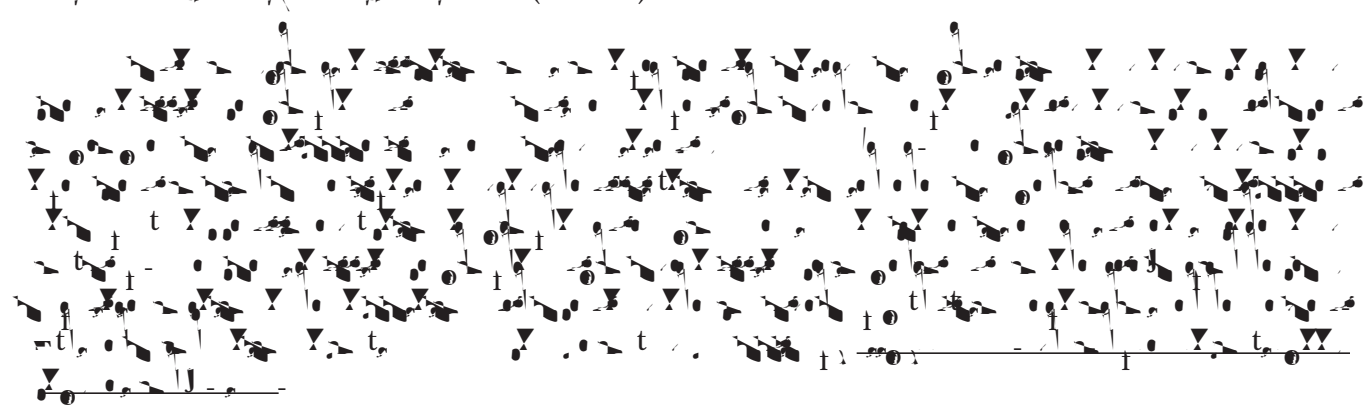
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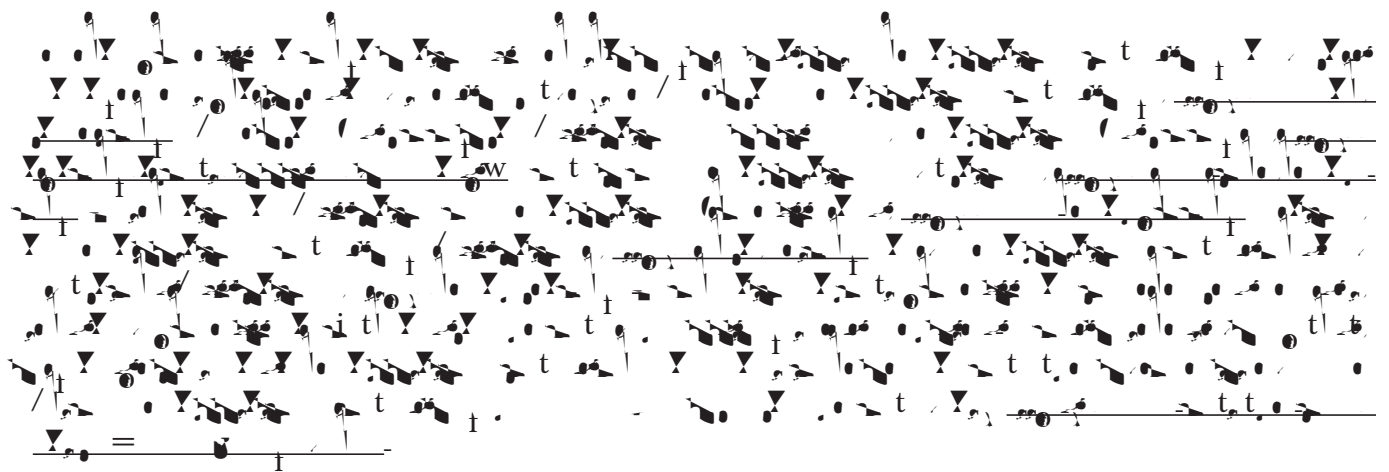
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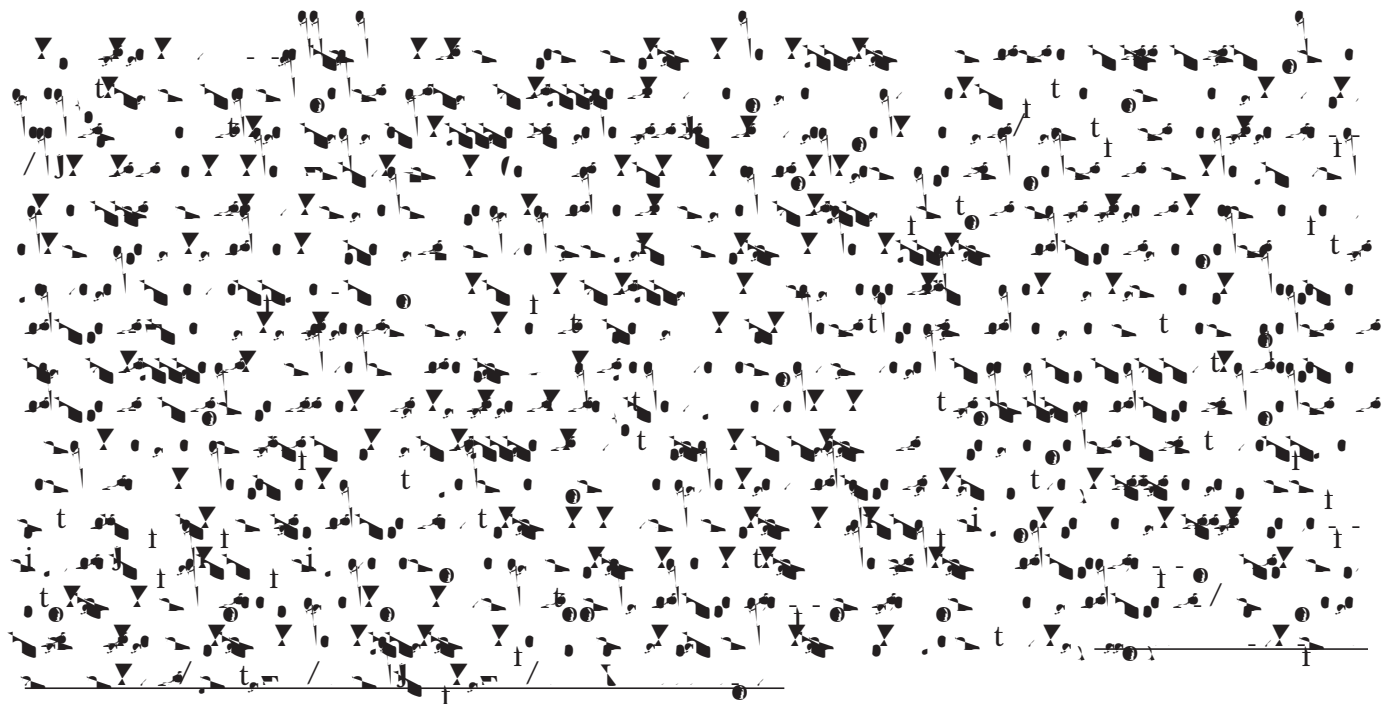
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Personal Orientation



Social Responsibility Orientation (O R)



Responsible Enterprise (R&E)





A New Beginning



REFERENCES

