An Introduction to Ecological Rehabilitation

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ABSTRACT Central issues of rehabilitation are power, its equitable distribution, and context. People with disabilities have been denied power, and rehabilitation, focused on clinical approaches to individuals, has neglected context. The distribution of power and an ecologically oriented rehabilitation would address this issue of power squarely. This would broaden clinical methods and styles of rehabilitation to include and incorporate social change, relationships, contexts, and even environmental matters within a system and ecologically aware framework.