

Abstract

The stigma attached to people with disabilities is present throughout history. Stigma limits the person in having a "normal" life and increases through perspectives of society, sideshows, and the media. The stigma today, is not as apparent but, through interviewing people with disabilities it was found they are still being ignored and rejected. Interviewing people without disabilities revealed many are not scared of those with disabilities but are more curious about the disability. Overall, there is a growing acceptance in society for people with disabilities.

Through educating society on different disabilities and accepting everyone is different, the stigma will decrease even more. However, the stigma associated with people with disabilities will be present as long as society uses labels.

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