



DISABILITY ETIQUETTE

Nick Wyatt



Emily Petersen



**BELONGING AND SUCCESS
MATTER TO ALL**

Nick Wyatt

WHO AM I?

WHY AM I
HERE?

WHY AM I
IN A
CHAIR?



Emily Petersen



“Community is about
doing something
together that makes
belonging matter.”

-Brian Solis

Who am I?

What is my job?

**How do I
support Nick?**

INITIAL QUESTIONS?

What do you guys know about people with disabilities?



What interactions have you had with someone who has a disability?

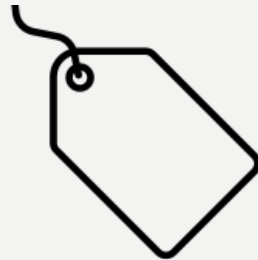


What type of characteristics do you see in a family member or friend with a disability?

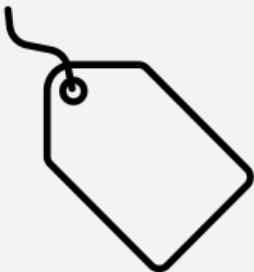
WHAT IS PERSON FIRST LANGUAGE?

- Disability is NOT a bad word.
- We want to put the person in front of labels to show they are more important than how they are viewed.
- Example: “Nick has special needs.”

What kind of abilities do you think Nick has?



GOOD



BAD



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ELLIE

- Very Active
- Loves Music
- SOS Leader in school
- Not a fan of Math



MY NAME IS ELLIE PETERSEN



MOST IMPORTANT TO ME:

- *A loving family that helps me succeed*
- *Friends that are always there for me through the good and bad times*
- *Having 1:1 care when needed helps my daily quality of life*
- *Choosing to do things myself and asking for help when needed*
- *Goal: My own driver's license*
- *my religion*

HOW TO BEST SUPPORT ME:

- *Give me a minute to gather my thoughts*
- *Make sure I am a part of what my class is doing*
- *I need support to be more successful with organization and time management skills*
- *Remind me to drink enough water*
- *Help me understand my part in group activities/ projects*
- *When I feel that I am falling behind and I'm asking for help, I really need supports to help me understand and catch up.*
- * When talking to me it is best to be at my level*



MY 1:1 SUPPORT PERSON NEEDS TO HAVE:

- *Positive Attitude*
- *Flexibility*
- *Patience*
- *Understanding*
- *Communication with me*
- *Advocacy Skills*
- *good personality*

NICE TO HAVE SHARED INTERESTS IN:

- *Horses*
- *Swimming*
- *Rock Climbing*
- *Music*
- *Down Hill Skiing*
- *loves to play the Piano*
- *Likes to play games*

TIPS FOR ANY SITUATION:

- Don't stare
- Don't make fun
- Ask questions
 - To the person, not their helper
- Show kindness when they do ask for help

ALWAYS SHOW KINDNESS



WHAT TO DO AS A HUMAN

- Be Welcoming
- Collaborate
- Be understanding
- Have patience





KARLA JARRETT

- Mother of Nick Wyatt
- Lifelong disability advocate
- Expert in lived experiences both as a parent and caregiver.
- Understanding, Empathetic, Holistically Good Person.

WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE HAS A DISABILITY?

ASK ASK ASK

Be open and non-judgmental

Independence is
IMPORTANT

01

Do not
stare at a
person with
a disability.

02

Do not laugh
or make fun
of.. you don't
know what
they have
been
through.

03

Do not
assume they
always need
help

04

Do not
assume they
can't do
anything for
themselves.

WHAT NOT TO DO

WHAT TO DO WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL HAS MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

Do not push any of the buttons
without permission

Do not push or drive others
equipment without permission

We are not broken. We just
get around differently.



ROBIN BOUDWIN

- Bride Of Nick
- Outspoken, Woman of Opinion
- Love of Nick's life
- 53 years old, with cerebral palsy



IT'S OKAY TO
BE
DIFFERENTLY
ABLED

