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Socialization experiences of Korean physically disabled adults in public welfare program

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This study was to describe and understand the experiences of the physically disabled adult attending in public welfare program. The interview data were collected from 9 persons and analyzed by using descriptive phenomenology of Colaizzi. The procedural steps described the phenomenon of interest, collected participants' descriptions of the phenomenon, extracted the meaning of significant statements, organized the meanings into the clusters, wrote exhaustive descriptions and then incorporated data into an exhaustive description. The finding in 129 re-statements, 63 constructed meanings, 41 themes, 15 theme clusters, and 6 categories were deduced. The 6 categories were 'life patterns exclusive health', 'powerlessness in physical disability', 'living with acquaintances helps', 'motivated positively', 'seeking to be holistic health', and 'sense of accomplishment'. The study identified that social welfare program for the disabled need necessities for health learning and economy for their future in success. Therefore, we suggest that there may be a need for supplying professional program for their health and welfare.

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