

Applying the Disabilities & Livelihoods Circle



WHAT IS THE D&L CIRCLE?

The **Disabilities & Livelihoods Circle** is a developing model of understanding how people with disabilities in Canada make a living and a life

The circle aims to understand how and why people make decisions to survive and thrive. It looks at how decision-making can be affected by the options that people feel are available

HOW CAN THE D&L CIRCLE BE APPLIED?

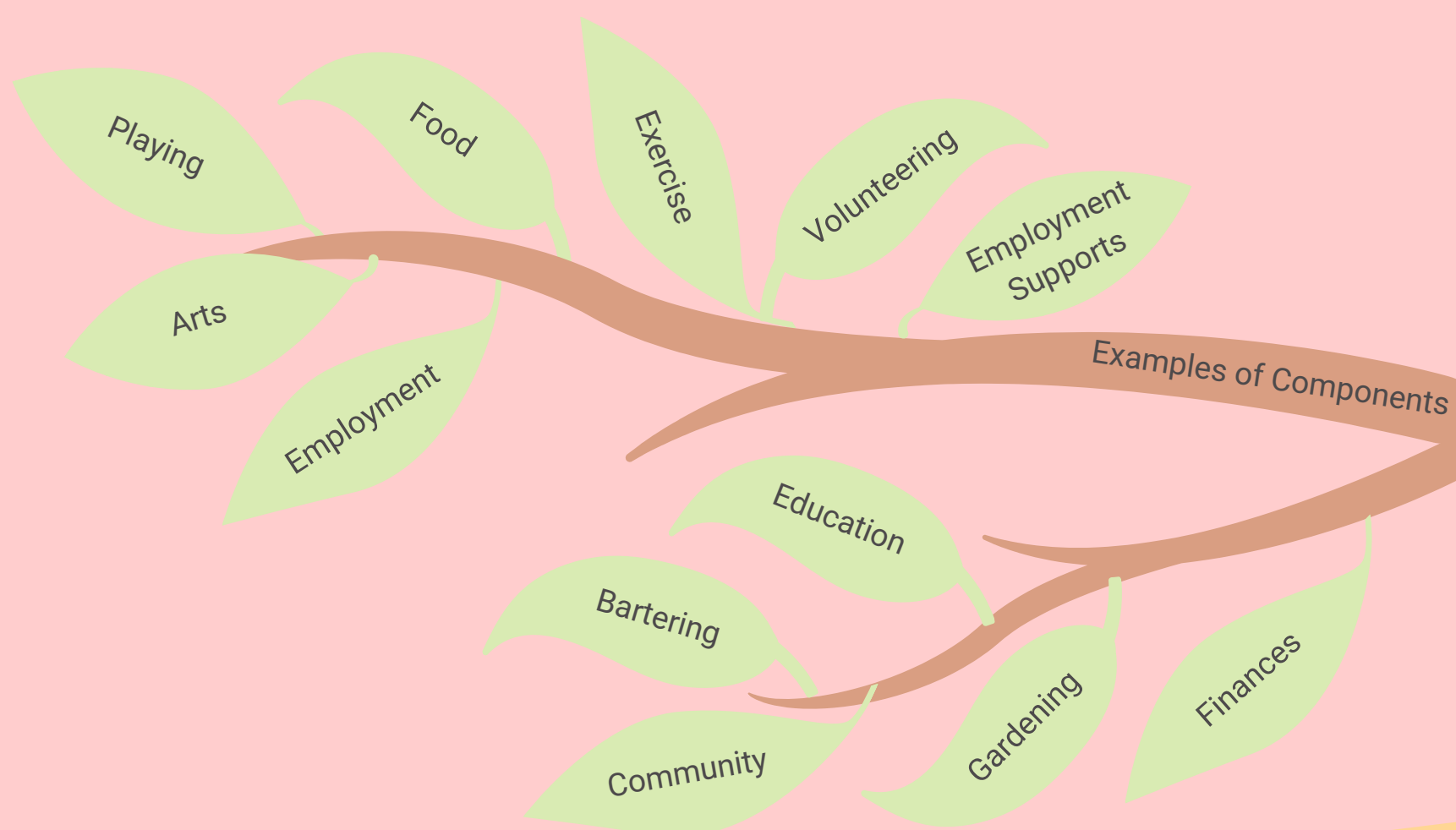


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Consider the components of life that need to grow and be nurtured in order to survive and thrive

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Use the livelihoods circle to understand how people make decisions about these components in order to make a living and a life



Potential Questions to Consider

How do people with disabilities survive and thrive?

How is decision-making impacted by identities, privilege and oppression, policies and institutions, power relations, and vulnerability?

How do certain decisions shape other components of making a living and a life?

EXAMPLES

Volunteering and Livelihoods

How do people with disabilities experience and practice volunteering? Why do they volunteer?

Pre-Employment Supports & Livelihoods among Young Women with Disabilities

What are the relationships between paid employment and other means of making a living?

How do young women with disabilities make decisions as they move between school, pre-employment services, paid employment, and other ways to make a living?

Livelihoods of d/Deaf and Disabled Artists

How can artistry be a means to secure necessities of life, as an ability to express oneself or add social value, and the economic implications such as housing and food?

How do federal and provincial laws, and funding agencies, intersect with artistry as a livelihood?