30 YEARS AGO….

Three offices served the campus population of “disabled students’
Health Services:
Students with physical or medical disabilities

Learning Assistance Center:
Students with learning disabilities, Hearing or Visual Impairments

Supported Educational Services:
Students with mental health disabilities
DISABILITY SERVICES

Late 1990s - Present
The impairment is the problem

The environment is the problem

MEDICAL MODEL V. SOCIAL MODEL
Discussion – Why?

- Purpose?
- Cause?
- Belief?
- Vision?
- Ideal?

Why does Disability Services exist on campus?

If our office left QCC tomorrow, what would happen to our students?
Possible WHY Purposes

- Access
- Disability as an aspect of diversity
- Equity
- Facilitating educational opportunities
- Inclusion
- Making campus environments inclusive
- Social responsibility to facilitate access
- Social justice
- System change
Balance WHY with How and What

Values and principles that bring the WHY to life

Actions you take to realize the WHY
  • Requires building practical structures and processes
  • Requires discipline and accountability

The hardest part of the WHY-HOW-WHAT process??
DS Office examples of HOW

- How you intentionally communicate your message (web, accommodation letters, etc.)
- Philosophy that drives initial student meetings
- How you connect with faculty
- Process to distribute accommodation letters
- Database management
- How you intentionally and consistently use programs to move your message forward
JUST A THOUGHT:

How might we increase access in the college environment?
Accessibility
Student Accessibility Services

DISABILITY SERVICES/STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES UNTIL JULY 1, 2020
OCTOBER IS
DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH
CAMPUS EVENTS

October 1st-31st

Photo Contest (for all QCC campuses)
Snap a photo of accessibility on campus and share with us.
Prizes will be given to the 3 best photos on October 31st
Email your photos to disabilityservices@qcc.mass.edu

October 9th

Everyday Sign Language
Come learn basic signs so you can communicate with your peers.
Fuller Center @ 11am-12pm

October 16th

The Invisibles
Come learn about disabilities that are often overlooked and misunderstood.
Fuller Center @ 11am-12pm

October 21st

Take a Walk in Our Shoes
QCC students will share their story and what disability means to them.
HLC 109 @ 10am-11am

October 31st

Photo Contest Winners Announced

Southbridge
October 1-31st

Trivia Contest
Answer the weekly question and be entered into a weekly prize drawing.
Southbridge Lobby

To request accommodations for these events, please contact Disability Services:
Email: disabilityservices@qcc.mass.edu
Call: 508.854.4471
Sorenson Video Phone: 508.502.7647