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A multimethod approach to evaluate transition into community life

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Abstract

A multimethod approach to program evaluation using traditional quantitative methods, subjective assessments developed from the quantitative tools, and qualitative case study methods, was used to evaluate "Transition into Community Life", a 3-year, federally funded grant to improve quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities. Participants who were employed in supported employment or sheltered employment were randomly assigned to either a community life options intervention or contained in their present situation. The intervention involved an interactive process among the participant, a paid recreation specialist, and individuals from the community. The Quality of Life Index failed to show statistically significant improvement for those who received the community life options intervention, although the subjective assessments and case study methods revealed change in quality of life among some participants. The

discussion focused on the strengths and weaknesses of each method of evaluation and assessment of the impact of the intervention.



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Portions of the qualitative data from this manuscript were used to support our participatory action research model entitled, "Participant-back-to-participant". The model was presented at the American Evaluation Association Meeting, Dallas, 1993 and reported in OSERS, News in Print, U.S. Department of Education, (Gliner & Sample, 1993).

The evaluation report is based on "Transition into community life", a three year federally funded initiated project from the U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (H133G10206-01) awarded to the Center for Community participation at Colorado State University.

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