

Quality of life of an individual with sensory impairment: Modern word or hot issue?

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Quality of life, a modern concept and a practical phenomenon that has been reflected in projects carried out by many institutes in recent years. The publication 'Views of the quality of life of persons with sensory impairment' reflects a range of approaches in special education with a common denominator – requirement for a full life of an impaired individual. The authors of the publication Libuše Ludíková et al. (Dita Finková, Lucia Pastieriková, Kateřina Stejskalová, Martin Fink, Ivana Horvátová, Hana Joklíková, Petra Tomalová) provide an insight into specific areas of life of a person with sensory impairment.

An individual's view of what is quality could be subjective to a large extent if we did not know the current research and practice-based theoretical background. The present 206-page publication outlines the aspects of the quality of life of persons with visual and hearing impairment at various ages.

The book is divided into the following 7 chapters:

1. Quality of life – theoretical background
2. Quality of life of children with visual impairment with an emphasis on the quality of life of children with ROP
3. Quality of life of pupils with visual impairment
4. Quality of life of employees in school-based counselling centres
5. Quality of life of students with visual and hearing impairment at Palacky University, Olomouc
6. Employment as one of the indicators of the quality of life of an individual with hearing impairment in adulthood
7. Quality of life of seniors with visual impairment in the context of the degree and quality of awareness

The content and focus of the publication provide clear and attractive information about the quality of life of persons with sensory impairment. The theoretical framework is aptly supported by a practical dimension. The text is enriched with graphs and tables enabling quick understanding of the results of the research. The grammar of the text is of a high level and the literature used by the authors corresponds with the topicality and professional focus of the issue.

The reflection of the quality of life will always be subjective because an individual's life cannot be a quantity but is always a quality that should be 'lived to the fullest'. Such living is in many aspects a question of personal understanding, life philosophy, and cognitive as well as emotional approaches. The life of an individual with sensory impairment in various ages and the professions of persons intervening in the target group are the areas that should be further monitored and investigated.

A professional undoubtedly influences the quality of services rendered to impaired individuals. Similarly, an individual with sensory impairment actively affects the feelings of own personal satisfaction with life. The publication 'Views of the quality of life of persons with sensory impairment' can be considered a successful overview of this multidimensional issue.

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