

East Asia Disability Studies Forum 2022

Session2: Family and Independent living of Persons with Disabilities

# **End of a Family**

# **Start of a Family**

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# Independent living

- Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities(CRPD)
  - *providing with all necessary means to enable them to exercise choice and control over their lives and make all decisions concerning their lives*
  - *personal autonomy and self-determination*
  - *same opportunities and control over our everyday lives*

(<https://www.independentliving.org/def.html>)

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# Statistics on Independent Living

family type	
Married couple	(29.0%)
single	(27.2%)
Married couple + children	(23.3%)
single parent + children	(8.4%)

family living together	
spouse	(66.5%)
children	(37.5%)
parents	(31.6%)
Siblings	(9.0%)

# Barrier factor in independent living- Social Perspective

## Social Perspective on Disability

abnormal or  
imperfect

inability

Impossibility of  
independence

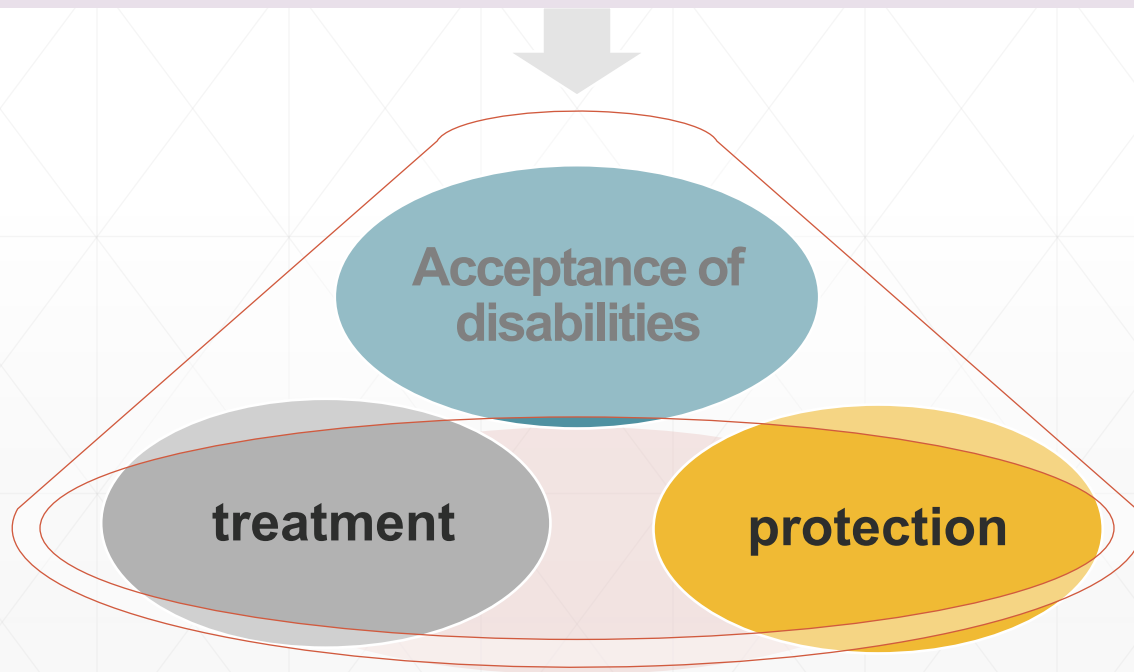


**Family**

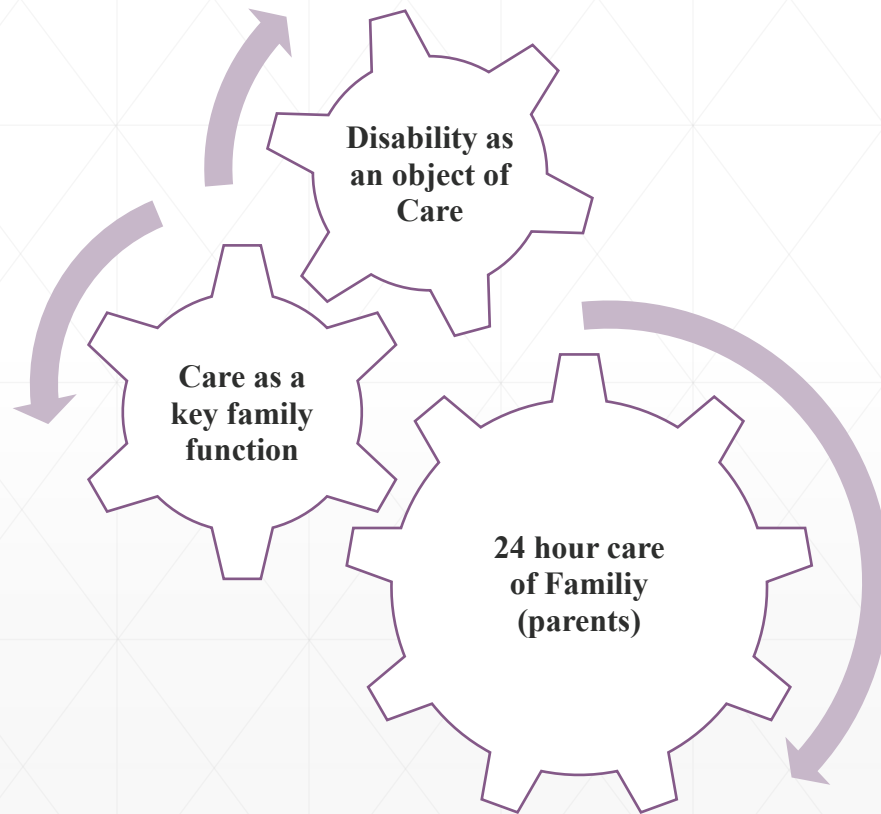
**Giving up expectations and confidence for independence**

# Barrier factor in independent living- Social Perspective

Disabled Family as Social Perspective



# Barrier factor in independent living- Care-focused family life



- Glorifying and overemphasis family sacrifices
- More compulsory of family care in a society where there is a lack of care systems in the community

# Statistics on Care- Assistance in Daily life

		Age				Sum
		Under 17	18~44	45~64	65 or older	
Assistance	Yes	97.0%	85.9%	68.3%	71.8%	74.1%
	no	3.0%	14.1%	31.7%	28.2%	25.9%

type	spouse	1.1%	8.9%	47.2%	48.7%	38.7%
	parents	79.7%	68.8%	16.9%	0.3%	20.8%
	children	-	0.4%	5.8%	22.6%	13.3%
	assistant	14.2%	11.7%	13.0%	4.7%	8.5%

Source: 2020년 장애인실태조사(2020)

# Family in independent living

End of a Family
Body based on normality
Ideal family
24 hour care of Family



Start of a Family
Body as Ability
Various types of families
Social Care based on solidarity



# Family in independent living

- Community must provide families a vision for the independence of the person with disabilities
  - “liberation of a family from care” is needed
  - Everyone in the community should become a family in the matter of the independence of the person with disabilities
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# Family in independent living

- The dissolution of the family myth
  - A New Perspective on Independent Living
  - The new role of the family in independent living
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