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Dementia & COVID-19: Learning Along the Way

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Our Time Together

- Explore fundamental relationship-centered approaches that have become even more essential over recent months.
- Share ideas and insights garnered from providers and experts navigating the pandemic across the country.
- Ask big questions and consider how the pandemic may impact the way we support people living with dementia into the future.





***How are
you doing?***



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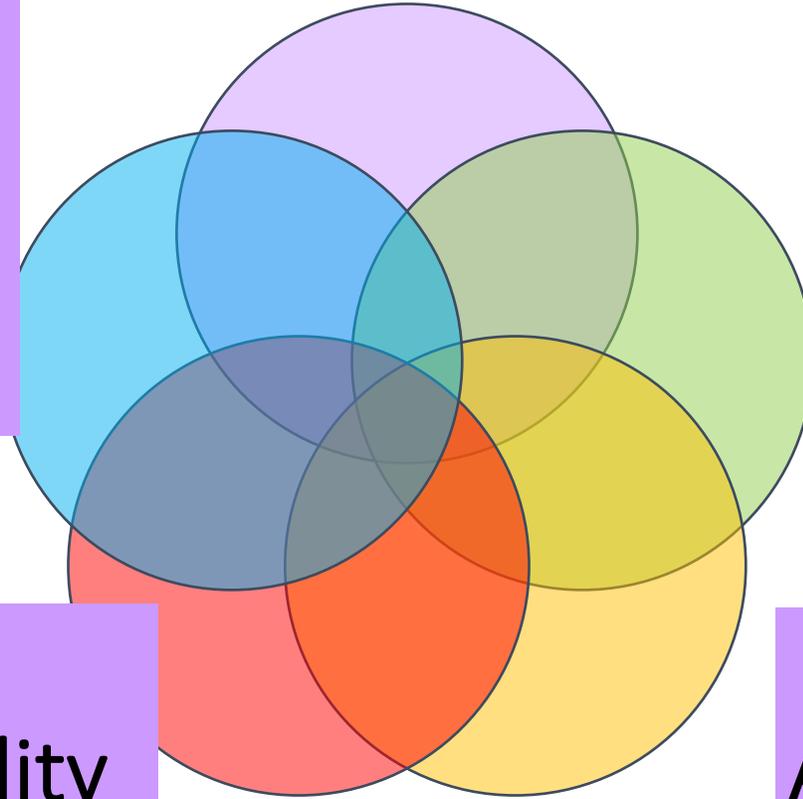
Dementia

Person-
directedness

Anti-
ableism

Intersectionality

Anti-ageism





Person-
directedness

“Ask residents what they want to do...give them options...let them be part of the planning because that gives them ownership...that gives them comfort.”

-Brian LeBlanc





Anti-ageism



Ageism:

1. discrimination against persons of a certain age group.

2. tendency to regard older persons as debilitated, unworthy of attention, or unsuitable for employment.

When did being physically fragile and requiring support become the standard by which you lose all of your rights? When did the need for safety override the need for quality of life?



Anti-ableism

Ableism:

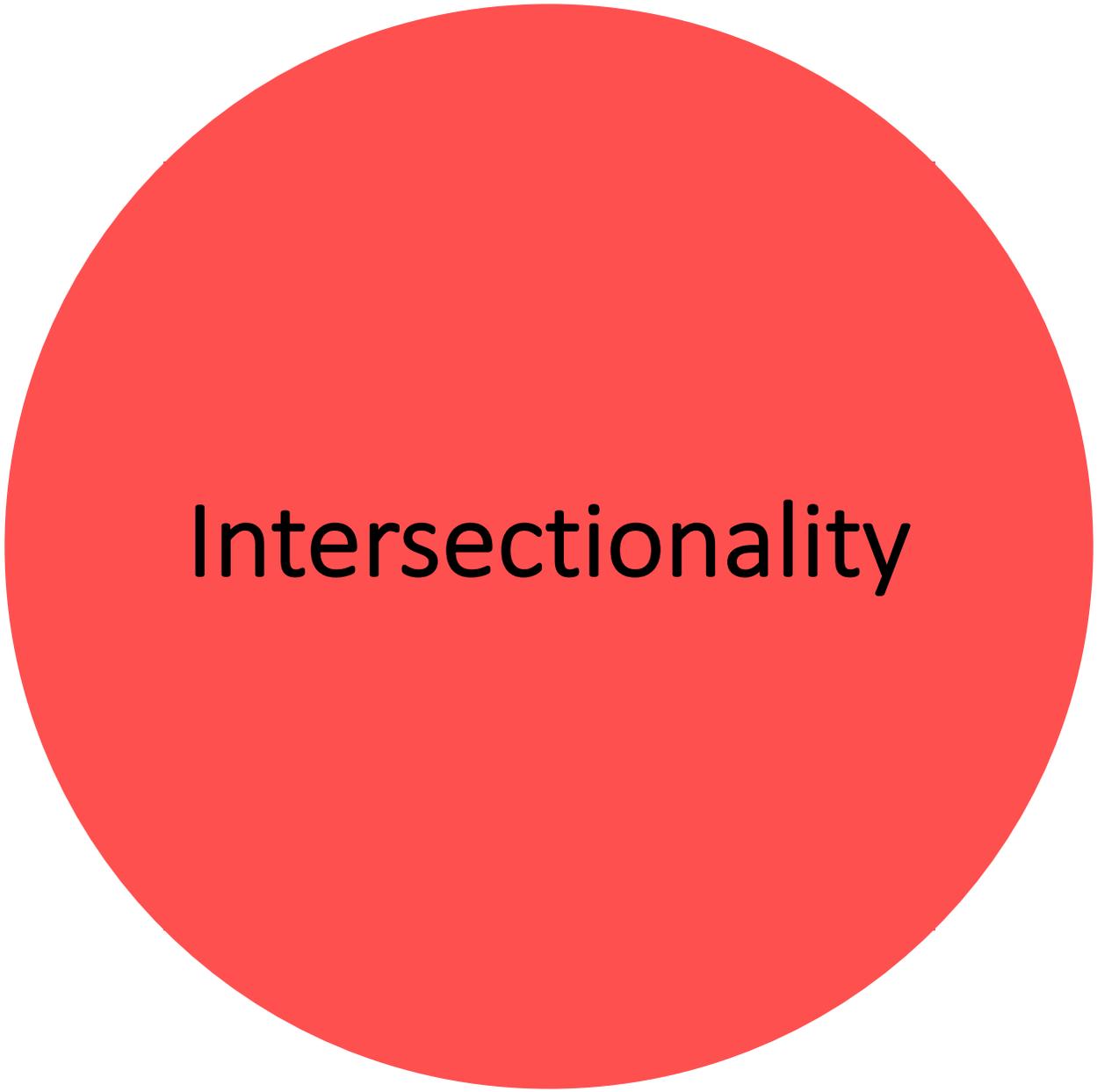
discrimination of and social prejudice against people with disabilities based on the belief that typical abilities are superior.





“We desperately need others to see our abilities and not simply focus on our inabilities. Please enable us, don’t further disable us.”

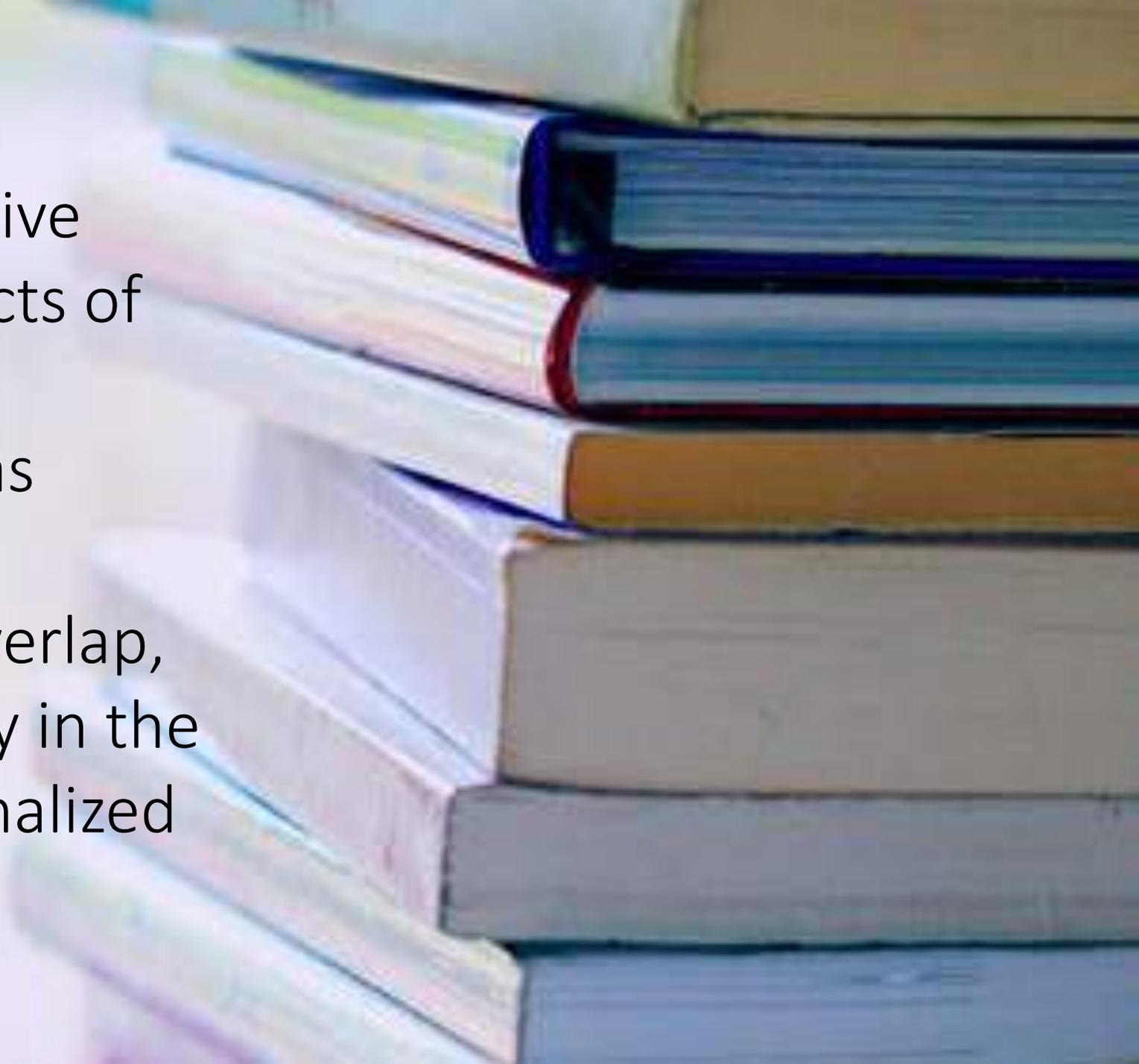
- Myriam Marquez



Intersectionality

Intersectionality:

the complex, cumulative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, or intersect, especially in the experiences of marginalized individuals or groups.





“Our risk is twice the overall population’s, but I go to many conferences and I see only a few black faces.”

-Brian Van Buren

Challenges:

- PPE and physical distancing
- Social isolation and further cognitive decline
- Supporting families
- Maintaining person-centeredness/relationship centeredness amidst a crisis
- Testing as trauma
- Reopening

Themes:

- Creativity
- Person-directedness
- Communication

*Why do we
segregate
people with
dementia?*



*When does the need for
safety override the need for
quality of life?*





*What have we
learned?*



*How do we center
the voice of the
lived experience—
particularly in
crisis?*





You are the
makers of
magic

Thank you

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