

# The Power of Roles

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The WV Developmental  
Disabilities Council is  
proud to host this  
virtual training with  
**Darcy Elks, M.A.**

**Social Role Valorization: Positive principles and practice to help people who may be devalued in our society live full, inclusive lives.**

Join us to explore SRV and understand some of the processes our society and human services perpetrate upon persons who are at risk of being devalued. Learn to understand the power of social roles and how to counteract some of the effects of devaluation to help people live full, inclusive lives.

**Details:** This training will be held via Zoom beginning with a morning session held 9:00am-12:00pm and an afternoon session held from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Participants must attend both sessions.

**To Register:** Visit [ddc.wv.gov](http://ddc.wv.gov) and complete the link on our homepage OR email [katie.o.arbaugh@wv.gov](mailto:katie.o.arbaugh@wv.gov). The link will be provided via email.

Darcy is an educator, parent and advocate on behalf of people who are societally devalued. She is an international consultant and has traveled to many different countries to advocate for full meaningful inclusive lifestyles for marginalized people. Darcy is a master teacher of Social Role Valorization. The focus of Darcy's work is to encourage attitudes and structures, which promote social value and inclusion for people who have disabilities and other people who have been devalued and excluded. Darcy's passion is to help create inclusive communities where we are all welcome and where we can each use our gifts for the good of one another.



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