

THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: A QUALITATIVE META-ANALYSIS

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Though social inclusion is essential to enhancing a person's quality of life, people with disabilities continue to face many barriers. The purpose of this qualitative meta-analysis was to describe the elements and experiences of social inclusion for people with disabilities. The study analyzed data from 15 primary research reports through thematic coding to synthesize what is currently known about social inclusion. Six themes were identified: being accepted, relationships, involvement in activities, living accommodations, employment, and support systems. Facilitators or constraints to social inclusion were also identified.