

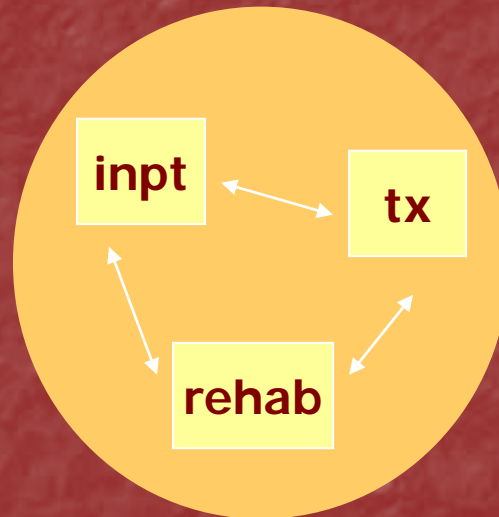
Designing Policies to Foster the Community Inclusion of People in Recovery

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An Important Distinction

- Community integration refers to the process of assisting a person to become re-engaged in community life, and the reciprocal process of assisting a community to accept and welcome back persons who have been extruded from community life, *once the person's condition has been resolved*. (i.e., follows after recovery)

Community Integration



Recovery



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Citizenship

**Love, Work
& Play**

**Community
Life**

**Housing,
Faith &
Belonging**

Converging Streams and Common Challenges

Italy



24-hour
Centres
Social
Cooperatives

Community
Inclusion

**Community Participation:
Active Role of the Person**

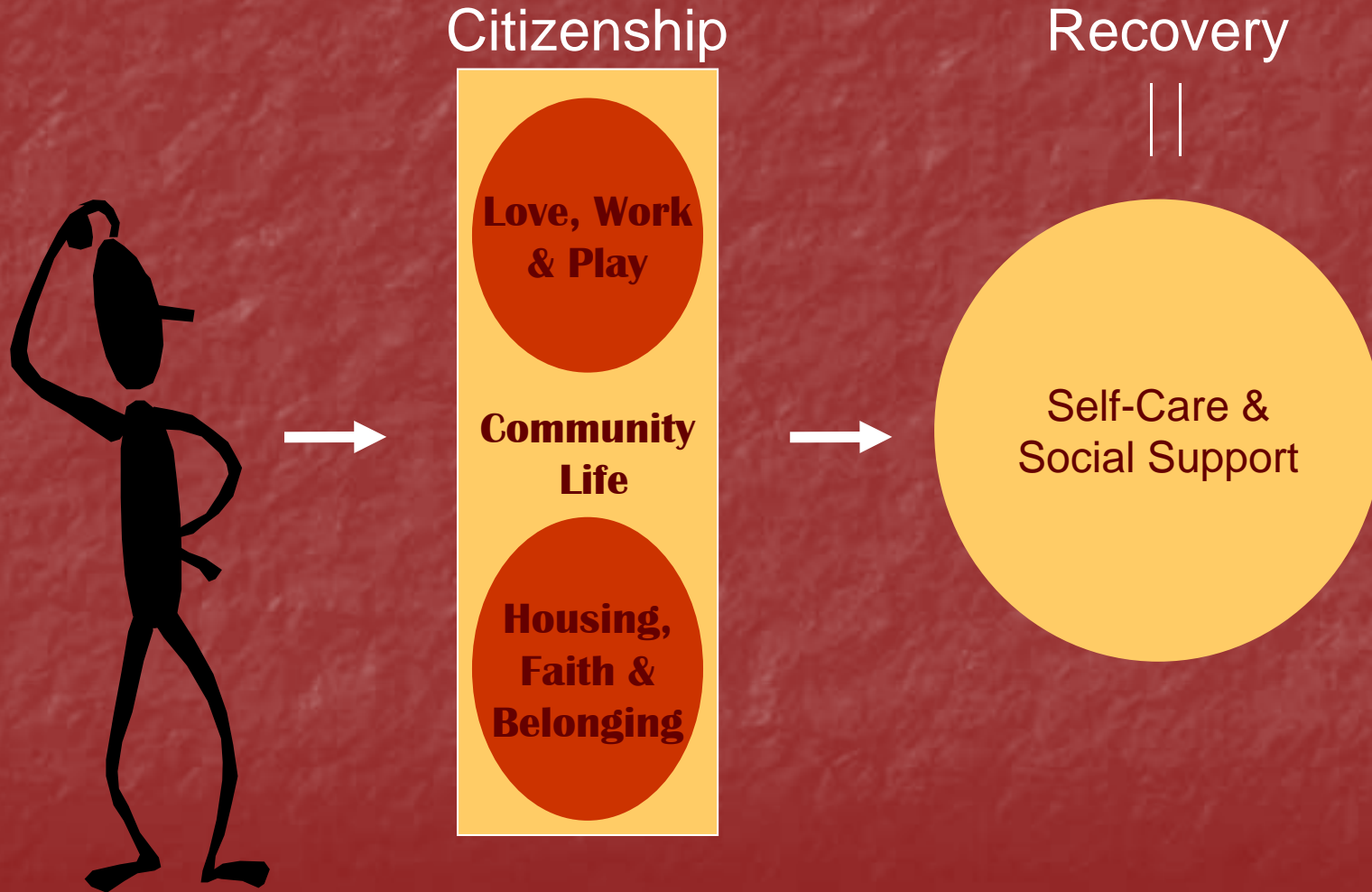
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Community Inclusion

- Refers to the principle that people with long-term disabilities should be accepted and welcomed by their communities as they are, with whatever conditions they may have, without having to be cured, fixed, or otherwise made to conform to select societal norms first.
- Handrails in bathrooms, Braille signs, etc.

Community Inclusion



Strategies to Promote Community Inclusion and Active Participation

- Within mental health system
- On the boundary between mental health system and broader community
- Within broader community

Within Mental Health System

- Address stigma, discrimination, and tendency to view people as their disorders
- Promote self-determination and remove artificial barriers to participation in community life through person-centered care planning
- Involve recovery community in transforming mental health system

On the Boundary

- Two-ways streets to make boundary more permeable and fluid
- Social cooperatives
- Join with other oppressed groups
- Advocacy on individual basis

Broader Community

- Legislation
- Reform of disability entitlements that incentivize chronicity and isolation
- Role models of recovery

Thank you

Questions or comments?