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What is INSINC?

The Institute for Social Inclusion (INSINC) advances and supports activities that promote social inclusion of vulnerable populations such as people with disabilities, people of color, LGBTQ populations, the elderly, children and youth, women, migrant populations, people in poverty, and so on, through research, training, and development of demonstration models.

INSINC is interdisciplinary in nature. It provides a supportive environment to faculty of different departments at Shippensburg University engaged in research, policy and program development by providing assistance and promoting their work through conferences, publications and other appropriate venues. INSINC provides an opportunity to students to participate in research and training sessions. The Institute contributes to the social and human services workforce by organizing professional development workshops or series both on University premises and in the wider community. To promote the concept of social inclusion, the Institute develops and/or supports programs that serve as models of practice that cultivate and encourage it. The focus of the activity of INSINC is local, regional, national, and international.

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What is Social Inclusion?

The process of improving the terms on which individuals and groups take part in society—improving the ability, opportunity, and dignity of those disadvantaged on the basis of their identity.

What does it look like?

- Making all members of society feel important
- Improving opportunities for participation
- Embracing diversity
- Restructuring systems of oppression and exclusion

What does it matter?

- It can lead to improved physical and mental health
- It creates a sense of belonging
- It inspires positive change
- It's the right thing to do

Disabilities: Did You Know...?

- About 15% of the world's population live with a disability.
- People with disabilities often do not receive necessary healthcare.
- People with disabilities are more vulnerable to poverty than people without disabilities.
- Disability is a human rights issue. People with disabilities are discriminated against, often experiencing violence, prejudice and lack of autonomy as well as facing barriers to care.
- By creating a more socially inclusive society, people with disabilities can still participate.