Hopes and Challenges for Social Pedagogy in the United States

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Who are we?

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Most Western Countries versus United States



Institutional:

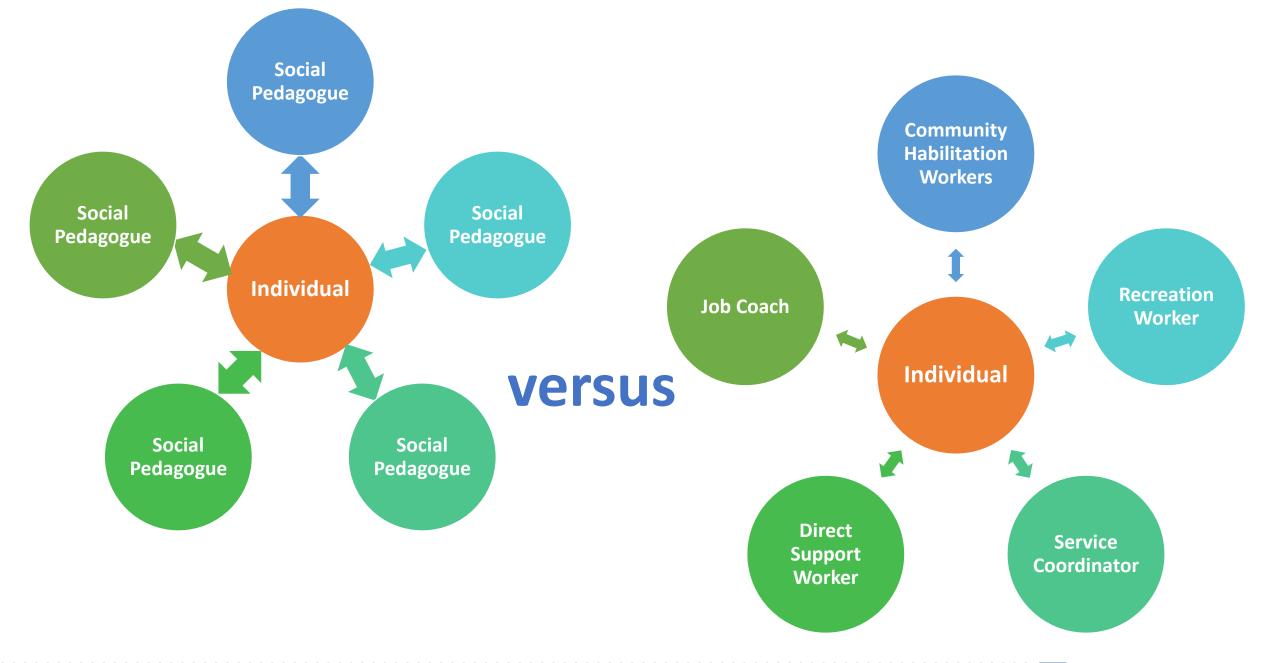
Social welfare is a normal, ongoing function and an integral, permanent part of society

Residual:

Social welfare is viewed as a **temporary** necessity when the "normal" channels for meeting needs fail to perform adequately – a temporary substitute for the failure of individual

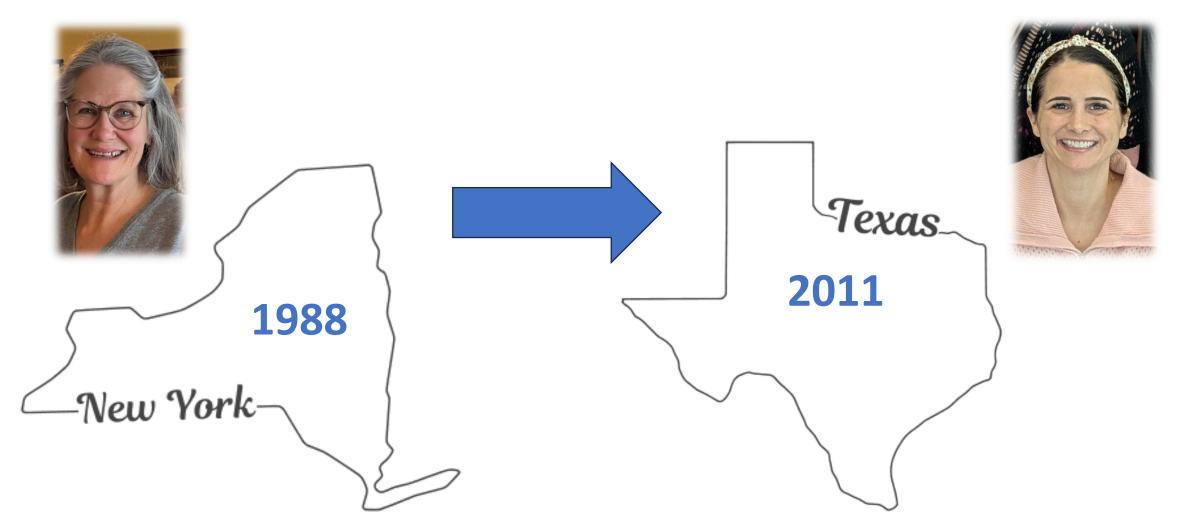






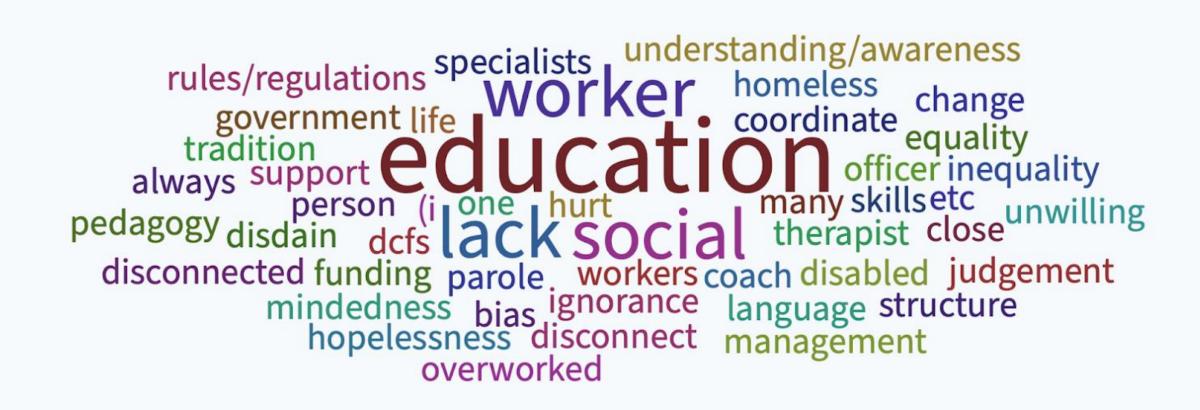


Little has changed...





What have you seen or experienced as barriers to social pedagogy here in the United States and/or in the hudson valley?







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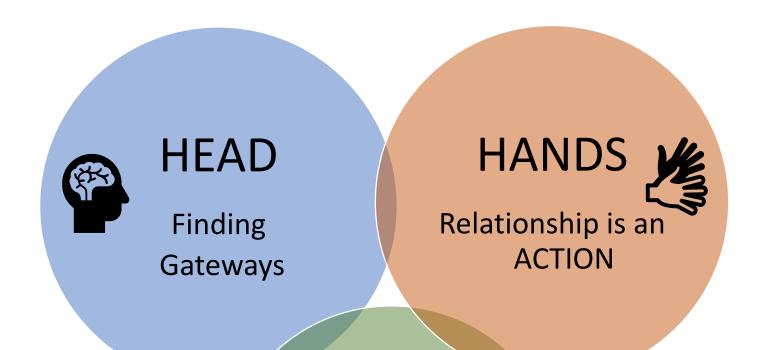
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HEART

If it's easy it's probably wrong





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