## Spiral of Learned (Taught) Helplessness

History of negativity and punishment Age-inappropriate reward systems



Increase in antecedent cues around decision-making, Increase in reinforcement Decreased expectations

Increased potential for Seareaation

Overkill of antecedent cues Overkill of age-inappropriate Reinforcement/affirmation



Individual

Lack of confidence;
Hesitancy in making decisions;
Increased tendency to look for
affirmation/reinforcement;

Person less engaged in decision-making Reward becomes extrinsic to the task Increase in Dependency Reduction in confidence & motivation

Increase in Segregate/Congregate services

Person completely disengaged from decision-making Person becomes a 'reinforcement junkie'