

# Achieving Real Community Inclusion for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ID)

## When the Community = Environment + People



### Inclusion

### Interdisciplinary Exchange

The intent of inclusion is to improve the quality of a persons life.

ID Impacts:

- Health
- Community Participation
- Societal Roles

“We can use our training and talent to make much broader contributions to the world, but it will require that many of us change the way we practice.”  
(Belland & Wakeford, 2008)



### Barriers

Personal, Interpersonal, Environmental



Personal functional capacity

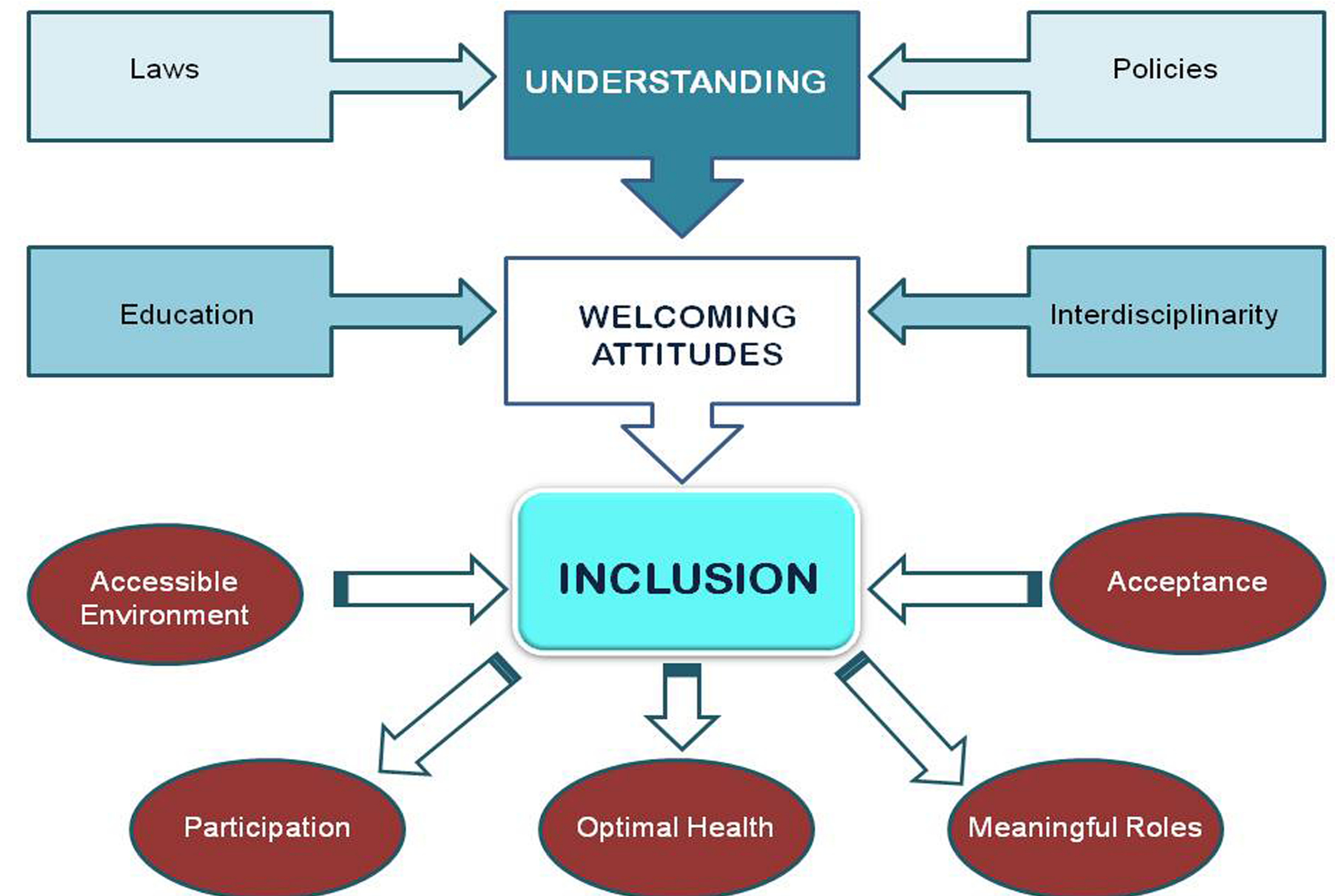


Unwelcoming attitudes



Person-environment interactions

Designers must understand their roles in shaping the accessibility of a community, appreciate functional diversity, and recognize that when access is improved for one individual in a community, invariably life is improved for all. (Sherman & Sherman, 2013)



Interdisciplinarity and community reciprocity in the education of built environment professionals may actually prevent obstacles to real inclusion.