

ABSTRACT

Persons with disabilities often face social stigma and prejudice that can hinder their opportunities to build interpersonal relationships. One such negative stigma is the prevailing belief in society that individuals with disabilities are incapable of experiencing feelings of attraction.. This study aims to understand the process of attraction among individuals with disabilities in establishing interpersonal relationships at PPSGHD by using DeVito's (2013) Attraction Theory. A qualitative method with a phenomenological approach was employed, using in-depth interviews and observations with eight main informants and two supporting informants. The findings indicate that the process of attraction among individuals with disabilities occurs through four interrelated factors that play a significant role in forming their interpersonal relationships: similarity, in the form of shared life experiences and challenges; proximity, through physical closeness in the same environment and regular interaction; reinforcement, developed through emotional and practical support that boosts self-confidence and motivation; and physical and personality attractiveness. The study shows that the attraction process in interpersonal relationships among people with disabilities directly contributes to enhancing their independence. The mutual attraction fosters trust and reciprocal support, creating a support system among individuals with disabilities.

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