

# Neurodiversity-Affirming Parenting



Week 1: Neurodiversity & Executive Functioning



What does it mean to be  
neurodiversity-affirming?

# Language & Communication

Acquiring Language

Building Language

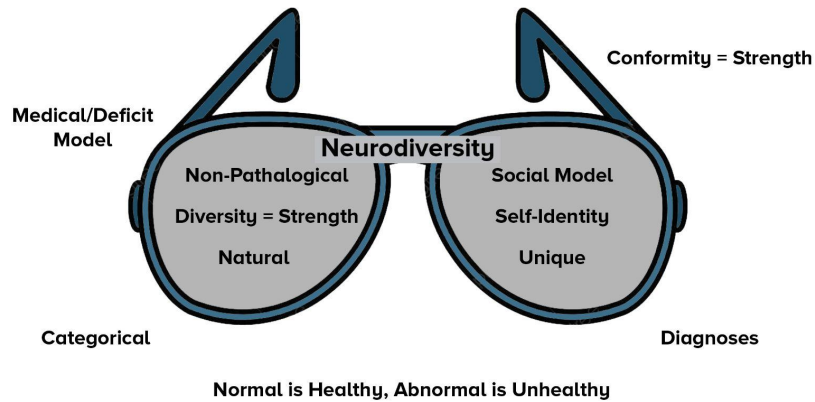
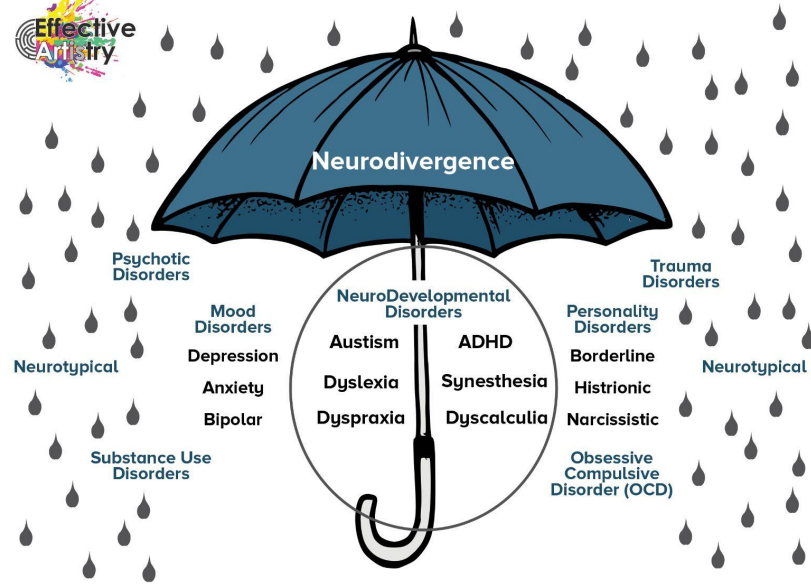
Using Language

# Neurodiversity

Judith Singer



# Neurodivergence, Neurotypes & Neurotypicality



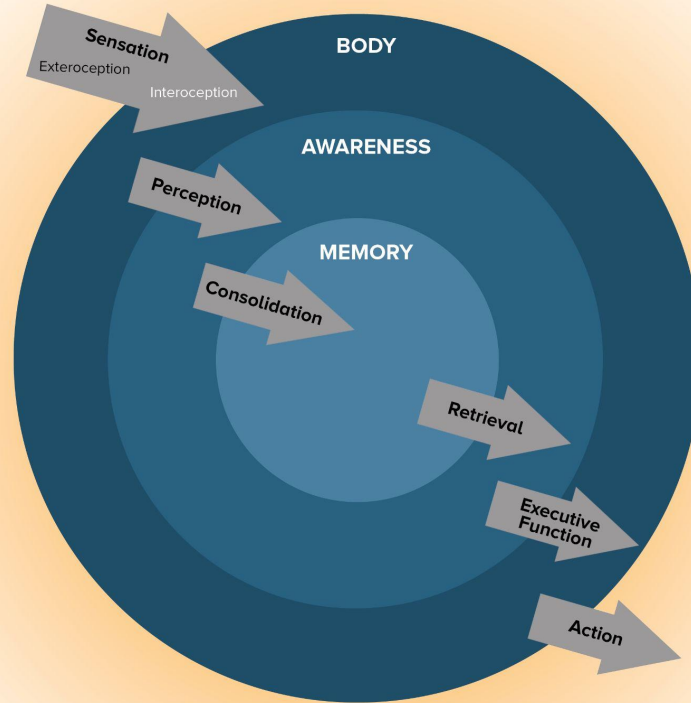
QUESTIONS on neurodiversity?

# Executive Functioning

Neurodiversity reframes mental illness as variations in executive functioning



External Physical  
Environment



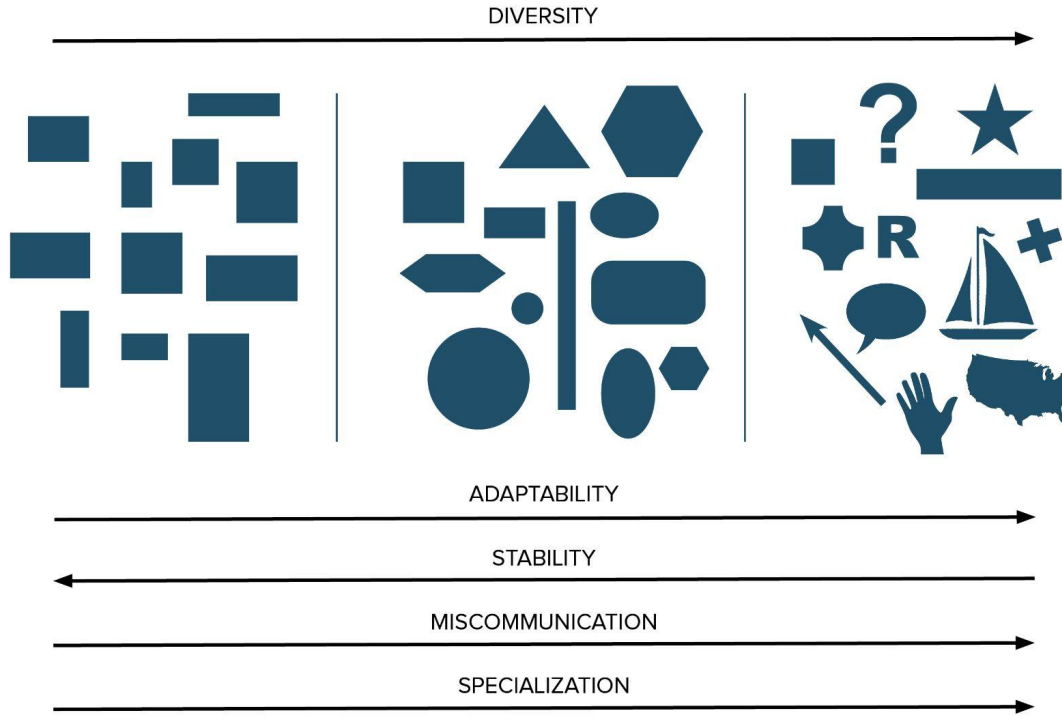
External Physical  
Environment

# Executive Subfunctions

## Diversity

Diversity = the extent to which differences exist within a group

As diversity increases, some things get easier and some get harder



# Executive Functioning

Neurodiversity reframes mental illness as variations in neurological functioning: in large part, Executive Functioning

QUESTIONS?

# Executive Function/Dysfunction



## EXECUTIVE FUNCTION/DYSFUNCTION

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION	EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTION
Ex.s - Got to work on time - Made dinner - Drove home safely	Ex.s - Didn't do dishes - Accidentally called one kid by other kid's name







