

# Participation of intellectually disabled people with dementia

## Questionnaire survey in residential facilities for the disabled

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### Introduction

More and more people with intellectual disabilities (ID) reach retirement age (Dieckmann, Giovis 2012). Therefore there is also an increase in age-related diseases, such as dementia (Lindmeier, Lubitz 2012). The aim of the study is to obtain qualitative data on participation of people with intellectual disabilities and dementia who live in residential facilities for persons with ID.

#### Interview questions which addresses the topic „participation“

30. How do you understand „participation“?
31. How can participation be implemented for adult people with ID and dementia?
32. Must new concepts of participation for people with ID and dementia be developed?
33. Will there be a sufficient implementation of the idea of participation in your residential facility?
34. What kind of choices are provided for people with ID and dementia in your residential facility?
35. How could possibilities of participation for people with ID and dementia be improved in your residential facility?

Fig. 1: Interview questions on the topic participation of people with ID and dementia

### Method

Methodology	
N	a total of 12 expert interviews in 4 residential facilities for people with ID
Time of interview	October till December 2011
Staff of residential facilities	4 group home staff, <b>manager of residential facilities, area manager</b>
Implementation	49 questions in the 6 fields: 1. Everyday work/Daily living 2. Diagnosis 3. Frame structure of the facility <b>4. Participation</b> 5. Assessment of personal needs 6. Future
Evaluation	Qualitative content analysis according to Gläser und Laudel (2010)

Fig. 2: Methodology of qualitative data collection

### Results

The most common statements of the staff of residential facilities:

- to help maintain community living
- redesign day activities
- skill maintenance rather than skill acquisition
- modification of day program and routine
- changing activities and their frequencies according to the person's attention and interest
- support quality of life

#### Community participation for people with ID

- holiday
- writing letters to other people

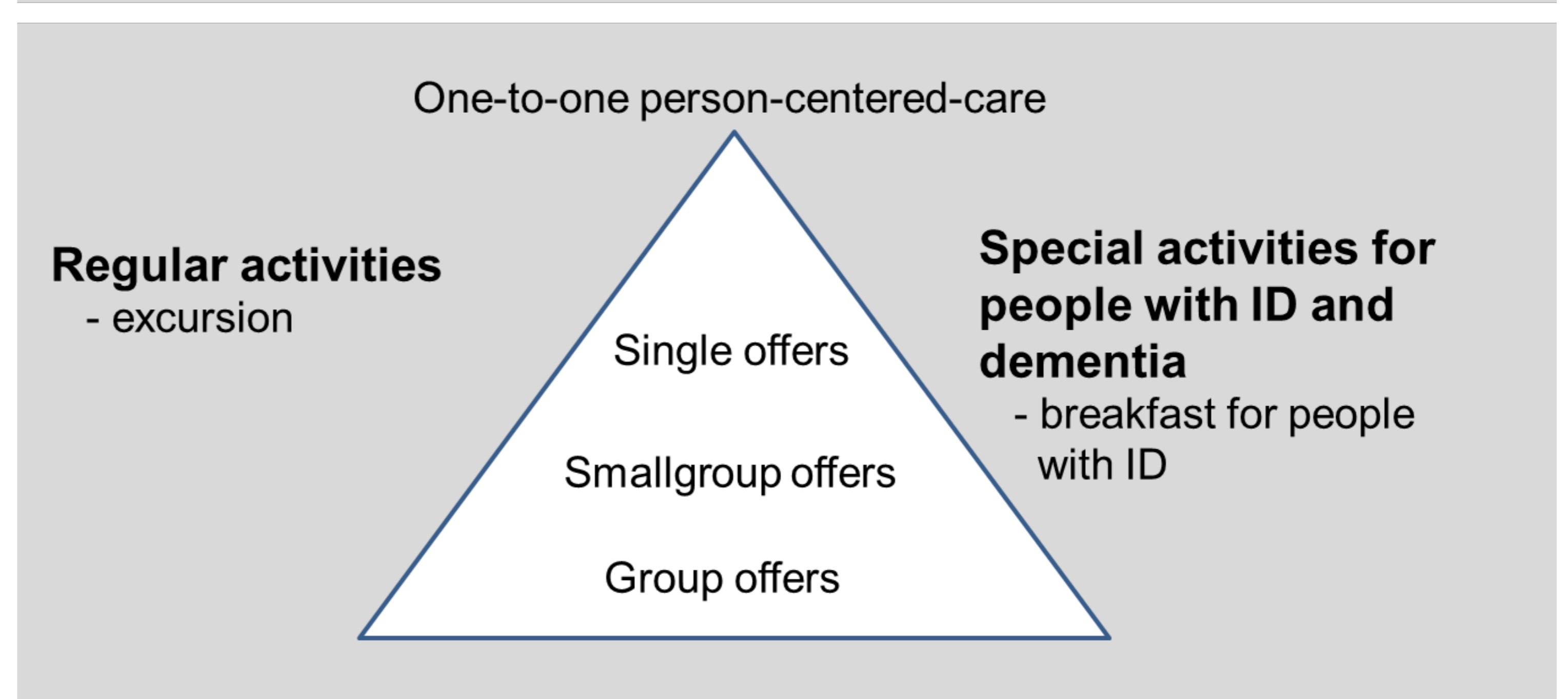


Fig. 3: Current activities of the residential facilities for people with ID

### Conclusions

The main demands of the interview:

- a specialized dementia-capable work-force and support strategies
- provide access to services and supports that are available for the general population affected by dementia
- community participation as long as possible
- provide services that effectively support the individual to remain in their chosen home and community.

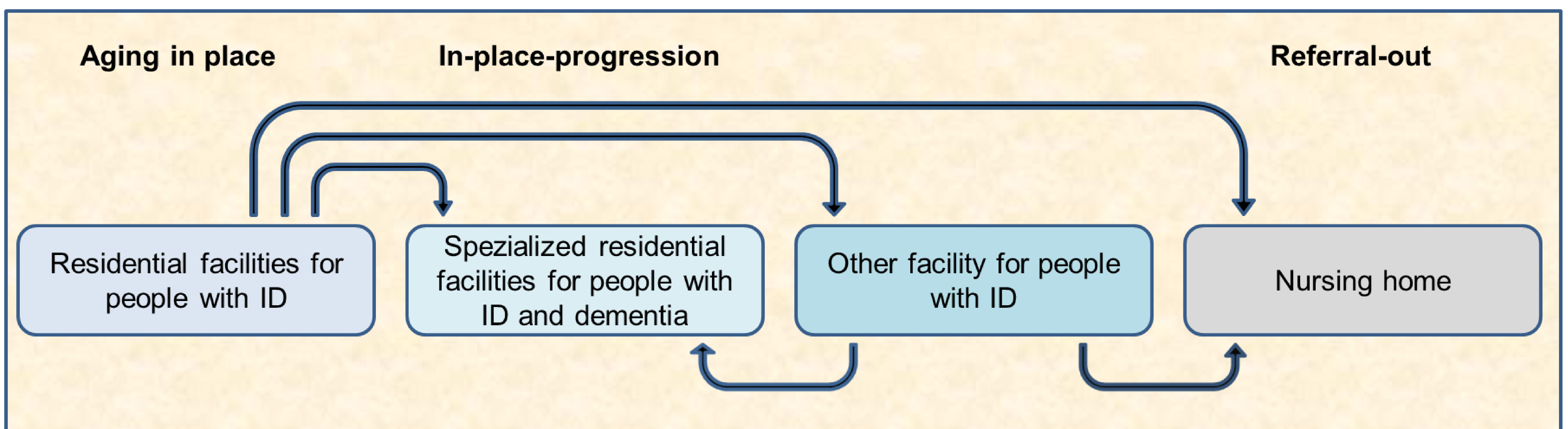


Fig. 4: Changes that occur when someone develops dementia