**What is the World Cafe?**

A World Cafe is a setting that brings people together to have conversations about what matters in their everyday lives.

Participants were divided into small, diverse groups that included self-advocates, professional support staff and administrators from agencies and organizations serving people with disabilities. These World Cafe 2017 participants “live-tweeted” their responses and photos. A ‘roving tweeter’ helped facilitate use of the #WorldCafe link. Please see their “key responses” below:

**Question #1 - How can we help each other?**

- Ask “What do YOU need?” and “What can I do to help?”
- Create a positive atmosphere by inviting and including people who are not like you, work together on common tasks, and utilize every person’s skills.
- Be respectful to each other by complimenting each other’s strengths, listening to others with different beliefs and learn about their own situational skills.
- Recognize that some people don’t have families to support them in making decisions and/or taking action.

**Question #2 - What new opportunities do we need to create for people with disabilities?**

- Create the same opportunities that everyone else has
- Develop leadership skills and "leadership positions"
- Encourage people with disabilities to pursue opportunities in self-employment, post-secondary education, travel and new cultural experiences, and artistic expression
- Increase/promote independence by developing/improving "people skills," providing transportation options, and increasing independent living options

**Question #3 - What one specific thing are you going to do in your life [or work] to create an opportunity for someone with a disability?**

- Create job-shadowing opportunities
- Find ways to advocate to policymakers for state and national change
- Say/ask someone "How can I help you do what you want to do?"
- Help someone believe in him or herself

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