

MEDICAL MODEL ROLE PLAY SCRIPT

Person with a disability is living in a group home. Person is sitting at the table eating her dinner.

The Residence Counselor approaches the person and says that the group is going to go bowling this evening.

Person with disabilities says: “I don’t want to go bowling. I don’t like bowling.”

Residence Counselor says: “Well, I’ve already made plans and I’m sure you will have a good time.”

Person with a disability says: “I don’t want to go bowling.”

Residence Counselor says: “We are all going bowling tonight and that’s that, end of discussion.”

Person with the disability gets very upset and yells: “I don’t want to go bowling! I hate bowling!” And then the person with the disability throws their food on the floor.

Residence Counselor says: “Wow, I can’t believe the mess you just made. You are out of control, lady! Something needs to be done!”

Residence Counselor goes to the phone and calls the psychologist to report what happened. The Counselor says: “John, you’re not going to believe what happened. Susan just had a temper tantrum and threw all of her dinner on the floor. Now I’ve got this mess to clean up. Something has to be done about her behavior.”

The psychologist says: “We probably need a behavioral plan for this woman. It sounds like she cannot control her anger and we need to do something. She might also need a medication. We’ll fix that behavior.”