

The Changing View of Developmental Disabilities

(Vincent, 1994)

The Old Model

Deficits → Disabilities → “Fix it”

The New Model

Strengths & Needs → Capabilities & Possibilities → Supports & Resources

“Every family {and child} has strengths, and if emphasis is on supporting strengths rather than rectifying weaknesses, chances for making a difference in the lives of children and families are vastly increased.”

- Zolinda Stoneman