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Recreation and Leisure in Modern Society

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Social Functions of Community Recreation

Objectives

- Discuss the factors that provoked a new emphasis on community benefits.
- Identify and discuss each of the 10 functions including:
 - The requisite elements of each
 - The role of the recreation professional in each

Introduction

- Community
 - A significant clustering of people who have a common bond
 - Residents of a city or neighborhood
 - Employees of a company
- Societal benefits of organized recreation
- Organization into specific functions

Community Recreation Functions

- Function 1: Enriching the Quality of Life
 - Providing pleasurable and constructive leisure opportunities
 - Provision of services to residents of all ages, backgrounds, and classes

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 2: Contributing to Personal Development
 - Contribution to physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development
 - Promotion of family cohesion and well-being

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 3: Making the Community a More Attractive Place to Live and Visit
 - Improve the physical environment
 - Provide a network of parks and open spaces
 - Redesign and rehabilitate run-down urban areas
 - Foster positive environmental attitudes and policies

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 4: Provide Positive Opportunities for Youth Development
 - Provide challenging programs that offer constructive alternatives
 - Programs should be goal oriented with a youth development purpose

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 5: Improving Intergroup and Intergenerational Relations
 - Improve relations among racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds
 - Improve relations between different generational groups
 - Share recreational and cultural experiences

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 6: Strengthening Neighborhood and Community Ties
 - Involvement in volunteer or service programs
 - Enhancement of civic pride and morale
 - Social and human capital

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 7: Meeting the Needs of Special Populations
 - Serving those with mental or physical disabilities
 - Provide therapeutic recreation services through treatment and/or community programming

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 8: Maintaining Economic Health and Community Stability
 - Acting as a catalyst for business development
 - Source of community or regional income and employment
 - Keeping neighborhoods a desirable place to live and do business

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 9: Enriching Community Cultural Life
 - Promote fine and performing arts and special events
 - Supporting historic sites, folk heritage customs, and community arts

Community Recreation Functions (cont'd)

- Function 10: Promoting Health and Safety
 - Promote community health and safety
 - Provide leadership training and certification courses
 - Provide supervision or regulation of high-risk activity