



TIPS ON REPORTING ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE INGLIS ORGANIZATION

Since 1877, the Inglis organization has provided services for people with physical disabilities to maximize their independence. We do this through nursing home care for 297 residents who live at Inglis House, and a wide array of community-based programs for people with physical disabilities who live independently. These services include affordable, accessible independent housing, adult day care, care management and community employment. For your convenience, we've compiled a list of "etiquette tips" to use when reporting on any person with a disability and the Inglis organization.

Is It Handicap or Disability?

Because leaders in the disability rights movement felt that "handicap" could sometimes be taken as a derogatory term, they felt that "disability" would be less offensive.

Are They Physically Challenged?

Many trendy terms crop up that should be avoided such as "physically challenged." Such phrases are euphemisms and are best avoided as they can be offensive.

The Person Should Come First!

Most people prefer to have themselves put before their disability.

Preferred: Person with a disability...
Person with quadriplegia...

Incorrect: Disabled person...
A quadriplegic...

Are They Victims, Confined or Wheelchair-Bound?

Reporting that someone with a disability is a victim of disease or accident, that they are confined to bed or they are wheelchair-bound tends to sensationalize their condition and can be offensive.

Preferred: Jane, who uses a wheelchair...

Incorrect: Jane, who is confined to a wheelchair...

What Is the Inglis Organization?

Inglis Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization in Philadelphia that provides products and services to people with physical disabilities so they may maximize their independence. Inglis Foundation serves as the umbrella organization for:

- Inglis House
- Inglis Housing Corporation
- Inglis Adult Day Program
- Inglis Care Management
- Inglis Community Employment Services

What Is the Inglis Mission?

Inglis works with people with physical disabilities to create and provide practical solutions so they may pursue their life goals.

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