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Seeing the ABILITY in disAbility



What the Medical System Doesn't Know That's Impacting Quality of Care.

We don't know what we don't know. Even if you know everything about a condition; the causes and cures - you can't know what it's really like to live with a disability. Natural assumptions may be adversely impacting quality of care.

Many medical professionals struggle with:

- A fear of saying the wrong thing, being impolite, or feeling awkward.
- Concerns about pushing patients past their limits.
- Assumptions they make about the capabilities of those who are different.
- "Ableism" prejudices that they may not even be aware of.

Walk a Mile in My Shaky Shoes - How Health Care Professionals Can Tap Into the Ability in disABILITY (30 - 60 minutes)

In this lively presentation you will hear a unique, first-hand, perspective on the pivotal role medical professionals play in the lives of those with disabilities.

- Learn the myths about dealing with patients with disabilities and how to connect and communicate productively.
- Discover the hidden benefits of uncovering the Ability in ALL of your patients.
- Explore how and when to make accommodations that support the recovery and well-being of people with disabilities, and when to push the limits.
- Hear how powerful your influence on recovery and achievement truly is—and how that extends beyond the medicine.

**Leave knowing how to help others thrive
so everyone can be more successful!**

Those who benefit from Matthew's messages include:

Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists, Therapists, Home-care Workers, physical trainers and all those involved in the health and well-being of disabled people - including their families.



"Matt has presented in the Population Health Course at the Cumming School of Medicine numerous times, to up to 170 medical students and in unscripted, full-class question-and-answer sessions. He brings a uniquely personal perspective that always remains on target.

He delivers his message with his wonderful blend of humor, humility and insight."

**-Murray Lee, Clinical Assistant Professor,
University of Calgary & Family Doctor.**

Having experienced bullying and discrimination his whole life has made Matthew Corkum passionate about ensuring that people with disabilities feel as worthwhile and wanted as everyone else! He is a stand for helping everyone focus on the ABILITY in disABILITY.

Matthew has not let his Cerebral Palsy limit his love of living an active life of contribution. Whether getting his PhD, advocating in his advisory role on the City of Calgary's Accessibility Committee, speaking professionally, or simply enjoying his favorite pastime of biking on three continents and counting, he is all-in!

As an atmospheric scientist Matthew works as a head meteorologist in Calgary, Alberta. His humor, helpful insights, and contagious enthusiasm give audiences practical ways to eliminate the stigma, judgement, and misunderstandings that happen when dealing with people that are different. In his off time if he is not developing diversity and inclusion programs, or working out with his trainer, you can find him competing in 'fat bike' and endurance road races.

Other presentations in the "Seeing the Ability in disABILITY" series:

- What Business Owners Don't Know That's Hurting Your Bottom Line and Your Success
- What the Education System Doesn't Know That's Keeping Kids Back, Bullied, and Behind
- What Parents Don't Know That's Keeping Their Kids Held Back, Harassed, and Hidden
- Walk a Mile in My Shaky Shoes (for general audiences)

Just a few places Matt has presented at :

