

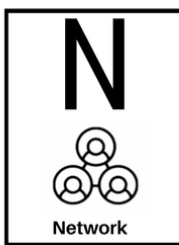
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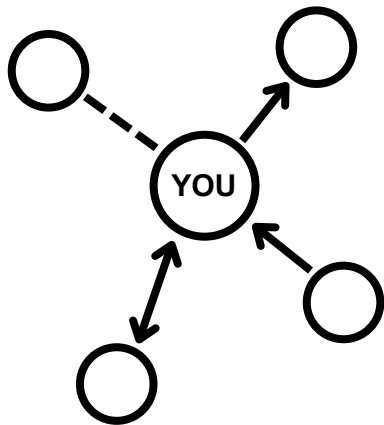
# 2024 PARN RESEARCH CAMP WORKSHOP SERIES.

## CREATING GREATER RESEARCH ACCESS THROUGH THE USE OF VISUAL ECO-MAPS

**PARN Research Camp: October 17, 2024**

Presented by: Anna Przednowek, David Hill, Jerry Orest Poliszczuk

### What is this workshop about?



This workshop helped explain what eco-maps are, and how they can help to make research more accessible and inclusive for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities.

Eco-maps are called a graphic elicitation data collection tool. This means they help to visually map relationships between people, places, and supports.

When we make eco-maps, we get a better picture of the types of relationships people have in their lives and the quality of these relationships.

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### Why is this workshop important?

Even though eco-maps are being used more in research with people with intellectual disabilities, they are not used as often as other visual data collection tools to get their perspectives on everyday life and supports, including perspectives on their families.

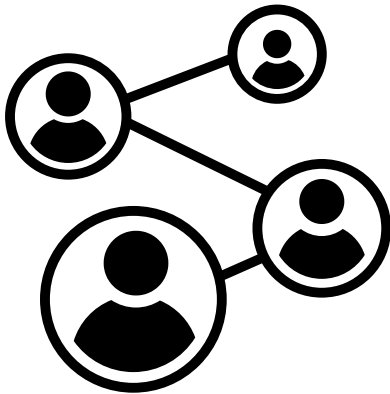
The workshop highlighted eco-maps as an example of a visual, accessible and inclusive research tool.

It helped participants to understand that they are in charge of describing the relationships and supports in their life as well as highlighting the gaps in support.

## How did they do the workshop at PARN?



In the first part of their workshop the presenters Anna, David, and Jerry explained what eco-maps were. They also talked about how eco-maps are used in research and how they can be a creative, visual, and inclusive research method. They had a chance to show examples of what eco-maps look like.



During the second-half of their workshop, Anna, David, and Jerry helped the group understand how to make an eco-map by giving them a case-study to work on. They gave out markers, boards, and cutout shapes that participants used to highlight the relationship connections from the case-study.

The group also had a chance to reflect together on the activity including the use of eco maps and ways to make eco-maps more accessible.

**You can learn more about this workshop by contacting:**

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### How to Cite the Workshop:

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