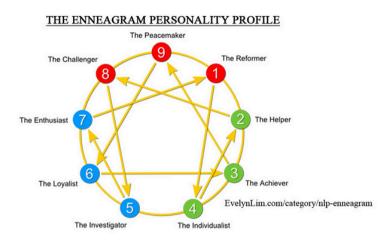
What Is The Enneagram? Why Do I Need To Know About It? How Can It Help Me?



The Enneagram

is a personality framework tool that serves as a map for understanding ourselves and others. It is based on our motivations, not behaviors, which helps explain why people do what they do. Understanding the Enneagram can help gain a better understanding of our own needs, wants, and motivations while we navigate the

sometimes-very-difficult and lonely path of parenting someone with disabilities. The Enneagram also serves to provide a useful window into our child's world, especially when it can be difficult to discern our loved one's true desires through the more typical ways, e.g. if a child is unable to fully express themselves or understand emotion.

TYPE 1: The Reformer

TYPE 2: The Helper

TYPE 3: The Achiever

TYPE 4: The Individualist

TYPE 5: The Investigator

TYPE 6: The Loyalist

TYPE 7: The Enthusiast

TYPE 8: The Advocate

TYPE 9: The Peacemaker

Driven by the need to be good and right: value integrity

Desire to be like and appreciated

Value achievement and success

Desire to be unique and value authenticity

Value knowledge and understanding of the world

Value security and belonging to feel safe

Desire to experience life to the fullest and avoid pain

Desire justice and strength: avoids vulnerability

Want to feel calm and in harmony with the world

(these are very generalized descriptions: check out these resources for more information)

Resources

- The Road Back To You, by Ian Crohn and Suzanne Stabile
- www.truity.com (offers a free test)
- www.theartofgrowth.com
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