RISKS AND CHANCES OF THE SO-CALLED PEER COUNSELING
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Who am I?

- Born in 1981
- Interpreter and translator 2007
- Part in the team for student support for students with disabilities
  - Main tasks:
    - Organisation of assistance at University
    - Generate responsible for (technical) accessibility for students with disabilities
coun·sel (kounsl)n.

1. The act of exchanging opinions and ideas; consultation.

2. Advice or guidance, especially as solicited from a knowledgeable person. See Synonyms at advice.

3. A plan of action.

4. Private, guarded thoughts or opinions: keep one's own counsel.

5. A lawyer or group of lawyers giving legal advice and especially conducting a case in court.

(http://www.thefreedictionary.com/counseling)
IN COMPARISON…

Peer counseling, one of the services most commonly provided by centers for independent living, is a uniquely different type of intervention. The difference lies in the fact that peer counseling is provided by nonprofessional persons who have a disability. This approach assumes that individuals who have experienced a disability can better understand and relate to individuals trying to deal with their disability. Additionally, it promotes a wellness model which considers the clients to be normal, as opposed to a medical model which considers clients to be sick. Clients are referred to as “consumers,” reinforcing the wellness model.

GIVEN CHANCES OF THE METHODS

- basic knowledge is given
- further information are (better?) known
- distinction between useful and less useful information
- (good?) feeling of being understood
RISKS OF THIS METHOD

- Counsellor is a so-called everything knowing person

- Counsellor has a bleak pressure to keep him or herself updated

- Counsellor changes to everything understanding person

- Counsellor changes to a friend of the informed person
INTERACTION

Peer people

Non peer people
USEFUL VOCABULARY COUNSELLING AS A PEER COUNSELLOR

- As far as I know...
- In my opinion...
- In your position I would...
- I know not to know exactly your situation, but...
HOW TO SURVIVE?

- Keep distance
- Do not be distanced

Otherwise.....