

Development of an ICF-based eligibility procedure for Switzerland's education system

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Underlying premises and principles

Development of a procedure to include different information types rather than one-dimensional information based on fixed criteria.

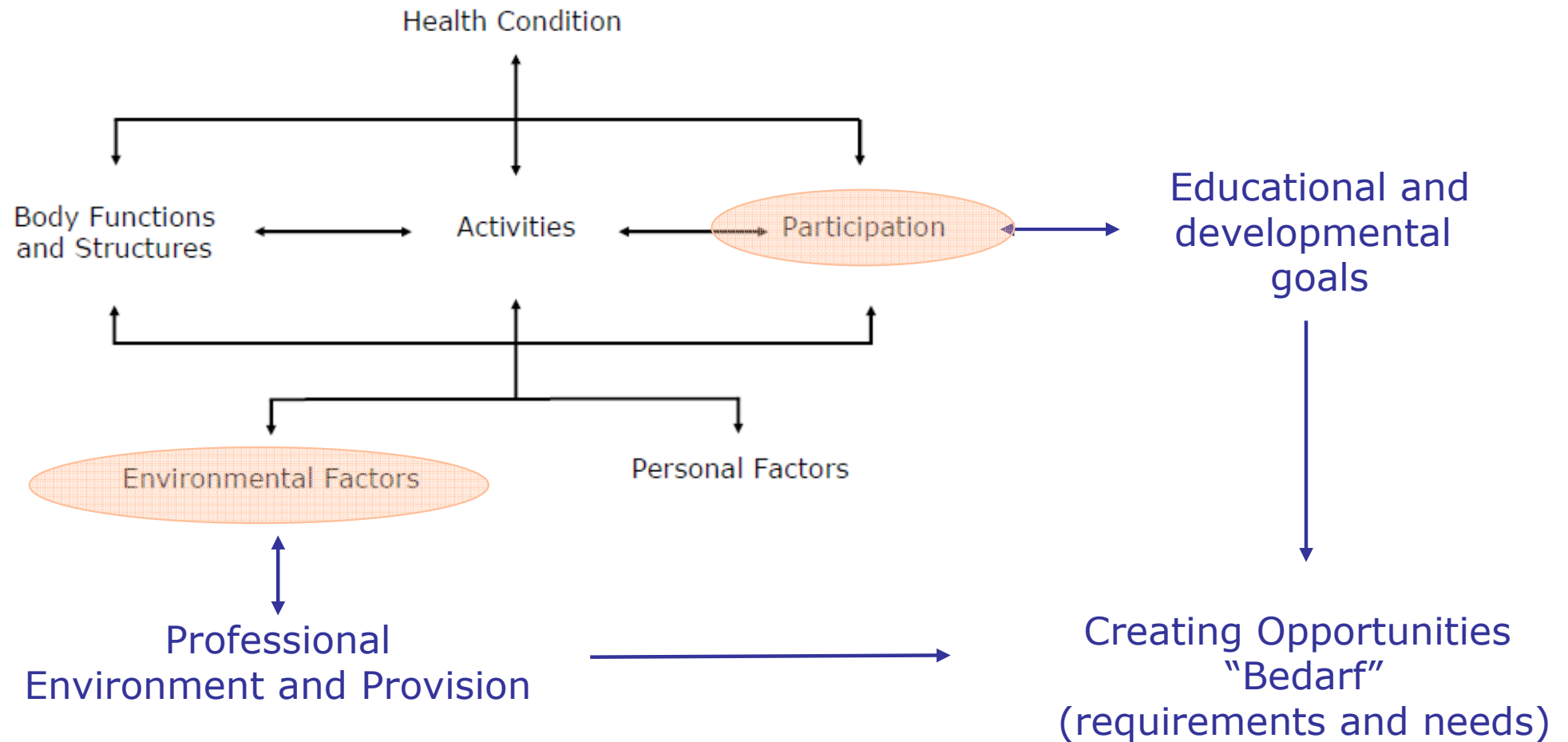
ICF model used as a framework to define information types and to establish links between them (map them onto the procedural steps of the procedure).

Development of procedural and content standards for data collection, data handling and decision-making processes.

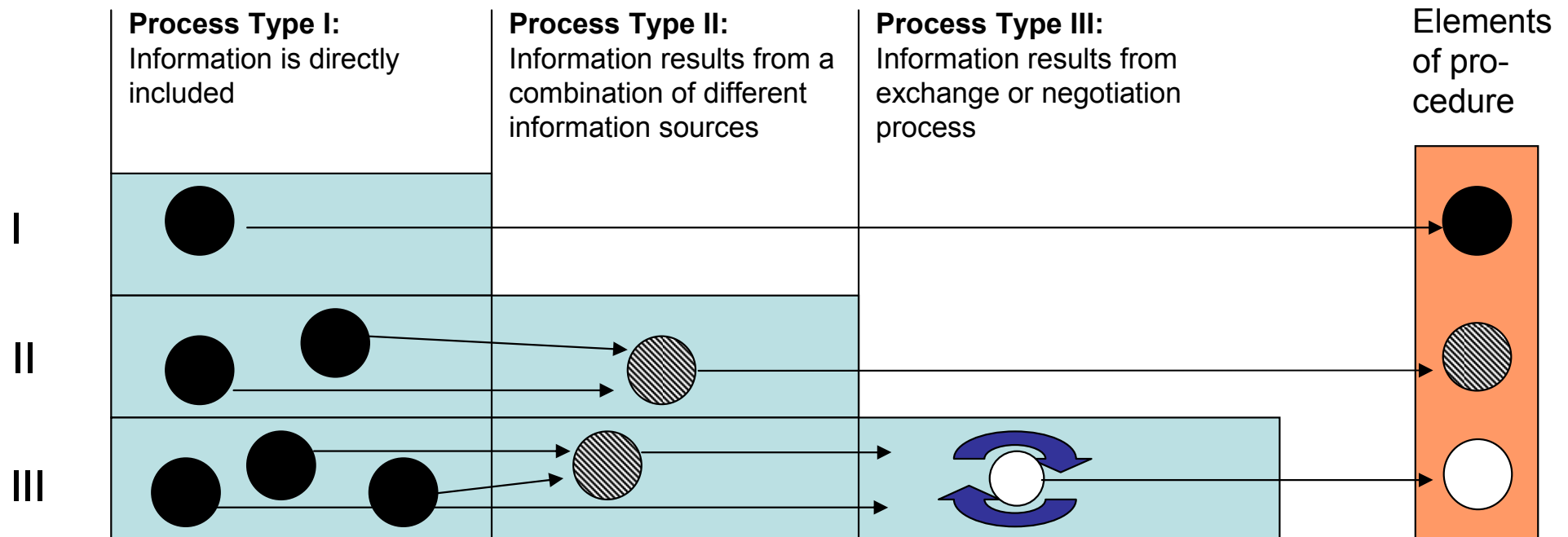
Participation of parents, students and teachers in decision-making.

Compatible with the premises and requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

ICF expanded to include „means and goals“ (UN CRPD)



Information to match different phases of the procedure



Example Type I: Categorical Diagnosis, Body functions

Example Type II: Activities and Participation

Example Type III: Educational goals, Education setting, „Bedarf“, Provision

ICF list of items included in procedure

Data collection exercise undertaken to understand practice to establish eligibility: identify determinants of “need”/”requirements”.

Rationale for selection of ICF items: explanatory power to differentiate “levels of need” or “requirement for adaptations”.

Methodology applied to develop the list: Explorative Regression Analysis (identify items with high explanatory value), Factor Analysis (represent items with highest loadings from relevant components), Cluster Analysis (represent important constellations), Frequencies (selection of most commonly used items), Correlations between ICF items and “needs and requirements” added to item selection process.

Item list bridges clinical practice (description of functioning & disability) with educational practice (planning interventions to reach goals in participation).

Next steps

General

- Consultation with the Cantons and professional organisations
- Step-by-Step training and implementation
- Development of electronic tool and cantonal adaptations of procedure
- Implementation to be completed by January 2011

ICF Item List

- Define standards on how to code the selected ICF items together with users (professional organisations)
- Develop assessment guidelines and tools, if necessary
- „Fine-tune“ ICF item list with local experts, evidence from other studies/literature and especially by using the data derived from future application of procedure

www.sav-pes.ch (information on data collection tool and elements of procedure)