Coaching Disability Sports: Advances, Problems, and Future Trends
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NEED FOR DISABILITY SPORTS COACHES
Increase in Participation + Decrease in Coaches = Less Opportunities for Participation in Sports
Solution?
Increase number of coaches for disability sports

RESEARCH DESIGN
- Literature Review
  - Past two decades
- Themes Found:
  1) Lack of Formalized Coaching Programs for Individuals with Disabilities (DePauw & Garvon, 2005)
  2) Ability of Coaches to Inclusively Coach

LACK OF QUALIFIED COACHES
Subthemes:
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ETHICS IN SPORTS COACHING
SUBTHEMES:
1) Sport Ethics
2) Environmental Ethics (Force, 2011; Creagan, Bloom & Reid, 2013)
3) Social Ethics

TRAINING AND COACHING OF ATHLETES
Subthemes:
1) Financial Barriers (Bush & Silk, 2012)
2) Advanced Sport and Disability Coaching Knowledge
CURRENT NEEDS

1) Introductory Coach Education Programs for Disability Sports
2) Qualified Coaches to increase “Pipeline” to Elite Sports
3) Elite Disability Coaches

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

1) Study of Elite Coaches of Disability Athletes Formal and Informal Education
2) Inclusive Coaching
3) Sport and Disability Specific Knowledge for Coaches

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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