The Vicious Circle of Devaluation
(O’Brien)

• Initial performance delay, leads to:

• Prejudiced beliefs, resulting in:

• Low expectations, resulting in:

• Opportunity deprivation, resulting in:

• Negative or diminished experience, resulting in:

• A more severe performance delay, leading to:

• Increasingly prejudiced beliefs

The individual with an intellectual and developmental disability becomes a victim of the very educational or service system that is expected to reduce the impact of disability.