

Pathology Paradigm

versus

Neurodiversity Paradigm

there is a normal brain

normal is a social construct

ideal outcome is compliance

ideal outcome is autonomy

reinforces neuronormative goals, standards & milestones

respects individual milestones, goals, needs and differences

deviation from normality is seen as a disorder or deficit

deviation from neuronormativity is seen as a part of diversity

labels behaviour based on external observations

seeks to understand behaviour through one's internal experience

reducing symptoms

reducing distress and challenges

functioning is defined by neuronormativity, colonialism and capitalism

what is functional and dysfunctional is self-defined