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**Oregonians with I/DD Strengthen Communities. Support DD Services!**



## Developmental Disability Services

### What is a Developmental Disability?

- Occurs by age 22, continues through lifespan
- Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, Intellectual Disability & other neurological conditions

### What Services are Available?

Family to Family Networks	Community DD Programs (CDDP) Case Management	Brokerage Service Coordination	Attendant Care At Home and/or In Community
Assistive Technology	Community Transportation	Skills Training	Behavior Consultation
Employment Supports	Crisis Services	Protective Services	Home Accessibility Modifications

### Legislative Priorities (Listed in random order)

- Continue funding to improve employment outcomes for people with I/DD
- Fund workload model at proposed 95% equity for CDDP & Brokerages
- Keep the promise to restore the Fairview Trust
- Raise the wage for Direct Support Professionals

### Funding

- Medicaid match for almost all services
- Over 12,500 people employed in DD System

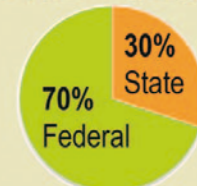
**60,500**  
Oregonians with  
Developmental  
Disabilities

**22,650**  
Enrolled in DD Services

**1 in 4**  
Oregonians Enrolled in  
DD Services is a Child



### K Plan Funding



**Oregon Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities Coalition**  
[www.oregonddcoalition.org](http://www.oregonddcoalition.org)  
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**Sources:**  
01/15 Oregon DHS Caseload Report  
2010 US Census 1.58% of Population

## Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Developmental Disability FAQ

### What are the causes and risk factors?

Most developmental disabilities are thought to be caused by a complex mix of factors. These factors include genetics, parental health, or exposure of the mother or child to high levels of environmental toxins, such as lead. For some developmental disabilities such as fetal alcohol syndrome, which is caused by drinking alcohol during pregnancy, we know the cause. But for most, we don't.

### Why do some states still use the term "mental retardation"?

Beginning in 2010, with the passage of Rosa's Law (PUBLIC LAW 111-256), many states began the process of replacing all mentions of "mental retardation" with intellectual disability. However, the legislative process of changing terminology takes time.

### How does having a disability affect someone's life?

The effects of a developmental disability vary among individuals, just as the range of abilities varies among all people. Some may just need help maintaining a budget, while others may need significant supports throughout their lives.

### What are supports and how can they help?

Supports include the resources necessary to promote the development, education, interests, and well-being of a person. With help from family, friends and agencies like The Arc, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are provided appropriate personalized supports can live independent, productive lives in the community.

### What is people first language?

People First Language emphasizes the person, not the disability. People with disabilities are first and foremost – people. They are moms, dads, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. By placing the person first, the disability is no longer the primary, defining characteristic, but one of several aspects of the whole person.

Say This	Not This
Person with a disability	Disabled person
Betty has an intellectual disability	Betty is intellectually disabled
Sam uses a wheelchair	Sam is confined to a wheelchair

## What are intellectual and developmental disabilities?

### What is an Intellectual Disability?

The onset of an intellectual disability occurs before age 18 and causes limitations in two areas:

1. intellectual functioning
2. adaptive behavior

### What is Adaptive Behavior?

Adaptive behavior is age-appropriate behavior necessary for a person to live independently, function safely and appropriately in daily life. Adaptive behaviors include life skills such as grooming, dressing, managing money and making friends.



### What is a Developmental Disability (DD)?

A developmental disability is a life-long disability that occurs before age 22 and causes three or more limitations in the following areas of life activity:

1. self care
2. language
3. learning
4. mobility
5. self-direction
6. capacity for independent living
7. economic self-sufficiency

### What is the difference between an Intellectual and a developmental disability?

The major differences are:

1. age of onset
2. severity of limitations
3. the DD definition does not refer to an IQ requirement

### How many people have an Intellectual disability?

Nationally, about 4.6 million Americans have an intellectual or developmental disability. Between 2006-2008, 1 in 6 children were diagnosed with a developmental disability.

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