



Institute Overview

2022

Background

The Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities (the Institute) is **Illinois' largest statewide membership association focused exclusively on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the community agencies that support them** with membership more than doubling since 2015. Our mission is to promote policy and practice that supports all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to access services and resources to pursue valued and meaningful lives. The Institute agenda promotes a strong, stable, and innovative system of provider organizations to assure that people with I/DD and their families have access to a broad array of community supports and services. Our legislative, budgetary and policy priorities advance and enhance the Illinois community services landscape.

For nearly 3 decades, the Institute has focused exclusively on I/DD policy issues impacting community organizations in Illinois. Our national perspective and statewide experience and exposure position the Institute as an insightful, innovative, and respected voice in the Illinois disability policy arena.

CEO

Kathy Carmody is the CEO of the Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities. Kathy has 4 decades of experience in the Illinois and national I/DD arena, including leading research, demonstration and training projects which substantially improved the nature and quality of services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as direct support, clinical and executive management roles within community agencies. At the Institute, Kathy is involved in a wide array of policy and practice issues affecting people with I/DD and serves on and leads multiple committees and task forces impacting the I/DD service system.

Kathy co-chairs several national SME committee focused on I/DD community services and is a frequent speaker at the state and national level on an array of topics impacting the I/DD service system, including quality metrics, alternate payer models, preparing community agencies for success in a changing landscape, national trends in I/DD services and person-centered planning and practices.

Kathy has a graduate degree in Social Service Administration and Policy from the University of Chicago and is a graduate of the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Delaware.

CEO Appointments

- Chairperson, Staffing Subcommittee – Ligas Oversight Committee
- Chairperson, UIC Institute on Disability and Human Development Advisory Committee
- Chairperson, Life Choices Team 4; Person Centered Planning
- Chairperson, Provider Committee of Employment Task Force
- Chairperson, Rule 116 Functional Literacy Committee
- Chairperson, Provider Implementation Subcommittee – Sexual Education Committee
- Co-Chair with DDD Director Allison Stark, Staffing Solutions Committee
- Co-Chair, CQL/Mosaic/Institute Quality Measures Committee
- Co-Chair, ANCOR Alternative Payment Model Committee
- Co-Chair ICAP Subcommittee – Ligas Oversight Committee
- HFS Medicaid Advisory Committee Community Integration Subcommittee I/DD State Association Representative
- IDHS Statewide Association Committee
- DDD Quality Committee
- IDHS Regulatory Advisory Committee
- They Deserve More Steering Committee
- IDHS Home and Community Based Services Settings Rule Committee
- IDHS Home Based Services Committee
- Employment and Economic Opportunity for People with Disabilities Task Force
- DDD Sexual Education Committee
- Flexible Day Services Work Group Steering Committee

- IDHS Quality Score Card Committee
- Ligas Advisory Committee
- DDD Assistive Technology Committee
- IDHS SB 84 Medicaid Task Force
- Partner with CQL and IDHD in the ICDD HCBS-ACT Project

CEO Areas of Expertise

- Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver Funding
- Staffing Trends
- Emerging Funding Models and Value Based Reimbursement
- History and Design of the National and Illinois Community Service System
- Rights and Protection Issues Impacting People with Disabilities
- Employment Models for People with Disabilities
- Person-Centered Planning
- ICAP Administration
- Design of Community-Based Service and Support Systems
- National Trends in I/DD Service Delivery
- Data Design and Analysis

Institute Members

Collectively Institute members provide direct services and support to 22,000+ people with I/DD and their families in 900+ community locations across Illinois spanning 73% of Illinois Legislative districts. Institute ISC members support 10,000+ people on the PUNS list and receiving HCBS services. Institute member organizations are recognized leaders in the I/DD community and serve as a strong voice in the I/DD legislative, advocacy, and policy arena in Illinois.

Ada S. McKinley
 Apostolic Christian LifePoints
 Avenues to Independence
 Blue Cap
 Clearbrook
 Community Support Services
 Developmental Services Center (DSC)
 EP!C
 Garden Center Services
 Futures Unlimited
 Horizon House
 Jewish Child and Family Services
 Keshet
 Little City
 Macon Resources
 Milestone
 New Star
 Orchard Village
 Park Lawn
 Ray Graham Association
 Sertoma Centre
 St. Coletta's of Illinois
 Suburban Access
 Trinity Services

Anixter Center
 Association for Individual Development
 Barbara Olson Center of Hope
 CCAR Industries
 Community Alternatives Unlimited
 CTF, Illinois
 Envision Unlimited
 Esperanza
 Giant Steps
 Helping Hand Center
 Individual Advocacy Group
 KCCDD
 Keystone Alliance
 Little Friends
 Marcfirst
 Mosaic
 Oak Leyden Developmental Services
 PACTT
 Progressive Careers and Housing
 Riverside Foundation
 Southern Illinois Community Support Services
 (My Life My Home)
 Tazewell County Resource Center
 UCP Seguin

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