

Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities 2021 Wrap Up

Illinois' State Association of Community Agencies Supporting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

2021 has again brought unprecedented challenges to organizations that support people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) across the country and here in Illinois. The Institute is proud to serve as a key resource for our member organizations and the broader I/DD community as we continue to navigate a worldwide pandemic and its effect on I/DD service providers, most notably the dire impact on the direct staff workforce. We look forward to continued partnership with Institute members in 2022 and remaining a strong advocate, leader and go-to resource in the I/DD policy arena.



MEMBERSHIP

- 4 new I/DD community organizations joined the Institute in 2021
- 6th consecutive year of membership growth
- 130% increase in Institute membership since 2015



FINANCES

- \$0 increase in membership dues since 2015
- \$10,000/year value to member organizations in Open Minds Elite Membership benefit



COMMUNICATION

- 78 Institute Updates featuring timely and essential industry news and insights. Institute Updates were ranked the most valuable benefit of Institute membership by member CEOs.
- 32 Member briefings via zoom on emerging and essential topics and concerns ranging from accessing vaccination resources to statewide budget updates.
- 140 meetings with IDHS/DDD leadership



SCOPE

- 22,000+ people with I/DD supported by Institute members
- 1,000+ sites where Institute members provide direct services, including family homes, day settings and residential homes including all types of CILA settings
- 72% of Illinois legislative districts are served by Institute member organizations



OUTREACH

- 2 keynote addresses to national audiences
- 38 Webinar presentations to 10,000+ attendees
- Co-Chair of ANCOR national committee that released white paper on alternative payment models: Improving Lives & Ensuring Sustainability: Implementing Alternative Payment Models in Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Service Delivery



IMPACT

- Chair of state committee that resulted in addition of new functional literacy assessment for Rule 116 compliance
- Member of Task Force resulting in increase in payment for state use contracts with I/DD organizations
- 26 sets of comments submitted to State Information Bulletins, proposed rules and other policy initiatives impacting I/DD community organizations



LEADERSHIP

- Co-Chair with DDD Director Stark of Staffing Solutions Committee
- Appointed to new Medicaid Advisory Committee Community Integration Committee as I/DD State Association representative
- Member of They Deserve More (TDM) Leadership Team
- Chair of Guidehouse Rate Study Staffing Committee and member of Guidehouse Oversight Committee
- Appointed to 2021 DD Advisory Committee

It's been an honor to serve as CEO of the Institute since 2015, in a field I've worked in for nearly 4 decades. While 2021 didn't bring us the return to normalcy we all crave, it did continue to highlight the resiliency, resourcefulness and resolve of the Illinois I/DD community system. I look forward to the coming year and continued partnership with Institute members, the broader I/DD community, and state agency and legislative partners. Best wishes for 2022.

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