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A SYSTEM WORTH PROTECTING

INDIANA'S IDD SERVICES AT A TURNING POINT

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BRING ON TOMORROW

Who are we talking about?

What does waiting look like?

Who is holding this system together?

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

Does this match what you are seeing?

What did you recognize from your own experience?

Let’s look at the HCBS system as it is

What Indiana built, who it serves, and where it’s straining

WHAT INDIANA BUILT

Indiana has built a real community-based system

46,709

Hoosiers enrolled in HCBS waivers

The primary way Indiana delivers IDD supports

92%

of Medicaid IDD recipients served in community

Indiana closed its state institutions years ago

Indiana made a deliberate choice, over four decades, to support people in their communities rather than in institutions. That choice worked. Tens of thousands of Hoosiers live in their communities today because of it.

Source: Indiana FSSA BDS (2025); RISP, University of Minnesota (FY 2021)

WHO IS WAITING

Many eligible Hoosiers are waiting

13,600+

Eligible Hoosiers waiting for HCBS waiver services

Assessed, eligible, not yet served

6,800

Children under 13 on the Family Supports Waiver waitlist

Nearly 78% of applicants are children

Zero

Capacity on the CIH Waiver

Fully subscribed

At the end of 2024, the state was processing applications submitted in 2022. Families are waiting years, not months. **Applications for BDS services grew 150% between 2020 and 2024.** Demand is not leveling off.

Source: Indiana FSSA Bureau of Disabilities Services, 2025

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Real progress and persistent gaps

What the system is producing

88% went shopping or to a restaurant in the past month

97% say they can be themselves in community groups

96% say others include them as part of the group

At or above national benchmarks on community inclusion and health access

Where gaps persist

77% control their own spending money vs. **90% nationally**

53% chose their staff or knew they could request a change vs. **60% nationally**

71% want help making or keeping contact with friends vs. **55% nationally**

Represents the distance between what it currently delivers and what it is capable of

Source: NCI In-Person Survey, Indiana 2023–24

URGENT PRESSURES

The system's informal foundation is aging

113,900

Hoosiers with IDD living with family caregivers

73% of the total estimated IDD population - most outside the formal waiver system entirely

24%

of caregiving families have a primary caregiver aged 60 or older

27,100 families are aging out of their caregiving role

60%

of caregiving families have a middle-aged or older caregiver

The demand pipeline is already here

Source: State of the States, University of Kansas, FY 2023

What connects all of this?

The waitlist, the gaps, the pressure on families all share a cause.

THE COST PICTURE

Same dollars can serve more people in the community

4 to 1

Cost ratio: ICF/IID vs. HCBS waiver

Up to 9 **community waiver participants per large institutional placement**

A single large ICF/IID placement costs $425,000/year - enough to fund up to nine community placements at $45,700 each

$45,700 **Adjusted waiver cost per participant**

Down from $74,900 in FY13

Sources: RISP FY 2021; State of the States FY 2023, University of Kansas

THE MISMATCH

A quarter of the money serves a small fraction of people

26%

of all IDD spending goes to institutional settings

The most expensive settings in the system

8%

of people are served in those settings

Fewer than one in ten

This is the resource allocation problem: A quarter of the money serves fewer than one in ten people, in the settings that cost the most and that Indiana has spent four decades moving away from. That is where the pressure on the waitlist comes from. This is not a lack of resources, but mismatch in they are distributed.

Source: RISP, University of Minnesota (FY 2021)

The path forward doesn’t require more money.

It requires spending what Indiana already has in ways that reach more people.
Redirecting dollars from institutional to community settings is not a cost increase.
It is the same investment, allocated more efficiently.

This is yours now.

What happens next is up to the people in this room.

- **When you're told there's no money, you have an answer.**

  The money is already there. It's in the wrong place. Reallocation is available right now.

- **This is the fight we've always been in.**

  Community over institutions. Now the data lets us make that case in the language of the budget.

- **Take it to the people who need to hear it.**

  Your legislator. The agency. The families who haven't seen these numbers yet.

WHAT YOU CAN USE

The tools are ready → use and share

Key data one-pager

The eight findings on a single page. The one in your hand right now. Built to hand to a legislator or share in a conversation.

Executive summary

A two-page overview of the findings. For anyone who wants more than the one-pager but less than the full brief.

Full research brief

The complete twenty-page analysis with all twelve data sources and methodology. The evidence behind every number.

Myths & realities

Eight common arguments against community-based services, each answered with data. A tool for when you meet pushback.

All available at iidc.indiana.edu · Free to reproduce and share

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

What do you want to do with this?

Who needs to hear it?

What would you want a legislator to know?

What questions do you still have?

THANK YOU

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