

RESEARCHING PROVIDER SOLUTIONS



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An Adapted Survey for Floridians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) is conducting a survey to learn more about how people with intellectual disabilities and their families find sources of support. This survey is designed to address a shortage of direct support providers in Florida. Information collected in this survey will lead to new ways to connect people with supports. The survey is part of a larger research project that includes other tools like interviews and focus groups.



PROJECT: RESEARCHING PROVIDER SOLUTIONS



People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) often need help in many areas of life.

They may need help finding a job, getting to work, taking care of a house, cooking, managing money, or other things.



Sometimes people with I/DD are helped by paid workers who are trained in the best ways to assist.

These paid workers are often called direct support providers.

Other times people with I/DD are helped by family, friends, or others.

These unpaid supports can also be an important way for people with I/DD to get help.

Who needs help?

There are three groups of people with I/DD who may need help from direct or informal support providers.

1. People who receive services through the Florida iBudget Waiver
2. People who receive services through the Consumer Directed Care + Waiver
3. People who are on the iBudget waitlist or who have not applied for help



When people with I/DD in each of these groups cannot find the help they need, serious problems can arise.

Without services, people with I/DD can be stuck in their homes, with no way to become involved in their communities.



Their family members may have to miss work or quit their jobs to provide care for the person with I/DD.

What will this project do?

This project is a survey. The survey will gather information about how people with I/DD and their families locate sources of support.

The project will ask and answer the following questions:

- ***How important is it that people with I/DD have access to personal supports and services?***
- ***Will better access to personal supports and services allow more people with I/DD to remain in their homes and communities?***
- ***Will better access to personal supports and services allow more people with I/DD to have a better quality of life?***



Why are we interested in what you think?

Your opinion will provide information about how people with I/DD and their families find sources of support in Florida.

Your opinion can lead to better ways to find, train, and pay for direct support providers.

The pages that follow are a survey. Your answers will help us understand how you feel about finding direct support providers and other sources of help in Florida.

Your answers will be kept secret.



Researching Provider Solutions Survey

A B O U T Y O U

AGE :

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 18 - 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 OR OVER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> PREFER NOT TO SAY |

G E N D E R :

HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE YOUR GENDER?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE | SELF-IDENTIFY
(PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MALE | <input type="checkbox"/> I PREFER NOT TO ANSWER |

PLEASE SPECIFY:

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A B O U T Y O U

R A C E :

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE | <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN | <input type="checkbox"/> TWO OR MORE RACES |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SOME OTHER RACE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> I PREFER NOT TO ANSWER |

E T H N I C I T Y :

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC | <input type="checkbox"/> I PREFER NOT TO ANSWER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LATINO | <input type="checkbox"/> DIFFERENT ETHNICITY (PLEASE STATE): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO | |

Researching Provider Solutions Survey (Continued)

A B O U T Y O U

A F F I L I A T I O N / R O L E :

INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE

FAMILY MEMBER OR CAREGIVER

STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

SERVICE PROVIDER

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):

K-12 EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE

COUNTY WHERE YOU LIVE:

Your Opinion

1. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF PERSONAL SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH I/DD IN FLORIDA?

A. PEOPLE WITH I/DD SHOULD HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO PERSONAL SUPPORTS AND SERVICES SO THEY CAN BE SAFE.

- 😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

B. PEOPLE WITH I/DD AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS SHOULD HAVE THE SERVICES THEY NEED SO THEY CAN STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.

- 😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

C. THERE SHOULD BE A LIST OF WAYS THAT PEOPLE WITH I/DD CAN FIND PERSONAL SUPPORTS AND SERVICES.

- 😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

Your Opinion (Continued)

2. IS MY WORK ON THE RESEARCHING PROVIDER SOLUTIONS PROJECT MEANINGFUL?

A. PEOPLE LISTEN AND RESPECT WHAT I SAY ABOUT RESEARCHING PROVIDER SOLUTIONS.

😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

B. MY WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS A GOOD USE OF MY TIME.

😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

C. MEETINGS ABOUT THIS PROJECT ARE PRODUCTIVE.

😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

D. SURVEYS, FOCUS GROUPS, AND INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE WITH I/DD AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE GOOD WAYS TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THEY FIND PERSONAL SUPPORTS AND SERVICES.

😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

E. THE WORK THAT COMES FROM THIS PROJECT WILL RESULT IN SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO IMPROVE THE WAYS PEOPLE WITH I/DD AND THEIR FAMILIES FIND HELP.

😊 AGREE
 😞 DISAGREE
 😐 DON'T KNOW

Your Opinion (Continued)

3. THE NEXT ITEMS HELP US UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESEARCHING PROVIDER SOLUTIONS PROJECT.

- A.** THIS WORK WILL RESULT IN MORE DIRECT SUPPORT PROVIDERS BECOMING AVAILABLE IN FLORIDA.
- 😊 AGREE
- 😞 DISAGREE
- 😐 DON'T KNOW
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- B.** THIS WORK WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN OTHER SOURCES OF PERSONAL SUPPORTS AND SERVICES.
- 😊 AGREE
- 😞 DISAGREE
- 😐 DON'T KNOW
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- C.** OVER TIME, THIS WORK WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE WITH I/DD AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- 😊 AGREE
- 😞 DISAGREE
- 😐 DON'T KNOW
-
- D.** OVER TIME, THIS WORK WILL HELP MORE PEOPLE WITH I/DD RECEIVE SUPPORT THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.
- 😊 AGREE
- 😞 DISAGREE
- 😐 DON'T KNOW

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