



***“Building the Crisis
Intervention Continuum for
individuals with I/DD Crisis
in NC”***

“Stomping the Silos”

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Intellectual disability

- **Significant limitations in intellectual and adaptive functioning.**
- **Develops in the developmental stage**



A developmental disability is a severe chronic disability which is:

- 1) attributed to mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;**
- 2) is manifested before individual attains age 22;**
- 3) is likely to continue indefinitely;**
- 4) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or of major life activity**



Major Life Areas

- **Self-care**
- **Receptive and expressive language**
- **Learning**
- **Mobility**
- **Self-direction**
- **Capacity for independent living**
- **Economic self-sufficiency; and**



Individuals with an I/DD Diagnosis

NC Census – 2010

9.5 million

I/DD

1-3% of population

30% of individuals with an diagnosis of I/DD also have a co-occurring MH diagnosis.



I/DD and Crisis

- **Changes in Routine**
- **Change in Support**
- **Communication**
- **Life Transitions**
- **Substantial Behavioral Disorders**
- **Co-occurring Mental Health Diagnosis**



Ability to support persons with diagnoses of substantial behavioral disorders in combination with intellectual/developmental disabilities is widely perceived “to be a critical measure of a community service system’s capacity to act as an effective alternative to institutional care.” - Chas Moseley, NASDDDS



Prevalence

- **Studies of prevalence of individuals with co-occurring IDD and mental illness range from 25% to over 35% of the DD population. These individuals also tend to be a high risk/high cost population group which indicates a need for focused attention.**



Prevalence

- Researchers have found that as many as one third or more of all people with I/DD have significant behavioral, mental, or personality disorders requiring mental health services (Nezu, Nezu, & Gill-Weiss, 2006).
- Combine the MI prevalence with those with other severe behavioral challenges and the impact to the system is significant.



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- **Individuals with a diagnosis of I/DD are best served in their home communities.**
- **Lack Community Interventions**
- **Developmental Centers do not accept crisis admissions with the exception of the TRACK program for children at Murdoch.**



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NADD

An association for persons with developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

People with co-occurring IDD and MI are frequently referred to as a special population. It is important to recognize that this group makes up approximately one-third (32.9%) of the total number of individuals with IDD served by state developmental disability (DD) agencies nationwide.