

# 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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