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Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Illinois Citizens:

For ten years, IPADD has been working to provide Illinois parents, self-advocates, adult siblings, and others who care about adults with developmental disabilities a dedicated online platform for networking, information, advocacy, and support.

To that end, IPADD proudly presents its first ever legislative report, covering the 2016 Spring Session of the 99th General Assembly. This scorecard is a tool intended for use by Illinois citizens and organizations concerned about quality community living choices for persons with developmental disabilities.

Illinois has a historically dismal record of including adults with developmental disabilities in home and community settings. Illinois is currently operating seven segregated developmental campuses, serving 1,700 people at a yearly cost of \$429 million (\$250,000 per person). The state has plans to transition 50 people per year into community-based settings. At that rate of transition, assuming no new institutional placements, it would take 30 years to close down the last state-operated developmental facility. IPADD stands opposed to this snail's pace and calls for more immediate steps toward person-centered home living, supported living, and small integrated settings rooted in communities across Illinois.

We have two objectives for this report: to shine a light on outstanding legislators who are actively working toward more inclusive community living for Illinoisans with developmental disabilities; and to motivate other legislators to set a higher bar for inclusive community policy and lawmaking in Illinois.

Sincerely,

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EXPLANATION OF SCORING

Ten bills were selected from the 2016 Spring Session of the Illinois 99th General Assembly. Bills were chosen for their potential to help or hinder Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities access more included lives in their homes and communities. To a greater or lesser extent, most of the bills affect a broad range of vulnerable citizens in addition to people with developmental disabilities.

We only chose bills presented for a full vote in both chambers of the assembly during the regular Spring Session. Governor Rauner's performance record reflects whether he signed or vetoed each bill prior to the Veto Session. No Veto Session votes were considered for this scorecard.

Voting on each bill has been weighted equally, with each bill worth 10% of the overall score for a total perfect score of 100%. For bills which support inclusive living, each "yea" vote earns a legislator 10 percentage points. For bills opposed by home and community living advocates, each "nay" vote adds 10 percentage points to a legislator's total. No raw voting data is contained within this report, but legislative votes are a matter of public record and can be viewed on the Illinois General Assembly (ILGA) website.

While legislators may have good reasons to vote "present," or even to have an excused absence on the day of a vote, only "yea" and "nay" votes have been counted for this scorecard. Legislators have only been assigned points if they voted for a bill which strengthens community living or against a bill which weakens it. Voting actions or inactions can have real-world consequences for vulnerable persons living in Illinois, and the responsibility to vote must be taken seriously.

We remember when Rep. Esther Golar left her hospital room, against her doctor's wishes, to help deliver critical votes during the Veto Session in September of 2015. Although Representative Golar passed shortly thereafter, her dedication to voting became the new yardstick against which all other public servants in Illinois are measured.

AT A GLANCE: COMMUNITY LIVING SCORES



TOP GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES



Rep. Ammons (D)

Rep. Guzzardi (D)

Rep. Nekritz (D)

Rep. Wallace (D)

BOTTOM GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES



Rep. Anthony (R)

Sen. Bivins (R)

Rep. Leitch (R)

Sen. Luechtefeld (R)

Rep. Reis (R)

KEY LEGISLATIVE VOTES

Bill	Title	±	Description	Outcome
SB2268	ABLE ACCOUNTS CLEAN UP	+	Will eventually allow individuals with disabilities and their families (both in-state and out-of-state) to open tax-advantaged savings accounts, as defined by the IRS.	HOUSE: 5/11/16 SENATE: 4/12/16 SIGNED 7/15/16
SB420	COMPLEX REHAB TECHNOLOGY	+	Enables users to secure certain replacement wheelchair parts without prior approval and protects consumers by establishing a vendor accreditation process.	HOUSE: 5/26/16 SENATE: 5/31/16 SIGNED 8/26/16
HB6213	PATIENT CHOICE MANAGED CARE	+	Shows Medicaid clients transparent and updated website information regarding covered services, providers, medications, complaint procedures, and grievance protocol.	HOUSE: 5/31/16 SENATE: 5/27/16 SIGNED 8/5/16
SB2038	HUMAN SERVICES STOPGAP FUNDS	+	Would have granted stable access to human services by sweeping non-GRF funds for costs already incurred by private agencies prior to July 1, 2016.	HOUSE: 5/12/16 SENATE: 5/12/16 VETOED 7/1/16
SB2610	CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES	-	Requires Illinois to create a new licensure and funding silo for campus providers, out of step with 2014 CMS regulations emphasizing natural community-integrated settings.	HOUSE: 5/26/16 SENATE: 5/31/16 SIGNED 8/25/16
SB2956	ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIERS	+	Ensures that individuals with disabilities enjoy physically accessible public buildings and housing units through the use of design standards. Aligns Federal and State standards.	HOUSE: 5/27/16 SENATE: 4/21/16 SIGNED 7/15/16
HB5931	DSP WAGES	+	Would have provided a more stable workforce, with fewer vacancies and turnover, for 27000 persons with developmental disabilities living in community-based settings.	HOUSE: 5/18/16 SENATE: 5/31/16 VETOED 8/26/16
SB2931	PA WAGES	+	Would have ensured a more stable workforce to support persons with physical disabilities who are living at home, and would have provided orientation and training for personal assistants.	HOUSE: 5/18/16 SENATE: 5/11/16 VETOED 7/22/16
НВ6086	PUNS WAIT TIME	+	Gives consideration to persons with developmental disabilities who have been waiting longer than others for services on the PUNS list, in addition to the other factors already considered.	HOUSE: 4/20/16 SENATE: 5/30/16 SIGNED 8/5/16
HB4351	DON ASSESSMENT	+	Would have protected physically disabled or elderly Illinois residents from changes to the DON score assessment tool and/or an overhaul of the Community Care Program.	HOUSE: 4/21/16 SENATE: 5/26/16 VETOED 7/29/16

⁺ on a blue field indicates the bill is scored positively

⁻ on a white field indicates the bill is scored negatively

2016 ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES

SENATE

Superior (91-100%)

No Senators Achieved a Superior Rating

Excellent (81-90%)

Collins Cullerton, J (Senate President) Bush Bennett Biss Cunningham Cullerton, T Harmon Hastings Holmes Hunter Jones, E Lightford Hutchinson Martinez Manar McGuire Morrison Mulroe Muñoz Raoul Sandoval Trotter Steans Van Pelt

Good (71-80%)

Bertino-Tarrant Forby Haine Koehler Link Murphy, L Noland Silverstein Sullivan

Mediocre (51-70%)

Anderson Barickman Clayborne Connelly Harris Landek McCann McConchie Murphy, M Rezin Rose Stadelman Weaver

Poor (0-50%)

Althoff Bivins Brady Delgado Luechtefeld McCarter McConnaughay Nybo Oberweis Radogno Righter Syverson

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HOUSE

Superior (91-100%)

Ammons Guzzardi Nekritz

Excellent (81-90%)

Bradley Andrade Arroyo Beiser Burke, D Cassidy Cloonen Davis, W Feigenholtz Conroy Costello Crespo Currie D'Amico Fine **Flowers** Gabel Gordon-Booth Harper Harris, G Hernandez Hoffman Hurley Jackson Kifowit Lilly Lang Manley Mayfield McAsey Mitchell, C Moylan Martwick Moeller Phelps Skoog Smiddy Rita Sente Sims **Tabares** Mussman Walsh Turner Verschoore Wallace Welch Williams Thapedi Yingling Zalewski Willis

Good (71-80%)

Acevedo Burke, K Chapa LaVia DeLuca Drury Evans Riley
Scherer Soto

Mediocre (51-70%)

Bellock Bennett Andersson Batinick Bourne Brady Breen Cabello Cavaletto Davidsmeyer Brown Bryant Demmer Harris, D Ford Fortner Franks Hammond Dunkin Jimenez Kay McSweeney Jones McAuliffe Meier Mitchell, B Moffitt Pritchard Reaves-Harris Sandack Unes Wheeler, B Wheeler, K Winger

Poor (0-50%)

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

IPADD's mission is to provide Illinois parents, self-advocates, adult siblings, and others who care about adults with developmental disabilities a dedicated online platform for networking, information, advocacy, and support.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that every person with a developmental disability, supported appropriately, can live safe, meaningful, and connected lives in their home community. We strongly believe the waiting list for services needs to be shortened, and effectively managing our state's Medicaid matching dollars and reducing high-cost reliance on institutional care are two important means to that end.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

- Share this report with your co-workers, friends, and family
- Find your state legislators at <u>tinyurl.com/IPADDfind</u>
- Meet with your state legislators and discuss vital issues
- Follow the Illinois General Assembly at <u>ilga.gov</u>

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