Disability Fact Sheet

Illinois Facts

Though Illinois is ranked as the 5th wealthiest state in the nation, it ranks 40th in fiscal effort for services for individuals with disabilities.

For the eighth year in a row— Illinois ranked near the bottom on an annual study that measures how well each state’s Medicaid programs serve residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities:

- Promoting independence: 49
- Tracking health, safety and quality of life: 11
- Keeping families together: 47
- Promoting productivity: 36
- Reaching those in need: 43

1 out of 63 births in Illinois is an infant with a developmental disability.

There are 220,000 infants, children & adults with developmental disabilities in Illinois.

Illinois ranks 4th in the number of individuals with developmental disabilities in state institutions.

There are approximately 21,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities in Illinois on waiting lists in urgent need of services from agencies like Little City.

Nationwide Facts

About one in six children in the U.S. have one or more developmental disabilities or other developmental delays.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 68 children is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Autism Spectrum Disorder is almost 5 times more common in boys (1 in 42) than girls (1 in 189).
There has been a **55% increase** in the prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder among **eight-year olds** from 2000 to 2010.

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**Identified Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder**

ADDM Network 2000-2010
Combining Data from All Sites

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<th>Surveillance Year</th>
<th>Birth Year</th>
<th>Number of ADDM Sites Reporting</th>
<th>Prevalence per 1,000 Children (Range)</th>
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<td>14.7 (12.3 - 25.1)</td>
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(Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014.

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