

Illinois Community Living Report

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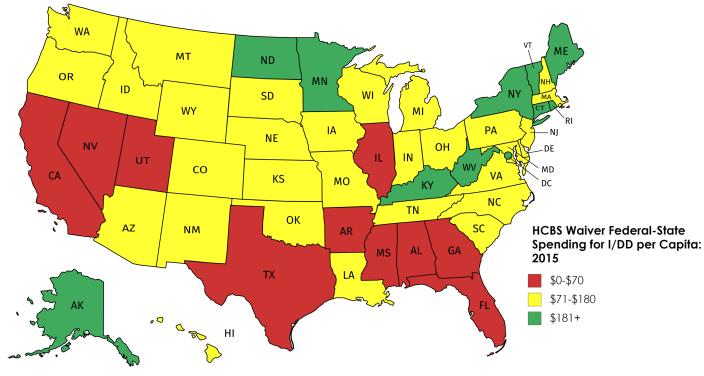
Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities

IPADD EXPECTATIONS

Our expectation is that every person with a developmental disability, supported appropriately, can live a safe, meaningful, and connected life in their home community. To achieve this goal, Illinois must:

- 1. Commit immediately to raising the state fiscal investment in Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) from our current rank of 46th in the nation (per capita) to at least a mid-range ranking.
- 2. Shorten, and eventually eliminate, the PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) waiting list, which currently holds the names of 18,600 Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities who want to receive HCBS for their care.
- 3. Make equitable rate adjustments for community services across regions, settings, and HCBS waivers so that all individuals (including those with medical, behavioral, or mental health challenges) can afford quality care and services in their homes or communities.

To this end, IPADD will continue to draft, promote, and monitor public policy in the State of Illinois and hold its legislators accountable.



LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Illinois Citizens:

This has been a unique year in Illinois politics. Consequently, it has also been a unique year in the lives of self-advocates and advocates for adults with developmental disabilities. The 2017 Spring Session of the 100th General Assembly reached the end of May without a budget agreement and then dragged on through the summer months. Achieving agreement on a package of budget bills, after two years of inching toward a fiscal cliff, became a priority for legislators, the general public, and for disability advocates.

Against that backdrop, we have taken the unusual step of including the two main budget bills (SB6 & SB9) in our package of ten bills for this, our second legislative scorecard. Last year's report only addressed bills which directly impacted the lives of people with developmental disabilities. This year we could not ignore the warnings of credit rating agencies, which were poised to downgrade the State of Illinois to junk bond status. Nor could we have overlooked the Direct Support Professional (DSP) wage crisis, which could not be adequately addressed in the absence of a budget agreement.

Something that has not changed from last year's report is our commitment to highlight outstanding lawmakers who are actively seeking best policies for community living for Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities and our resolve to motivate other legislators to set higher standards for themselves and for Illinois.

Sincerely,

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EXPLANATION OF SCORING

Ten bills were selected from the 2017 Spring Session of the Illinois 100th General Assembly. Two of these bills (SB6 & SB9) had been vetoed by the Governor but were put into law after a successful override vote by the General Assembly, early in July. The remaining eight bills have either been signed into law or are awaiting the upcoming Veto Session. Bills were selected for their relevance to home and community living for Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities.

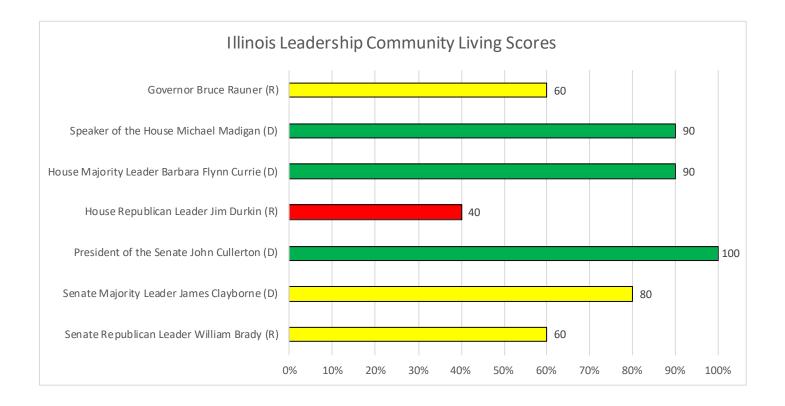
Since the progress of the State of Illinois relies on good leadership, we have once again reported the scores of top leaders in the House and Senate, as well as a score for the Governor. Senate Republican Leader William "Bill" Brady was included on the leadership list, although he wasn't installed until after former Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno resigned, effective July 1st. Resignations and sudden retirements complicated this year's report, but no scores have been reported unless a legislator voted on a full docket of all ten bills.

Voting on each bill has been weighted equally, with each bill worth 10% of the overall score for a maximum score of 100%. IPADD was in favor of all ten bills this year, meaning that each "yea" vote earned a legislator ten percentage points. No points were given for legislators who were absent or non-voting, regardless of the reason. This report does not include raw data, but legislative votes are a matter of public record and can be viewed on the Illinois General Assembly (ILGA) website. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with primary sources by utilizing the online resources the ILGA provides and by physically showing up at your legislator's district office and/or Springfield office during legislative sessions.

New to this year's report is a "100+" category for legislators who scored 100% while also sponsoring and co-sponsoring a significant number of bills. Legislators scoring 100% were assigned two points for every time they sponsored one of our ten bills and one point for each time they co-sponsored a bill. Legislators with five or more points stand out among their peers and have been placed in a special "100+" category. IPADD is grateful to this group of eight outstanding legislators.

AT A GLANCE: COMMUNITY LIVING SCORES

LEADERSHIP SCORES



TOP GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES (100+)



Sen. Bennett (D)

Sen. Hunter (D)

Rep. Davis (D)

Sen. Steans (D)

Rep. Gabel (D)

Sen. Trotter (D)

Rep. Harris, G. (D)

Rep. Willis (D)

BOTTOM GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES (0-40)



Rep. Batinick (R)

Sen. Rezin (R)

Rep. Brady (R)

Rep. Sosnowski (R)

Rep. Durkin (R)

Rep. Stewart (R)

Rep. McCombie (R)

Rep. Wheeler, B. (R)

Sen. Oberweis (R)

KEY LEGISLATIVE VOTES

Bill	Title	±	Description	Outcome
SB6	BUDGET SPENDING BILL	+	Makes appropriations to agencies for costs incurred prior to July 1 st 2017, ending a two year budget impasse. ‡ Governor's veto overridden by GA.	HOUSE: 7/6/17 SENATE: 7/4/17 VETOED 7/4/17‡
SB9	BUDGET REVENUE BILL	+	Raises revenue necessary to support SB6; is part of a package of bills designed to end a two year budget impasse. ‡ Governor's veto overridden by GA.	HOUSE: 7/6/17 SENATE: 7/4/17 VETOED 7/4/17‡
SB1446	MANAGED CARE PROCUREMENT	+	Would have provided that managed care contracts be procured in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code.	HOUSE: 5/29/17 SENATE: 8/13/17 VETOED 10/13/17
HB2959	INSURANCE PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS	+	Ensures that no individual or group health insurance policy may impose any pre-existing condition exclusion.	HOUSE: 5/31/17 SENATE: 5/26/17 SIGNED 8/25/17
SB1353	PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE	+	Would have increased Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) to \$60 per month for CILA and ICFDD residents. Ultimately enacted in SB6, the budget spending bill.	HOUSE: 5/31/17 SENATE: 5/4/17 VETOED 8/25/17
HB2782	ECONOMIC TASK FORCE	+	Establishes "employment and economic opportunity for persons with disabilities task force" under DHS.	HOUSE: 3/16/17 SENATE: 5/23/17 SIGNED 8/18/17
SB84	HCBS TASK FORCE	+	Establishes a task force to review current and potential federal funds to strengthen HCBS for people with developmental disabilities.	HOUSE: 5/18/17 SENATE: 4/5/17 SIGNED 8/11/17
HB2641	CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE	+	Establishes "protection of individuals with disabilities in the criminal justice system task force" staffed by 24 members.	HOUSE: 6/24/17 SENATE: 5/26/17 SIGNED 9/8/17
SB1933	AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION	+	Amends the Election Code to establish an automatic voter registration program to ease the process of becoming an Illinois voter.	HOUSE: 5/29/17 SENATE: 5/31/17 SIGNED 8/28/17
SB1319	GUARDIAN VIDEO HEARINGS	+	Amends the Probate Act of 1975 to permit the use of video conferencing in any adult guardianship hearing.	HOUSE: 5/30/17 SENATE: 5/5/17 SIGNED 8/25/17

⁺ on a blue field indicates the bill is scored positively by IPADD

2017 ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES

SENATE

Superior (91-100%)

Bennett* Bertino-Tarrant Bush Castro Cullerton, J. (Senate President) Cunningham Hastings **Holmes** Hunter* Hutchinson Koehler Link Mulroe Muñoz Murphy Raoul Sandoval Stadelman Steans* Trotter* *indicates score of 100+

Excellent (81-90%)

Aquino Biss Collins Harmon Manar McCann McGuire Morrison

Good (71-80%)

Clayborne Cullerton, T. Harris Jones, E. Landek Lightford Martinez Van Pelt

Mediocre (51-70%)

Anderson Barickman Brady Connelly Fowler

McCarter McConnaughay Righter Rooney Schimpf

Silverstein Tracy Weaver

Poor (0-50%)

Althoff Bivins McConchie Nybo Oberweis

Rezin Rose Syverson

2017 ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES HOUSE

Superior (91-100%)

Burke, D. Chapa LaVia Conroy Conyears-Ervin Andrade Arroyo D'Amico Davis* DeLuca Evans Fine Flowers Ford Gabel* Gordon-Booth Greenwood Guzzardi Harris, G.* Halpin Harper Hurley Kifowit Lang Lilly Mah Manley Martwick Hernandez Mayfield Mitchell, C. Riley Rita Scherer Sente Slaughter Stratton Tabares Thapedi Turner Wallace Walsh Willis* *indicates score of 100+

Excellent (81-90%)

Beiser Burke, K. Cassidy Costello Crespo Currie Feigenholtz

Hoffman Madigan (Speaker of the House) Moeller Moylan Mussman

Nekritz Phelps Stuart Welch Yingling Zalewski

Good (71-80%)

Bryant Hammond Jimenez Mitchell, B. Sims Williams

Mediocre (51-70%)

Ammons Andersson Bellock Bourne Breen Drury Fortner Harris, D. Hays Jones Long McAuliffe McSweeney Olsen Parkhurst Phillips Pritchard Severin Soto Swanson Unes Wheeler, K. Winger

Poor (0-50%)

Batinick Brady Butler Cabello Cavaletto Bennett Davidsmeyer Durkin Frese Halbrook Ives Jesiel McCombie McDermed Demmer Reick Reis Sauer Skillicorn Sosnowski Meier Morrison Sommer Spain Stewart Wehrli Welter Wheeler, B.

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 every person with a developmental disability, supported appropriately, can live a safe, meaningful, and connected life in their home community. In order to achieve this reality, Illinois must increase its fiscal investment in Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), shorten the waiting list for services, and make equitable rate adjustments for community services.

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>

CONNECT WITH IPADD

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