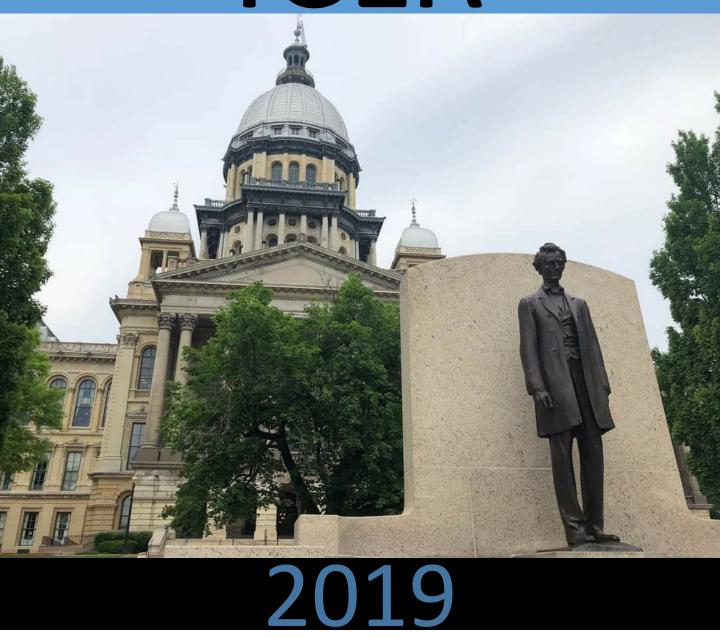
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# **Illinois Community Living Report**

A project of IPADD

Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities

# **IPADD EXPECTATIONS**

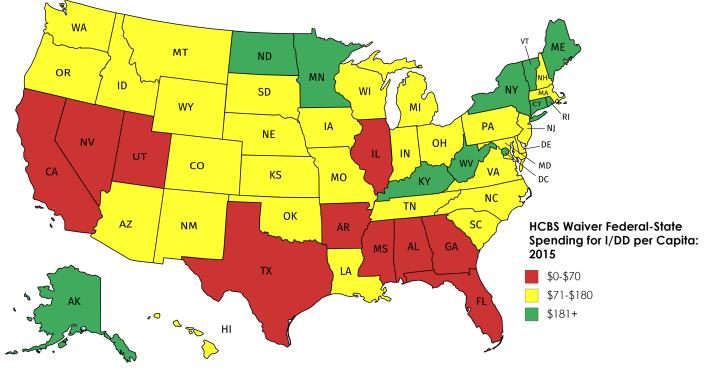
Our expectation is that every person with a developmental disability, supported appropriately, can live a safe, meaningful, and connected life in their home community. To achieve this goal, Illinois must:

1. Commit immediately to raising the state fiscal investment in Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) from our current rank of 46<sup>th</sup> 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 19,461 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.



#### 2019 ILLINOIS COMMUNITY LIVING REPORT

# LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Illinois Citizens:

In many arenas of Illinois government, the 2019 Spring Session of the 101st General Assembly was like a breath of fresh air. Compared with the contentious budget impasse years and its aftermath, many agencies and departments have reason to remain hopeful. This sense of hope has been slower to reach the developmental disability community.

A 3.5% rate increase promised to providers, which was approved by the General Assembly and expected to take effect on July 1, 2019, has been delayed due to complicated interactions between the State and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). At the time of this writing, the rate increase has not been implemented. Questions remain about when it will go into effect and also whether or not the increase can become retroactive to July 1st. These are uncertain times for providers.

Regardless, we are confident that Illinois has potential for growth and we remain optimistic for the future. We have watched patiently as the Illinois General Assembly recalls its ability to function smoothly and prioritize the people of Illinois, especially those in need of human services who long for a place in their own homes and their own communities.

This year we honor five legislators who received a 100% score and sponsored five or more of our bills. These top performers are Rep. Gabel, Sen. Gillespie, Rep. Hurley, Sen. Muñoz, and Sen. Murphy. We thank these five for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Sincerely,

Laurie Jerue **Co-Founder** 

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**Deb Hamilton** Legislative Affairs

# **EXPLANATION OF SCORING**

Ten bills were selected from the 2019 Spring Session of the Illinois 101st General Assembly. None of the bills were vetoed by Governor Pritzker and all ten bills have already been signed into law. Bills were selected for their relevance to home and community living for Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities.

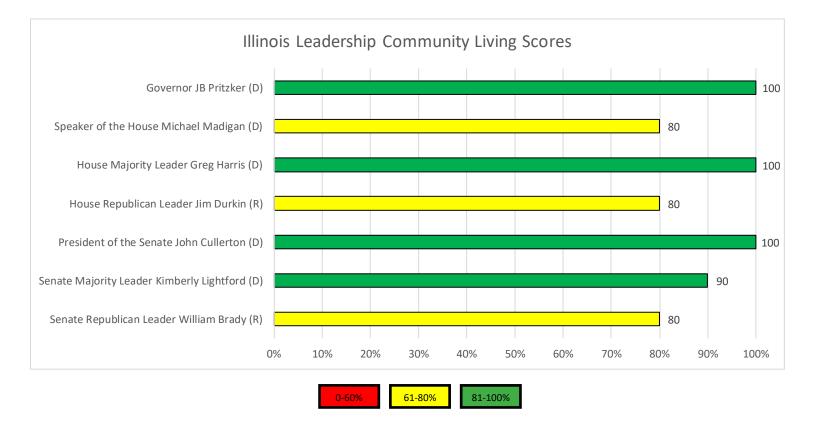
Notable among this year's crop of bills were SB2087 for a 5-year customized employment pilot program, HB3299 for facility access to sex education and related resources, HB3483 to tighten communication between DHS, ISCs, and individuals on the PUNS database, and HB3343 to allow people who are elderly, disabled, and/or homeless to use SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits at participating establishments which sell hot meals.

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.

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.

Congratulations to this year's top scorers in the Illinois General Assembly, Rep. Gabel, Sen. Gillespie, Rep. Hurley, Sen. Muñoz, and Sen. Murphy, who received a 100% score and also sponsored five or more of our bills.

# AT A GLANCE: COMMUNITY LIVING SCORES LEADERSHIP SCORES



# TOP GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES



Rep. Gabel (D)

Sen. Gillespie (D)

Rep. Hurley (D)

Sen. Muñoz (D)

Sen. Murphy (D)

### **BOTTOM GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES**



Rep Mazzochi (R)

Sen. Syverson (R)

# **KEY LEGISLATIVE VOTES**

Bill	Title	±	Description	Outcome
SB2087	CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYMENT PILOT	+	Establishes a 5-year pilot program to serve a minimum of 25 individuals with a developmental disability, coordinated with DRS.	HOUSE: 5/23/19 SENATE: 3/27/19 SIGNED 8/9/19
HB3299	DD SEX EDUCATION	+	Gives access to sex education and related resources to support the right to sexual health and healthy sexual practices.	HOUSE: 3/27/19 SENATE: 5/30/19 SIGNED 8/23/19
HB3483	PUNS DATABASE	+	Tightens communication between DHS, ISCs, and individuals on the PUNS database, including information available on the website.	HOUSE: 4/10/19 SENATE: 5/22/19 SIGNED 8/9/19
SB1321	MEDICAID OMNIBUS	+	Addresses Medicaid eligibility churn and regulates MCOs, requiring yearly reports to be published on the HFS website.	HOUSE: 5/30/19 SENATE: 5/30/19 SIGNED 8/5/19
SB1136	CMS EMPLOYMENT	+	Requires CMS to conduct annual presentations for State agencies to increase the number of em- ployees with disabilities.	HOUSE: 5/21/19 SENATE: 5/31/19 SIGNED 8/23/19
SB1214	PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING	+	Charges the Department of Public Health to make available training materials to ensure phleboto- mists effectively treat individuals with I/DD.	HOUSE: 5/24/19 SENATE: 5/30/19 SIGNED 8/23/19
SB111	DENTAL ANESTHESIA	+	Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to expand dental anesthesia coverage up to age 26 for people with a developmental disability.	HOUSE: 5/24/19 SENATE: 5/30/19 SIGNED 8/23/19
HB3671	ACCOMMODATE SERVICE ANIMALS	+	Protects both the rights of housing providers and people with disabilities who use assistance animals for a disability-related need.	HOUSE: 5/30/19 SENATE: 5/22/19 SIGNED 8/23/19
HB3343	SNAP RESTAURANT MEALS	+	Allows people who are elderly, disabled, and/or homeless to use SNAP benefits at participating establishments which sell hot meals.	HOUSE: 3/29/19 SENATE: 5/17/19 SIGNED 7/19/19
SB1387	ABLE ACCOUNT CLEAN-UP	+	Allows State Treasurer to enter into agreements with other states and gives guardians ability to manage ABLE accounts with less red tape.	HOUSE: 5/26/19 SENATE: 3/7/19 SIGNED 8/9/19

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

# 2019 ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES SENATE

#### Superior (91-100%)

Aquino Belt Collins Crowe Cullerton, J. (Senate President) Cullerton, T. Cunningham Gillespie Ellman Glowiak Harris Hastings Holmes Harmon Hunter Koehler Link Martinez McGuire Mulroe Murphy Peters Muñoz Sims Van Pelt Villivalam

#### **Excellent (81-90%)**

Anderson Barickman Bennett Bertino-Tarrant Bush
Castro Curran DeWitte Fine Fowler Hutchinson
Jones, E. Landek Lightford Manar McConchie
Morrison Oberweis Schimpf Stadelman Steans
Tracy Wilcox

#### Good (71-80%)

Brady McClure Plummer Rose Stewart Weaver

#### Mediocre (61-70%)

Rezin Righter Sandoval

#### Poor (0-60%)

Syverson

# 2019 ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCORES HOUSE

#### Superior (91-100%)

Burke Connor Conroy Crespo Davis Andrade Arroyo Didech Edly-Allen Feigenholtz Flowers Ford Gabel Gong-Gershowitz Evans Halpin Gordon-Booth Harper Greenwood Harris Hernandez, B. Hernandez, E. Hoffman Hurley Kalish Mah Manlev Martwick Mayfield Morgan Mussman Ramirez Pappas Ortiz Rita Robinson Slaughter Smith Thapedi Scherer Stava-Murray Stuart Turner Villa Villanueva Walker Welch West Williams. A. Willis

#### **Excellent (81-90%)**

Carroll Cassidy Costa Howard D'Amico Kifowit Ammons Bristow Lilly McCombie Meyers-Martin Moeller Moylan Marron Mason Reick Tarver Walsh Windhorst Yednock Zalewski Sommer Swanson

#### Good (71-80%)

Bryant Buckner Bailey Batinick Bourne Butler Caulkins Chesney Demmer Durkin Guzzardi Davidsmever Halbrook Hammond DeLuca Madigan (Speaker of the House) McAuliffe McDermed Jones Keicher McSweeney Meier Miller Morrison Murphy Parkhurst Severin Sosnowski Spain Unes Weber Wehrli Welter Wheeler Wilhour Yingling

#### Mediocre (61-70%)

Bennett Brady Cabello Frese Grant Skillicorn Ugaste

#### Poor (0-60%)

Mazzochi

# **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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