

The Intersection of Aging and Disability 2015 Annual Report on Disability and the 2015 Annual Compendium on Disability Statistics

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Introduction

- **Who Am I?**
- **What is the Center on Aging and Community Living?**

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Center on Aging and Community Living

A Collaborative Between the Institute on Disability and the Institute for Health Policy and Practice at the University of New Hampshire

VISION:

All New Hampshire residents have access to person-centered options which allow them to live and age in the communities of their choice.

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MISSION

CACL constructively engages partners within and outside the University in applied research that advances sustainable, person-centered options for aging and community living. CACL supports systems change through an interdisciplinary approach to scholarship, advocacy, evaluation, and the development and dissemination of tools and skills that innovate and improve social models for consumer-driven services and supports.

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Intersection of Aging and Disability

- Aging into disability or with lifelong disabilities: Need to bridge aging and disability systems
- Similarities between systems:
 - Marginal/undervalued populations; underfunded; reliance on family caregivers; focus on self-determination; desire to remain home and in the community
- Differences between systems:
 - chronological vs. functional; person-centered vs. program-driven; large numbers of unidentified participants in aging; funding mechanisms

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Public Policy on Aging and Disability

- ❑ Lagging public policy and the role of coalitions as *de facto* policy
- ❑ Newness of aging with lifelong disabilities; historical non-intersection and different priorities of the systems, increasing longevity
- ❑ Differences between currently older and younger cohorts with lifelong disabilities
- ❑ Intellectual Developmental Disabilities and Dementia (esp. for persons with Downs Syndrome)
- ❑ Lack of identifier for IDD or onset of disability in national databases

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Policy and Practice Implications

- Bridging Aging and Disability (ACL leading the way at the federal level)
- Build relationships across disability and aging providers at the federal, state, and local level
- Build stronger advocacy network for aging
- Find common agendas for legislative advocacy (caregivers, home and community based services, technology, etc.)
- Tread lightly; both sides have much to learn from each other

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New Tables in Compendium

- This year the Compendium has added tables representing the aging population whenever possible.
- Age cutoff utilized was 65 and older
- New tables are denoted by an * (Number related to aging = 26)
- Some examples representing aging:
 - Table 1.11: Hearing Disability
 - Table 2.25: Employment Rates
 - Table 3.4: Poverty

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New Tables in Compendium

- **Areas Representing Aging**
 - Type of Disability
 - Employment
 - Poverty
 - Veterans
 - Health Insurance Coverage
 - Community Living

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HOW CAN DATA HELP US MEET OUR POLICY GOALS RELATED TO AGING?

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