Using data to ignite and sustain employment systems change

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Work and poverty: What’s the relationship?

Individuals With a Cognitive Disability Are More Likely to Be Unemployed and Live in Poverty

**WORK**
- People with no disability: 74%
- People with any disability: 34%
- People with a cognitive disability: 25%

**POVERTY**
- People with no disability: 12%
- People with any disability: 27%
- People with a cognitive disability: 32%

American Community Survey, 2016
Who lives below the poverty threshold?

SSI* Beneficiaries with Intellectual Disabilities are Unlikely to Work

4,845,735
Total number of SSI recipients

910,998
Number of SSI recipients with ID

114,607
Number of SSI recipients with ID who work

Social Security Administration, 2016

Each figure represents approximately 114,000 people.
But we are making progress!

ICI National Survey of State IDD Agencies

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Participation in integrated employment services varies widely.
Context matters
Higher-Performing States Model

Hall et al., 2007
Why does this data matter?
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