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Data Note: National Day and Employment Service Trends in MR/DD Agencies

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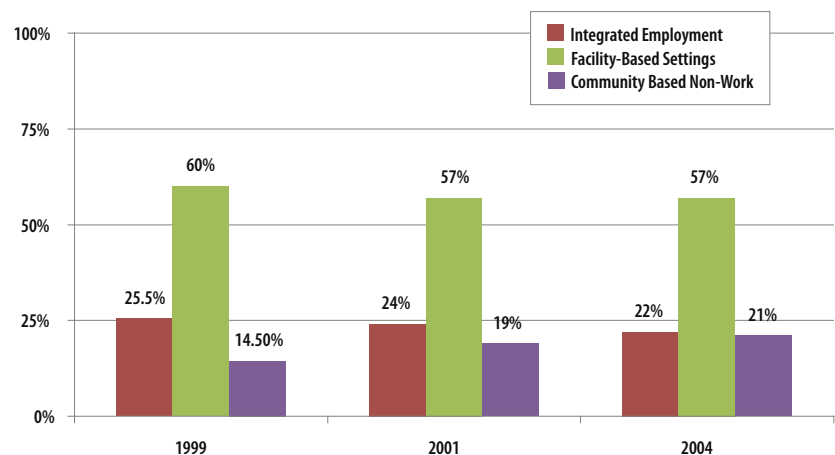
In FY2004, 22% of individuals receiving day supports from state mental retardation or developmental disability (MR/DD) agencies participated in integrated employment while 56.5% of individuals were supported in facility-based settings. While the data demonstrate a continued decrease in the percent of people served in facility-based settings (from 60% in 1999 to 57% in 2004), it also suggests a slight decrease in the percent served in integrated employment (from 25.5% in 1999 to 22% in 2004).

The data represented here describe the core elements of ICI's National Survey of Day and Employment Services. Integrated employment includes both individual employment and group supported employment and facility-based settings include both facility-based work services and facility-based non-work services. Reported participation in community-based non-work services, defined as non job-related supports focusing on community involvement and typically identified as community integration or community participation services, has steadily increased since this service was added to the survey in 1996, growing from 14.5% in 1999 to 21% in 2004.

While the percent of people supported in integrated settings increased between FY1999 and FY2004, a majority of people are still supported in facility-based settings. The growth in community-based non-work paired with the decrease in participation in integrated employment raises concerns about the clarity of the service system's employment goals. It is possible that community-based non-work services are replacing rather than supplementing support for integrated employment. States need to clarify the intent and goals of community-based non-work services.

Facility-based settings continue to make up the majority of expenditures for day and employment services. Nationally facility-based work and facility-based non-work services received 57% of the funding for day and employment services, while integrated employment received 22% of the funding in FY2004. This data indicates that the system of funding day and employment services for people with intellectual disabilities still favors facility-based service options.

Service Distribution by Setting by Year



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