

STATE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AGENCIES' FUNDING FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, FY2019

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In FY2019, states continued to vary in their ability to report on the services they provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and the amount of funding allocated to employment and non-work services. In this Data Note, we examine the percentage of funds allocated to integrated employment.

States vary in their ability to report on funding for employment and day services by service setting. Figure 1 shows trends in funding allocation by service setting for states that reported these monetary figures. Facility-based and non-work settings continue to comprise the largest percentage of expenditures for day and employment services. Collectively, states allocated 86% of employment and day service funding in FY2019 to services that are not integrated employment, including community-based non-work, facility-based work, facility-based non-work, and other services (n=46).

In contrast, states that reported funding for integrated employment (n=46) allocated 11.3% of all day and employment services funding to integrated employment services in FY2019. There has been little fluctuation over time in the percentage of funding allocated to integrated employment. This funding peaked in 2001 at 16.6% but has otherwise varied between 9.6% and 13.6% in all other years since 1999*.

These data suggest that despite efforts to support more people with disabilities in integrated employment services, states have not reallocated resources from facility-based work to integrated employment. If IDD agencies want to encourage individuals to obtain jobs in the community, they must rebalance their service funding models to prioritize integrated employment.

*the denominator of states that reported funding for services varied across the years, so the figures are not directly comparable.

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Figure 1: Percentage of All Day and Employment Funding by Year

