Shifting Tides in Medicaid Supports for People with IDD
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Residential Information Systems Project (RISP)
RISP is a 40-year longitudinal study of Medicaid long-term supports and services (LTSS) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). An annual survey of state IDD agencies is used to gather information about the settings in which LTSS recipients live, federal and state funding mechanisms used, residential setting type and size, age of recipients, and expenditures.

Access to services varies by state.

Most people with IDD receiving services live with family members.

The number of people with IDD living with family varies by state.

Residence size declined dramatically.

Of the 7.43 million people with IDD in the US, only 18% got long-term supports and services in FY 2018.

Since deinstitutionalization began, Medicaid recipients and expenditures grew, but the proportion of Medicaid spending on people with IDD declined.

More than 200,000 people were waiting for services.

People with IDD Receiving Versus Waiting for Services, June 2018

Living Arrangements for Service Recipients, June 2018

Percent of Service Recipients Living with Family Members, June 2018

Spending for People with IDD as a Portion of Total Medicaid Expenditures

Medicaid Recipients

Medicaid Expenditures (Billions)

Expenditures for People with IDD as a Portion of Total Medicaid Expenditures

People with IDD Receiving Versus Waiting for Services, June 2018

2018 946,108 current recipients 208,889 people waiting

22%