



Disability Integration Act (DIA)

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A Disability Organizing (DO) Network Factsheet

What is the Disability Integration Act?

The DIA is a Bipartisan, bicameral civil rights legislation that ensures that disabled Americans have a right to live and receive services in their own homes, first introduced in the 114th Congress.

The DIA clarifies that every individual who is eligible for Long Term Services & Supports (LTSS) has a federally protected right to a real choice in how they receive services and supports.

What would the Disability Integration Act mean for government programs & states?

The DIA asserts the right to live in the community without creating unnecessary or wasteful Government programs; and States would have broad latitude to determine how they will secure that right.

Public entities would be required to address the need for affordable, accessible, integrated housing that is independent of service delivery; and establish stronger, targeted enforcement mechanisms.

It would save millions of Federal and State dollars compared with institutionalization.

What would the Disability Integration Act mean for people with disabilities & older adults?

People with disabilities would have a protected choice and access to live in the community, regardless of disability type or age of onset of disability.

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States and other LTSS insurance providers would be required to deliver services in a manner that allows disabled individuals to live in the most integrated setting, have maximum control over their services and supports.

It helps people with disabilities and seniors stay in their own homes as they age.

When people with LTSS disabilities are declined an option to receive those services and supports in the community, the DIA would consider that to be discrimination and the rights of people with disabilities would be protected.