

What is the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)?

Why is it important?

NIDILRR is the federal government's main disability research organization.

NIDILRR is important because it helps us learn more about disability and aging. When we know more about what people with disabilities and older people experience, we're able to support them better.



NIDILRR Promotes Full Opportunities for People with Disabilities and Older Adults

It's mission is to generate new knowledge and to promote its effective use to improve the abilities of individuals with disabilities to be in the community, and to expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities.



NIDILRR Plays a Unique Role In Research that Promotes Independent Living

Across NIDILRR's work, the central focus is on the whole person with a disability. While other federal research entities fund prevention, cure, and acute rehabilitation research, NIDILRR research is tied more closely to longer-term outcomes, such as independence, community participation, and employment.



For Over 46 Years, NIDILRR Has Improved Community Living, Health, and Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities

Congress directs what NIDILRR should work on. Through bi-partisan legislation, Congress tells NIDILRR to:

- Develop methods and technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities.
- Improve vocational rehabilitation and other rehabilitation services' effectiveness.



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