

# Summary of New Needs Assessment of DC Residents with I/DD

In June, 2011, the DC Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) and the Department on Disabilities Services (DDS) released a report that analyzed the service needs of residents with I/DD in the District.<sup>i</sup> The report provided information on unmet service needs among people with I/DD as well as on the financial impact of extending eligibility for services from DDS' Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to all individuals who have a DD but not an ID diagnosis (currently people have to have at least an intellectual disability to receive services from DDS). Highlights from the report include the following:

- Estimates that in the District, there are
  - 3,624 adults with ID or ID plus DD
  - 2,464 adults with DD only (currently ineligible for DDA services)
  - 2,000 children with ID or ID plus DD
  - 1,397 children with DD only
- DDA reported serving 2,093 adults.
- The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) reported serving 757 children and 201 adults with ID, and 1,067 children and 17 adults with DD.
- It would cost \$3.1 million in local dollars to provide services to 100 additional persons with DD if the persons are served in residential settings proportional as persons with ID currently receiving services.
- Significant savings would be found if individuals with I/DD are served in Independent Living or Family Home settings.

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<sup>i</sup> The National Associations of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, (2011). *Assessment and Analysis of Washington D.C. Residents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for Washington D.C. Department on Disability Services and Developmental Disabilities Council.*