

# NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS™

TENNESSEE AT-A-GLANCE REPORT • 2017-18



SELECTED FINDINGS FROM THE 2017-18 SURVEYS

Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)

National Association of State Directors of  
Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)





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**Darryl Richards**

Darryl Richards is an artist born and raised in Boston, MA. Much of Darryl's artwork is influenced by his experiences in the city. He has been an artist since he was 5 years old, when he started out by drawing characters from his imagination. He continues to produce work using imagery from his mind, but is now also focused on drawing people and animals using both technical/traditional and cartooning techniques.

Darryl sees his art as a journey that will take the viewer into another dimension. He hopes that his work will spark the viewer's imagination, draw them into the world he has created, and take their perception of art to the next level.

Darryl has taken art classes through a variety of programs. He specifically focuses on 2-D fine art. Currently, he is producing work through both Gateway Arts and Artists for Humanity.

See more at [www.gatewayarts.org](http://www.gatewayarts.org)

## Where are the statistics in this report from?

This report includes selected findings from the National Core Indicators™ 2017-18 Survey listed below.

### The In-Person Survey

This survey is completed with adults with I/DD age 18 and older receiving at least one paid service (in addition to case management) from the state DD agency. The survey instrument includes a Background Information Section, which gathers data about the consumer from agency records, and an in-person survey. The in-person survey is composed of two sections: Section I includes subjective questions that can only be answered by the person receiving services from the state. Section II includes objective, fact-based questions that can be answered by the person or, if needed, a proxy respondent who knows the person well.

The NCI Team produces reports that inform state efforts to strengthen LTSS policy, inform quality improvement activities, evaluate programs and policies, and compare their performance with national norms. For more information on National Core Indicators, please see [www.nationalcoreindicators.org](http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org). For detailed information on samples, methodology and administration, please see the NCI Reports from 2017-18, available at <http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/reports/>.

*\*Beginning this year, the NCI averages contained in this report are “weighted” means: the calculations reflect the relative population sizes of participating states and their survey sample sizes. For more information, please see the 2017-18 In-Person Survey Report at <http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/reports/>.*

2017-18  
In-Person  
Survey

Tennessee  
Data

# 464 adults with I/DD participated in the 2017-18 survey in Tennessee

Respondents are adults with I/DD age 18 and older receiving at least one paid service (in addition to case management) from the state DD agency.

## Residence

Parent or relative's home	26%
Group home	29%
Own home/apartment	32%
ICF/ID or other institutional setting	10%
Foster care or host home	3%
Other/don't know	0%

## Level of Intellectual Disability

Mild ID	29%
Moderate ID	32%
Severe ID	14%
Profound ID	13%
Unspecified or unknown	12%

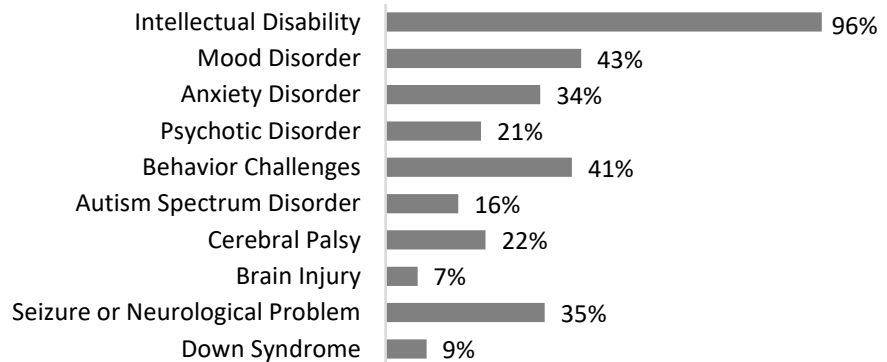
29% of respondents are reported to have mild ID

- 57% are male
- 96% have ID\*\*
- 48 is the average age
- 18% have a paying job in the community
- 39% want a paying job in the community

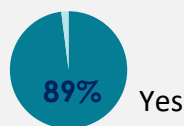


## Diagnoses \*\*

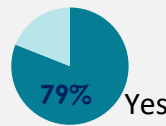
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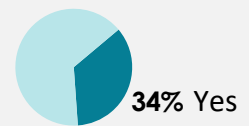
### Have a primary care doctor



### Visited dentist in the past year



### Reported to be under full Guardianship\*\*



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2017-18  
In-Person  
Survey

Like their home



93%

Like their paid job in the community



95%

Feel services are helping them live a good life



96%



- **81%** have friends who are not staff or family
- **85%** can see friends when they want

- **35%** want more help to make or keep in contact with friends
- **11%** often feel lonely

## Access and Inclusion

- **98%** have the **transportation** they need to get where they **need** to go
- **94%** have the **transportation** they need to get where they **want** to go
- **94%** are able to go out and **do the things they like to do**
- **90%** get to **do things they like to do as much as they want**
- **92%** have **enough** things they **enjoy doing when at home**

## Privacy and Respect

Have a place to be alone at home	95%
Staff treat person with respect	97%
Able to use phone/internet when wanted	87%
Others never read person's mail without permission	93%

Would like paid job in the community



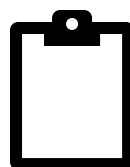
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Take classes/trainings to get job/better job



14%

Have paid community employment as goal in service plan



32%