



New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities

New Jersey is one of forty-six states participating in National Core Indicators, a national initiative to develop standard performance measures for state systems that provide services and supports to adults with developmental disabilities.

What is National Core Indicators?

National Core Indicators (NCI) is a collaborative effort between the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). The core indicators are standard measures used across states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. Through a series of voluntary surveys, indicators assess key areas such as employment, respect/rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety. In 2019-2020, New Jersey will be using the **Adult In-Person Survey**.

What does the survey measure?

The NCI Adult In-Person Survey evaluates how well the public system assists adults with developmental disabilities to exercise choice and control in their decision-making, participate in their communities, and maintain family relationships, and how satisfied individuals are with the services they receive, and how those services have affected their lives.

How does the survey work?

The Adult In-Person Survey is a voluntary, face-to-face conversation conducted with individuals who are 21 years of age or older and receiving at least one paid service—in addition to case management or support coordination—from the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Individuals are selected to participate through a random sample, and Division staff formally trained by HSRI administer the survey. Prior to the face-to-face interaction, Division staff compile background information from administrative records, often including information collected from service coordinators, case managers and/or support coordinators. Background information includes data such as demographics, personal characteristics, health data and data on employment status and wages.

The Adult In-Person Survey consists of two sections. Section I can only be answered by the individual receiving services – no proxy responses are permitted. A proxy may complete Section II if the interviewer determines the individual receiving services cannot answer for him or herself. Participation in the survey is voluntary and participants may choose to stop the survey at any time.

Your participation, assistance, and support are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to improve Division-funded services for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities in New Jersey. Questions regarding the NCI Surveys can be sent to DDD.NCI@dhs.state.nj.us.