
Joint Needs Assessment Results- Abridged Report

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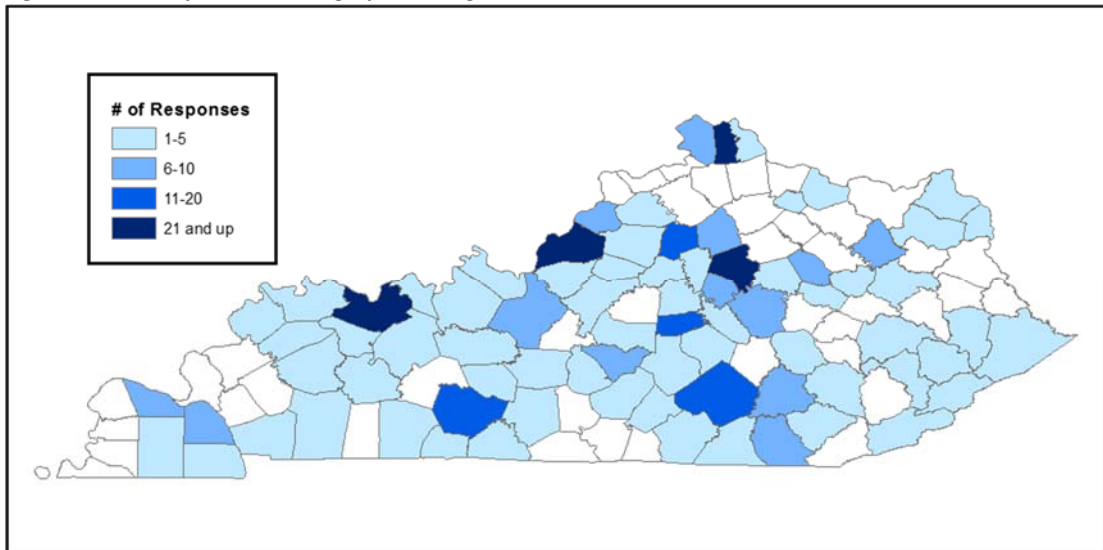


In spring 2015, the Commonwealth Council for Developmental Disabilities, Kentucky Protection and Advocacy, and the Human Development Institute (HDI), (University of Kentucky) developed a needs assessment to identify areas of high need for people with disabilities in Kentucky in an effort to assist the above agencies in planning purposes. The survey asked demographic information. Respondents were asked to rate ten areas of life needs on a Likert scale. The survey included open-ended questions to gather information on specific issues that individuals faced within a particular area of need. Among 519 total respondents who completed the category, 74 (14%) individuals had a Developmental Disability/Intellectual Disability (DD/ID), 164 (32%) were family members of an individual with a DD/ID, 249 (48%) were service providers, 32 (6%) were of a nonspecific category (“Other”), as depicted in Table 1. Please note: among the respondents, several survey items had multiple responses. The majority of respondents were white, non-Hispanic and females between 40-59 years of age (53%). The majority of respondents (21 or more responses) resided in Daviess, Fayette, Jefferson, and Kenton counties (Figure 1).

Table 1: 2015 Respondent Demographics—Categories

Category	N
Individual with a developmental disability	74
Family member of an individual with a developmental disability	164
Service provider	249
Other (please specify)	32
Total	519

Figure 1: 2015 Respondent Demographics—Region



In 2015, respondents rated transportation (48%), employment (46%), housing (44%), community supports (43%), education and early / intervention (41%), and childcare (41%) as very high areas of need greater than 40% (Table 7).

Table 7: 2015 Areas of Need

Areas of Need (n=496)	Very High %	High %	Moderate %	Low & Very Low %
Self-Advocacy	39%	36%	22%	3%
Education & Early / Intervention	41%	35%	20%	3%
Childcare	41%	34%	21%	4%
Healthcare	38%	34%	21%	7%
Health & Wellness	32%	37%	27%	4%
Employment	46%	33%	16%	5%
Housing	44%	33%	18%	4%
Transportation	48%	31%	15%	6%
Recreation	36%	37%	23%	3%
Community Supports	43%	36%	19%	1%

Respondents with DD/ID rated the areas very similar to other categories. They rated health care and health & wellness slightly higher than other categories of respondents as noted in Table 8.

Table 8: 2015 Areas of Need—Overall Means

Areas of Need (n=496)	Overall Mean	Overall Mean (People with DD/ID)
Self-Advocacy	4.10	4.09
Education & Early / Intervention	4.14	4.13
Childcare	4.10	4.07
Healthcare	4.02	4.16
Health & Wellness	3.96	4.10
Employment	4.21	4.16
Housing	4.16	4.12
Transportation	4.22	4.16
Recreation	4.05	4.03
Community Supports	4.20	4.10

The next few pages graphically depict the themes and sub-themes for the three areas of very high need identified by survey participants--transportation, employment, and housing. In addition, the visuals include health care needs and wellness because these two life areas were rated as a high need by individuals with DD/ID.

