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### **30 Years of Community Living for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities**

*New book developed under ACL grant illustrates the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act*

Three ACL grantees released 30 Years of Community Living for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities. Featuring infographics, photos, and accessible language, as well as personal perspectives on community living and inclusion shared by people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (ID/DD) who served as advisors to the project, the free digital book explores the evolution of integration and inclusion of people ID/DD in American society. The book was written collaboratively by the directors of three longitudinal studies funded by [ACL's Projects of National Significance program](#).

A summary of data collected between 1987 and 2017, the book illustrates the progress made since the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed 31 years ago and the work yet to be done to achieve its promise. It starkly illustrates that although opportunities for community living have significantly expanded, far too many people with ID/DD are still unable to access the supports they need to live – and fully participate -- in their community.

Download the free book at [acl.gov/30years](http://acl.gov/30years).

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