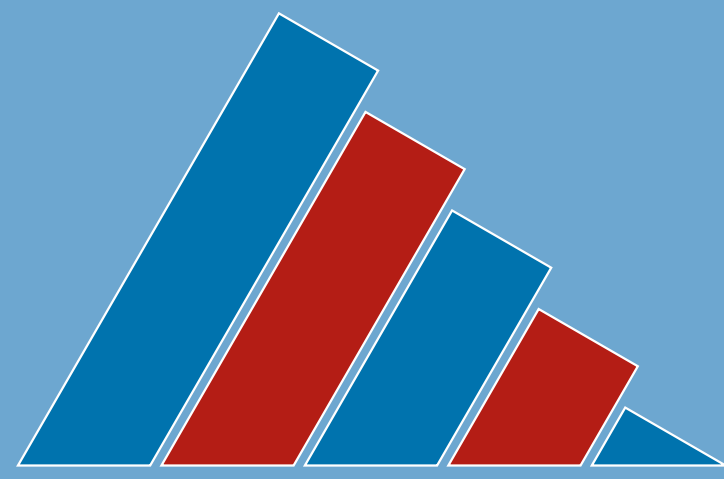




Community Life Engagement

A New Initiative of the Institute for Community Inclusion and State Employment Leadership Network



What is Community Life Engagement?

Community Life Engagement

- » Supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to access and participate in their communities outside of employment;
- » Includes volunteer work; postsecondary, adult, or continuing education; accessing community facilities such as the library, gym, or recreation center; any activities that people with and without disabilities do in their spare time;
- » Sometimes is referred to as Community Based Day or Community-Based Nonwork
- » May support career exploration, wrap around work time, or serve as a retirement option.

What we are hearing from SELN states

- » Employment and non-work supports are not mutually exclusive.
- » States seek guidance from CMS on including Community Life Engagement in HCBS waivers.
- » States want to ensure that the non-work activities they are supporting promote community inclusion and integration.
- » States need to leverage different funding streams to support the conversion from facility-based non-work activities to high quality Community Life Engagement strategies.
- » States are working on how to incorporate Community Life Engagement goals in transition plans and person-centered plans.
- » Success is harder to define and measure with non-work activities than with employment outcomes.

Funding Sources

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- » The National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research, US Department of Education, Field Initiated Program, under grant # H133G140150.

Findings to date

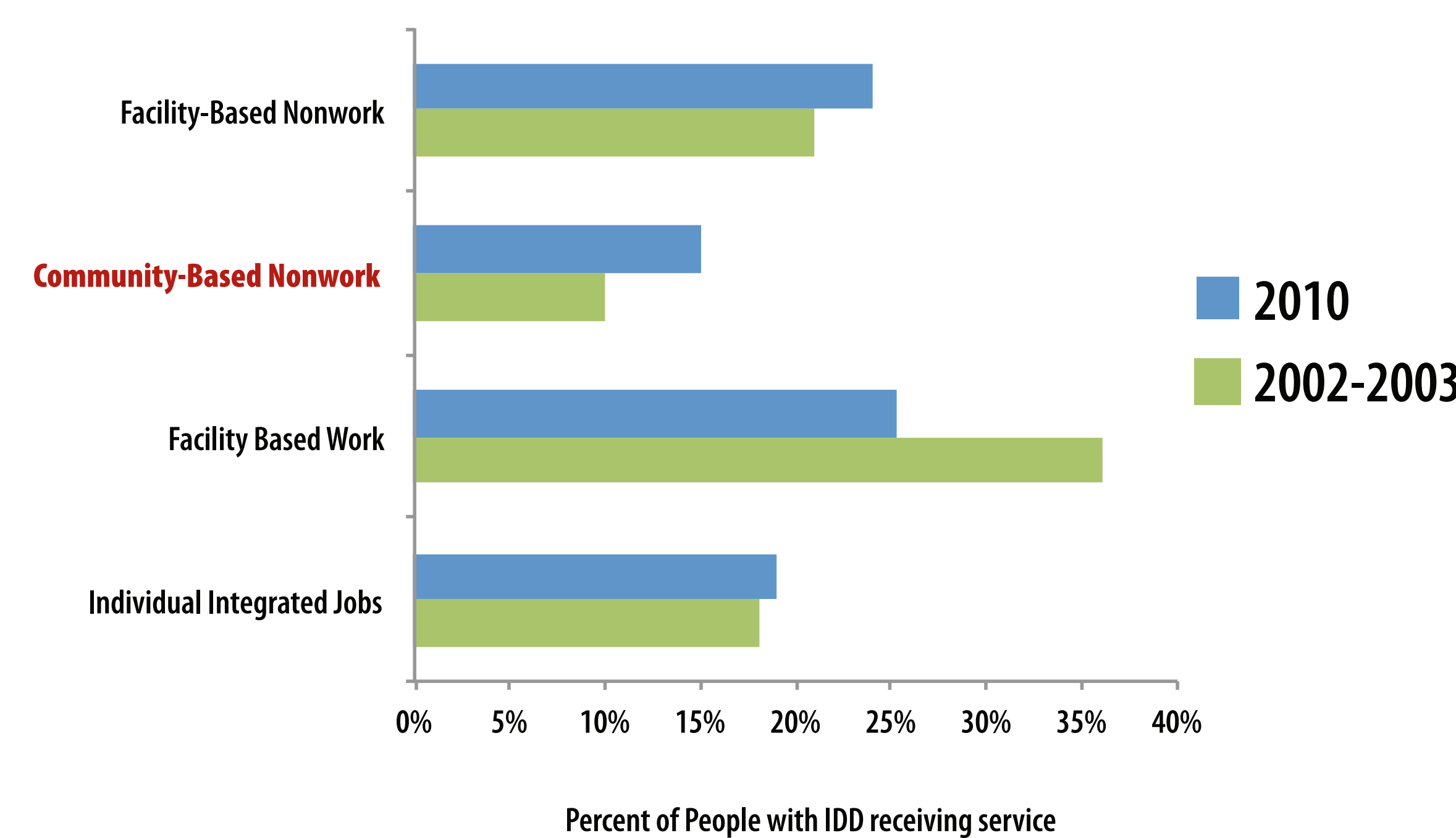
Non-work supports are growing, according to states. ICI's National Survey of State Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Day and Employment Services categorizes day and employment supports into four quadrants based on whether they are work or non-work and community- or facility-based. According to this survey, from FY1996 to FY2012, the number of states providing CBNW has increased from 18 to 30; those states that provide CBNW report that participation has grown from 18.7% to 42.3%

	Work	Non-Work
Community	Integrated Employment	Community-based non-work (CBNW)
Facility	Facility-based (sheltered) work	Facility-based non-work

Community Rehabilitation Providers report a lower (but still growing) rate of participation.

According to the National Survey of Community Rehabilitation Providers, participation in CBNW by people with IDD has increased from 10% in 2002-2003 to 15% in 2010-2011

CRP services 2002-2010



While non-work supports are expanding, the category remains undefined. In practice CBNW includes a wide range of integrated and non-integrated activities, populations served, and goals, with few specific guidelines such as staffing ratios, group sizes, or proportion of time spent in community settings

Recent federal rules and initiatives illustrate the need to define and provide high quality Community Life Engagement supports. New guidance and rules from the Department of Justice and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) specify that supports must maximize opportunity for individuals to access community living in the most integrated setting.

Requirements for Home and Community Based Services

The Home and Community-Based setting:

- » Is integrated in and supports access to the greater community
- » Provides opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, **engage in community life**, and control personal resources
- » Ensures the individual receives services in the community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid home and community-based services

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2014). Home and community-based services. Retrieved from: www.medicare.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Support/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html

Activities to Date

1996

- » CBNW category added to the National Survey of Day and Employment Programs for People with IDD

2001

- » Topical module on CBNW included in IDD agency survey

2002-2003

- » Topical module on CBNW included in CRP survey

2005-2006

- » Case studies of CBNW at 6 CRPs in two states

2014

- » SELN Community of Practice on CBNW formed

Next Steps

2014-2015

- » Continue to work with SELN Community of Practice to identify emerging issues and needs at the state level
- » Conduct Expert Interviews with 12-15 knowledgeable people representing state IDD agencies, Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs), researchers, family members, and individuals with IDD.
- » Start to develop Promising Practices series on state and CRP level implementation of Community Life Engagement
- » Conduct case studies of effective Community Life Engagement efforts by CRPs

2015-2016

- » Survey state IDD agencies about their Community Life Engagement policies and practices
- » Develop and pilot guideposts and toolkits for states and CRPs

2016-2017

- » Refine and disseminate guideposts and toolkits.

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