

NCI LONGITUDINAL STUDY

What is the National Core Indicators?

National Core Indicators (NCI) is a survey that collects information about satisfaction and the experiences of people with developmental disabilities receiving services.

What is the Longitudinal Study?

The longitudinal study uses National Core Indicator Adult Consumer and Family Guardian Surveys to measure satisfaction of services and supports over time.

When will it begin?

The Longitudinal Study will begin to survey individuals who have moved from a Developmental Center in January, 2016.

Who will be surveyed?

The first 125 individuals who have moved out of a developmental center, agree to participate in the study, and their families

How often?

At three-months, six-months, one-year, and two-years from the individual's move date.

How will the information be used?

The study will satisfy stakeholder requests and help DDS answer questions about how and why changes in services occur over time for individuals transitioning into the community system. The information collected will also help to inform the development and coordination of transitional and community services for those who will move from a developmental center in the future.

How can I participate?

Individuals and families will be contacted by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) within the first three months of an individual's move out of a developmental center.

Who conducts the survey?

The SCDD will survey the individual face to face and families will be mailed a paper survey.

Can I participate in the survey?

Yes, families are able to be present during the survey. If the individual is unable to respond to the survey, a family member may answer the questions in Section II of the Adult Consumer Survey as a proxy respondent.

If a family member is a proxy respondent, should they still complete the mail in Family Guardian Survey?

Yes. The Adult Consumer Survey asks questions solely about the individual's experience. The Family Guardian Survey focuses on the family's perspective.

Will the survey be confidential?

This survey is confidential, but is not anonymous. We will use a special code to link the surveys at each interval and to family surveys. Using the code will allow us to learn about life during and after the transition process. Names and identifiable information will be kept confidential and will not be published or shared.