

## Using Research Findings for Advocacy

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## Context

- Medicaid provides safety net for people with disabilities who cannot afford health insurance
- Health care expenditures and use for this population poorly understood
- Legislators and policy makers typically focus only on LTC expenditures (HCBS, nursing homes) while ignoring associated health care expenses
- As a result, they lose chance to address opportunities for policy change on prevention and health promotion



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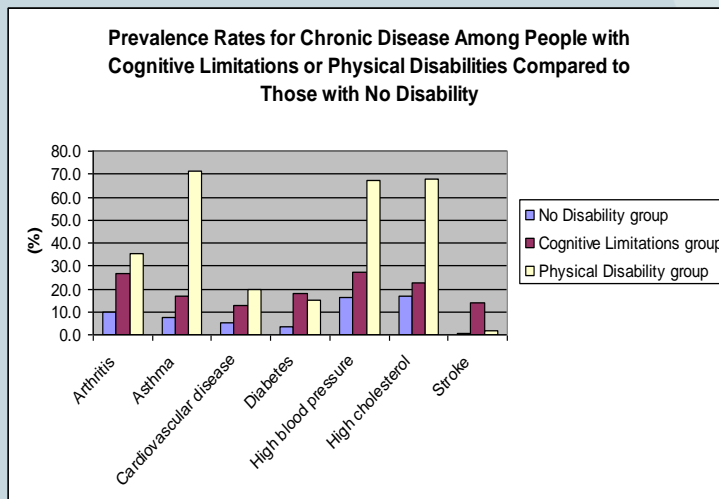
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- To advocate effectively, we must bring concerns to those who can effect change
- Our research provides info that consumers and those who support them can use to advocate for themselves and for broader policy change in health care



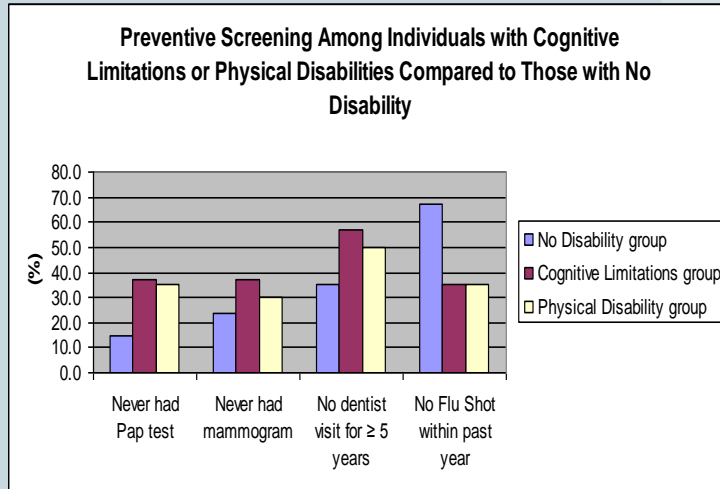
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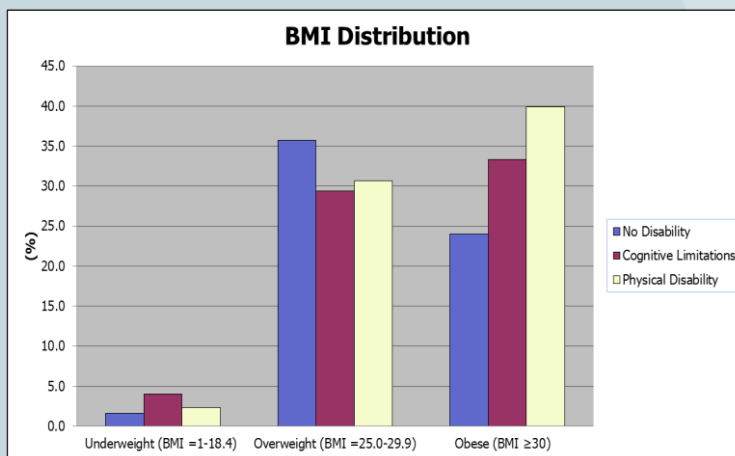
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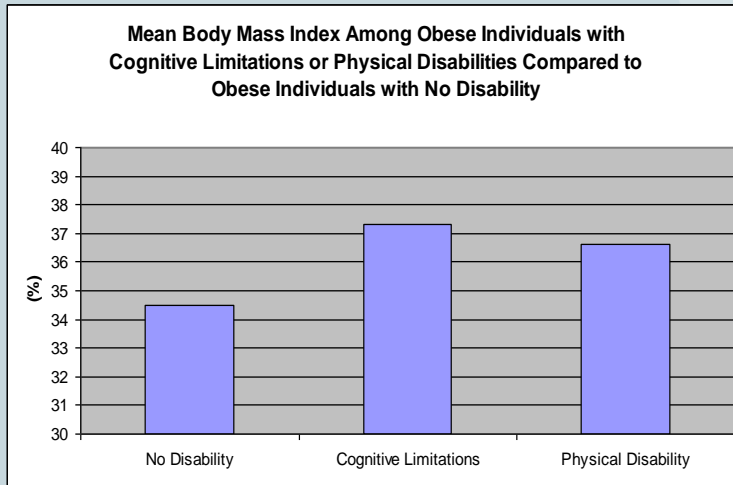
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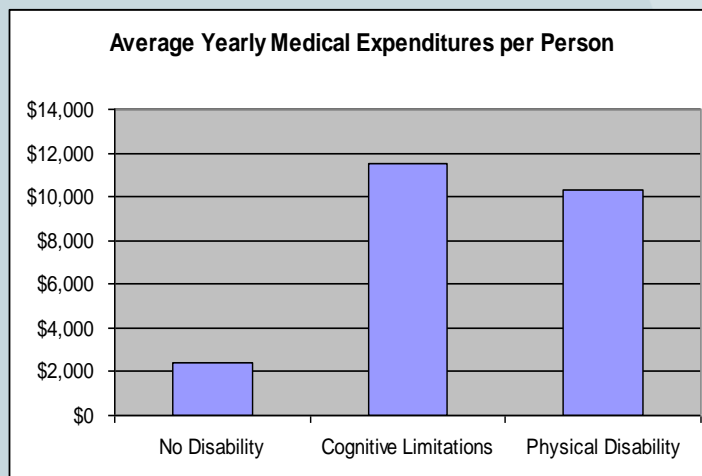
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# Implications for Advocacy

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# Discussion



Does this research validate your personal experiences with people with disabilities?



How would you prioritize related advocacy efforts?



How can we further integrate the IL philosophy into health care services?



What research needs do you as IL staff or consumers currently have?



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