

## ***Case for Inclusion 2020 Outreach Toolkit***

### Sample Long-Form Content

This tool contains two variations of longer-form content that you can use as-is or customize in your efforts to spread the word about the *Case for Inclusion* via any number of channels: newsletters, blog posts, op-eds and more. Feel free to insert any state-specific narratives as you see fit; you can find data for your state by visiting [caseforinclusion.org](https://caseforinclusion.org) and clicking the 'Explore Data by State' button.

For assistance using this tool, please contact Sean Luechtefeld, Communications Director for ANCOR and the ANCOR Foundation, at [sluechtefeld@ancor.org](mailto:sluechtefeld@ancor.org).

### **Short Version**

A new report from United Cerebral Palsy and the ANCOR Foundation examines how well state programs are supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The [\*Case for Inclusion 2020\*](#) shows that where people live has an enormous impact on their life trajectory.

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Learn more about these and other data from the *Case for Inclusion 2020* at [caseforinclusion.org](https://caseforinclusion.org).

### **Long Version**

The ANCOR Foundation's *Included. Supported. Empowered.* campaign has partnered with United Cerebral Palsy for the second consecutive year to release the [\*Case for Inclusion 2020\*](#), a comprehensive examination of all 50 states and the District of Columbia on how well state programs, primarily Medicaid, are serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The new report assesses the states on 58 measures across seven different issue areas ranging from employment opportunities to state waiting lists and more, and reveals that where people live has an enormous impact on their life trajectory.

The seven issue areas explored in the *Case for Inclusion 2020* include: Addressing a Workforce Crisis (NEW!); Keeping Families Together; Promoting Independence; Promoting Productivity; Reaching Those in Need; Serving at a Reasonable Cost; and Tracking Health, Safety & Quality of Life.



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The report also highlights the growing number of people in the United States on waiting lists for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)—those that allow people to be supported in the community, rather than in large, state-run institutions. The report finds that 473,000 people—49,000 more than in last year’s report—were on states’ waiting lists for HCBS waivers. On the bright side, 10 states reported not having a waiting list at all, and another 10 states reported that their waiting lists had fewer people than in the prior year. However, another 23 states reported that their waiting lists grew, some significantly so. In Texas, for example, there were 218,000 people waiting for services, making the Lone Star State the one with the largest waiting list of all the states.

Although the *Case for Inclusion* highlights the scope of the challenges we face, it is ultimately designed to be a tool for advocates who can use the data to initiate conversations with their elected officials about how deeper investments in long-term supports and services for people with I/DD can translate into true community inclusion. To learn more and take action, visit [caseforinclusion.org](http://caseforinclusion.org).

