

Ask Me!sm FY 2012 Quarter 1

Executive Summary

The Ask Me! Survey measures the quality of life in eight domains that are important to all groups of people around the world. These include Interpersonal Relations, Social Inclusion, Self Determination, Rights, Material Well-being, Personal Development, Emotional Well-being and Physical Well-being. The survey began to collect information in four-year cycles in FY2002 from random samples of people supported by all community agencies in Maryland. It revised the survey in FY2010 to include new questions on topics in the eight domains that had become important to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This report presents information provided by and for 314 adults supported in the community by 12 service providers. They are one-fourth of a representative sample of the 14,145 people supported with funds from the Maryland Developmental Disability Administration (DDA). The report provides preliminary estimates of the quality of life in FY2012 of Maryland adults with IDD and how this has changed over the ten years of the survey. It also presents information on the quality of life reported for the 12 community agencies with surveys during the first quarter of FY2012.



Quality of life appears to have continued its increase between 2002 and 2012 in four domains, controlling for the revision in the survey:

1. Rights;
2. Personal Development;
3. Emotional Well-being;
4. Physical Well-being.



Perceptions of services and staff appear to have become more favorable than in 2011.