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Topic: [Why are so Many People in Crisis?](#)

Summary: Our systems are not designed to accommodate the needs of people with I/DD, particularly those with unique physical needs or who experience challenges in expressing their needs. There are very few providers who have experience and training to support the needs of this population. When we don't design and resource for equal access and opportunity it can cause people to go into crisis and end up in emergency rooms, jails, or other inappropriate facilities. To prevent these crises there must be investment in training and planning so that people with I/DD receive proper support so they can live in their community.

What We Need:

- Investment in an adequate network of well-paid providers and therapists that are trained specifically to work with people with I/DD, who have challenging support requirements.
- Development of and access to experienced providers who understand and can properly treat individuals with I/DD who have dual diagnoses.
- Direct medical providers to arrange for medically necessary behavioral health services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Support in coordinating care among multiple providers.
- Investment in both in-home and out-of-home supports that are accessible and adequately meet the needs of individuals with complex support needs and dual diagnoses.

What to Watch for this Session:

- [Prevent Inappropriate Hospitalization](#)
- [Build residential capacity to support people with complex needs](#)
- [Increase Provider Rates to Stabilize Supported Living](#)

Together, let's build a community where every individual, regardless of ability, can thrive and contribute.