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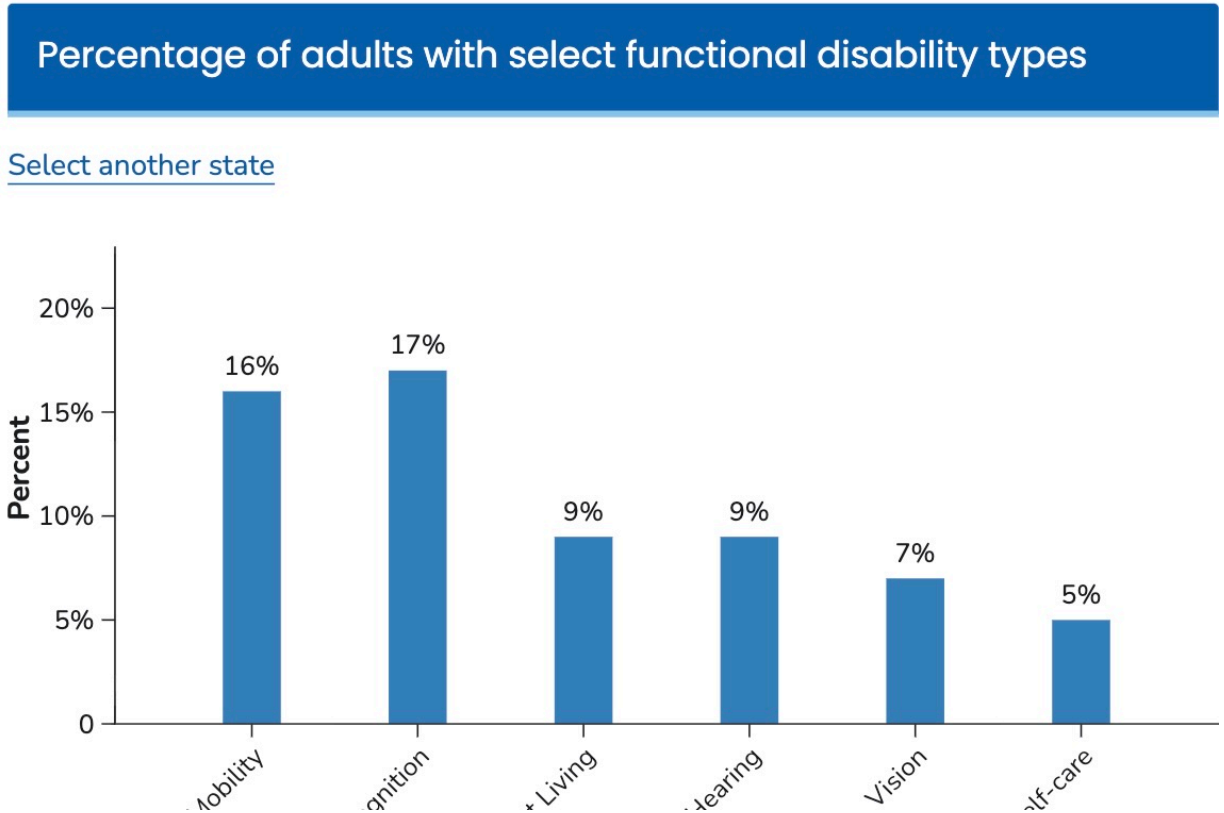
Vision

- HDI's vision is the full participation and contribution of *all* people with disabilities in *all* aspects of society.

Mission

- HDI's mission is to advance efforts that build inclusive communities, address disparities, and improve the lives of all people who experience disability across the lifespan. We achieve our mission through leadership and community partnerships across Kentucky and the Nation.

Kentucky Disability Rates



Assistive Technology Defined

- AT is defined as technological tools used to access education, employment, recreation or communication, to live as independently as possible.
- AT is devices and aids which can help a person with a disability perform activities that might otherwise be difficult or not possible.

Assistive Technology Benefits

- Increase participation In ADLs’
- Enhance independence
  - Home
  - School
  - Work
  - Community
- Improve social interaction
- Make communication more effective

Assistive Technology Act

Passed in 1988 to help increase awareness of assistive technology, access to assistive technology, and acquisition of assistive technology.

1988

The 2022 legislation, titled, The 21st Century Assistive Technology Act, updates and modernizes the Assistive Technology Act.

2022

1998, 2004 and 2022

Reauthorized in 1998, 2004 and 2022

AT Act Funding

- There are 56 state and territory wide AT Act Programs, all promote the ability of people with disabilities to know about, have access to, and ultimately be better able to obtain assistive technology (AT).
- They all provide Demonstration, Device Loans, Reutilization, and Financing to support purchase.
- Training, technical assistance, information and referral, public awareness throughout the region or state.

Kentucky Assistive Technology Services Network

- The KATS Network is the AT Act program that serves Kentucky through 5 regional centers.
- The KATS Network's mission is to make assistive technology (AT) information, devices and services easily obtainable for people of any age and/or disability. AT is any item or piece of equipment (both low-tech and high-tech) used to improve and/or maintain independence in the home, at work, school or play.
- KATS serves individuals of any age and with any type of disability, functional limitation, or chronic health condition.
- Programs also provide services to other individuals, organizations, agencies, and providers who support these individuals.
- https://katsnet.org

- Lending Library
  - Katsnet.at4all.com
- Project CARAT Reutilization
- Demonstration
- Training

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HOUSING FUTURES PROJECT

Affordability - Accessibility - Usability

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Housing Futures

- A lack of accessible, affordable housing in Kentucky has been a long-standing barrier to independent living for people with disabilities. This project aims to expand options for individuals with developmental disabilities (DD).
- Identifying housing options for people with DD requires assessing financial resources, accessibility and usability.

Project Goals

- Improve housing outcomes for people with developmental disabilities through participation in the Housing Futures Project by determining housing goals/needs and meeting them
- Work to eliminate barriers to independent living for people with I/DD. The Housing Futures project will build and expand housing options for families across Kentucky in consideration of affordability, accessibility, and usability. The work of the Housing Futures project will utilize personal futures planning, a process whereby the person themselves determines the best education, educational, employment, housing, and community participation options.

Affordability, Accessibility, Usability

- Affordability – financial resources
- Accessibility assessment – does the built environment allow people to get into the spaces of the home necessary for living; to access transportation options, critical services, and community resources.
- Usability assessment - can the individual living in the home effectively use the space as it is intended, including appliances, control of the environment, and other features that contribute to a good quality of life.

How can we help?

- Phone consultations
- In home assessments
  - accessibility
  - universal design
  - usability
- Navigation of modification process
- Implementation of Home Automation

Schedule your no-cost one-on-one consult now. Scan to get started.

SCHEDULE A CONSULT

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