

Clinician Perspectives for Better IDD Care

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ABC3: Action to Build Clinical Confidence and Culture

How can clinicians be motivated and prepared to provide better care for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD)?

What is it?

- **Focus group** discussions hosted by the ABC3 team on how to best motivate and prepare clinicians to serve people with IDD.

Who is invited?

- General clinicians with background experience as **physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, and physician associates.**
- We welcome all communication preferences.

How can I be involved?

- **Attend a 90-minute focus group over Zoom in February.**
- There will be three sets of focus groups:
 - Clinicians with IDD: **February 8**
 - Generalists with no formal training to serve people with IDD: **February 13**
 - Clinicians of color: **February 21**
- Meetings will be held at **5pm** and **8pm EST.**

Payment and registration:

- Participants will be paid **\$150** (requires the completion of a W-9 form).
- Register here: [ABC3 Registration Form \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RBKD5GW\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RBKD5GW)
- If you have any questions, [email: \(mbahr@ie-care.org\)](mailto:mbahr@ie-care.org).



The importance:

- Most medical students, trainees, and practitioners are not prepared to treat people with IDD.
- Eight out of ten graduating medical students receive no IDD-specific education or training.
- For the 10-16 million people with IDD, this lack of training causes gaps in services, high rates of preventable conditions, and reduced life expectancy.

About ABC3:

- ABC3 is an action collaborative aiming to scale strategies for engaging, preparing, and supporting clinicians to provide better care for people with IDD.
- The ABC3 team is Mai Pham, Heather Gomez-Bendaña, Madelyn Bahr & Miriam Edelman.
- The ABC3 coalition includes national professional societies, accrediting bodies, IDD clinical and research organizations, and IDD self-advocates.
- Read more about ABC3 at [IEC's website \(https://www.ie-care.org/abc3\)](https://www.ie-care.org/abc3).

