

# Spreading the Family Support Across the Globe

## AAIDD International Interest Network

**AAIDD and The Arc (2014)** adopted family support position that “Family support services\* and other means of supporting families should be available to all families to strengthen families’ capacities to support family members with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) in achieving equal opportunity, independent living, full participation, and economic self-sufficiency.”

- Individuals with IDD are experiencing longer life expectancies, and approximately 72% live in the community with the support of a family caregiver.
- Due to long waitlists and limited service system, family caregivers expect to have greater responsibilities to provide life-long supports for individuals with IDD.
- There is a growing trend to identify ways to address family support services for individuals with IDD in the U.S. and abroad.

**This position statement stands as a crucial framework to understand the needs of families of individuals with IDD.**

Nevertheless, policy makers, practitioners, families, and individuals with IDD from diverse backgrounds may still have difficulties accessing and comprehending this position statement.



**The AAIDD International Interest Network is committed to make this position statement accessible across countries and cultures.**

We as a group started the initiative “Spreading the Family Support for Individuals with IDD Across the Globe.”

1. Members from 11 countries formed a taskforce to translate the AAIDD position statement into their own language.
2. We then discuss dissemination plan, implications, and outline future steps in our poster.

### Access Link

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