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Higher Education Leaders Make College Possible for Students with Intellectual Disability

College is possible for students with intellectual disability! A wide range of colleges and universities, including research institutions, teaching colleges and universities, and community and technical colleges, have opened their doors to college students with intellectual disability (ID) by creating inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) programs. These programs are highly valued as an active part of their campus communities and have a positive impact on administrators and leadership, faculty and staff, and college students, regardless of disability status. In this resource you will hear the perspectives of experienced higher education leaders who have developed IPSE programs and find some resources to help you explore developing or supporting an IPSE program on your campus.



There's a very compelling set of reasons why students with intellectual disabilities should be part of higher education. ... We are supposed to serve all residents, ... it's part of our mandate that we reach out to everyone. But more importantly than that, it's not just reaching out to them, but ensuring their success.

**—Dr. Jonathan Gueverra
President, College of the Florida Keys**




I like college because... I like to meet new people, study, work hard, and get paid."


—Isaac, University of North Texas

DID YOU KNOW?

College programs for students with **intellectual disability** are often called **IPSE programs**. In these programs, students take college courses related to their personal and career goals, pursue a course of study, and achieve one or more credentials. College students with ID are an active part of the campus community — learning, working, and often living with their college peers.



Programs meeting certain criteria can offer Pell grants and work study opportunities to students



Federal grants have funded 123 programs in the US since 2010

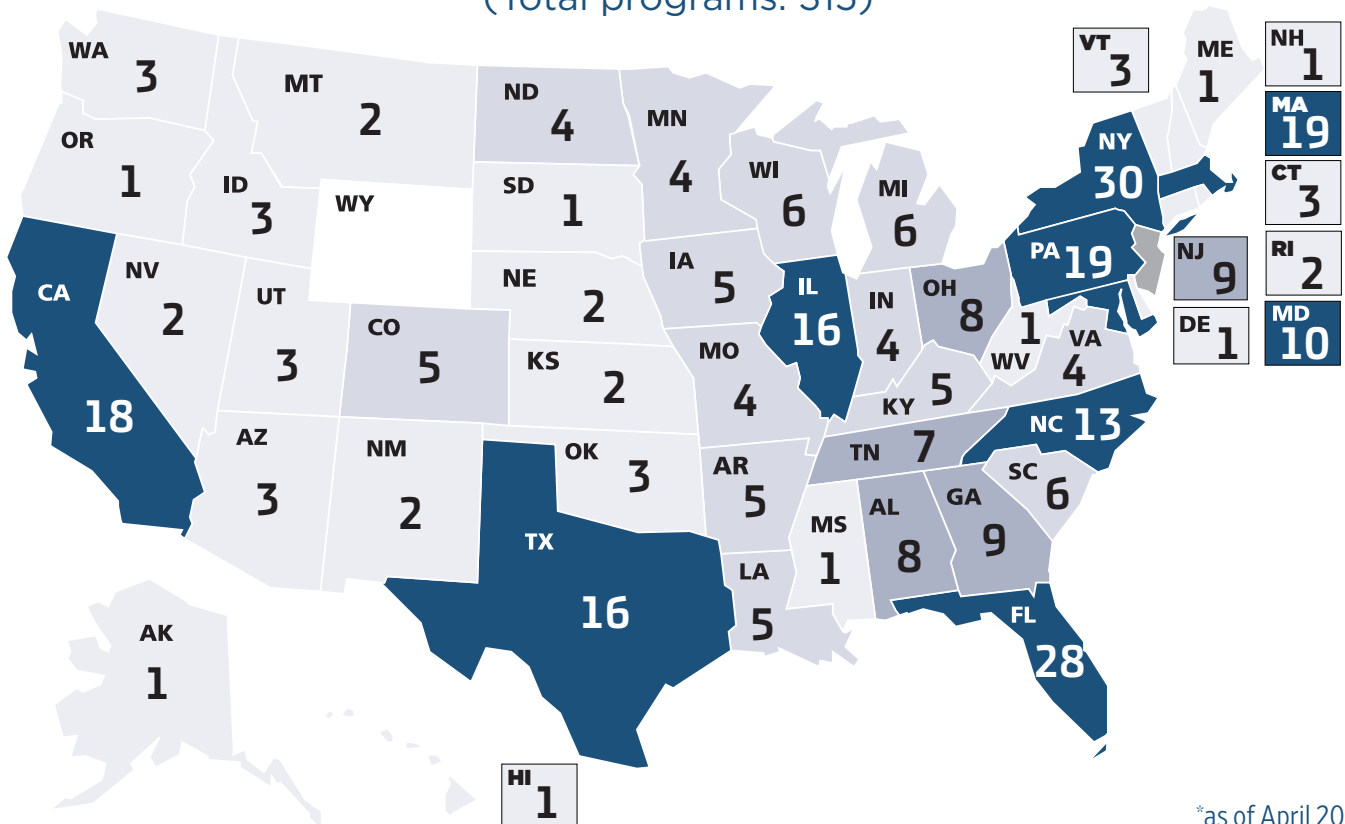


22,899 inclusive courses taken between 2010–2020 from students at TPSIDs*

* Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disability

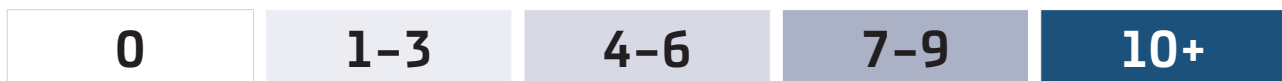
Inclusive Postsecondary Programs in the US*

(Total programs: 315)



*as of April 2023

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS

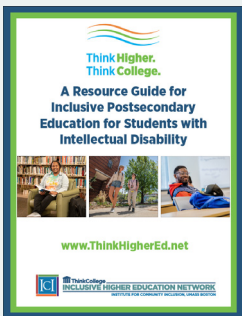


WHAT CAN YOU DO NEXT?

- [Contact Think College](#) to learn about welcoming students with ID on to your campus and starting a program at your institution
- Use the [Think College Search Tool](#) to learn more about the hundreds of colleges and universities enrolling students with ID across the country
- Connect with other higher education administrators to learn from their experience supporting college students with ID on their campus
- [Hear directly from students with ID](#) about how their college experience has enhanced their lives
- [Review research](#) on the importance and impact of college opportunities for students with ID
- Browse the [Think College Resource Library](#), which includes peer-reviewed articles on the benefits and experiences of IPSE implementation and program development
- Discuss with other administrators and faculty members at your institution how their work contributes to various aspects of inclusive programming and incorporating students with ID throughout the campus community



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A Resource Guide for Inclusive Postsecondary Education for Students with Intellectual Disability

This simple and easy-to-use guide offers an overview of IPSE programs and resources, links, tips, and tools for college planning.



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