

## What is the study about?

We want to **better understand how special education staff discuss transition planning and transfer-of-rights with students with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability (IDD) and their parents.** We will interview “triads,” or groups of 3 people separately: students, parents, and special education staff. We want to know what factors impact how special education staff discuss transition planning and address transfer-of-rights conversations among students and their parents.

IDD is defined as differences that are usually present at birth and that uniquely affect the trajectory of the individual's physical, intellectual, and/or emotional development. Many of these conditions affect multiple body parts or systems.

## Who is conducting the study?

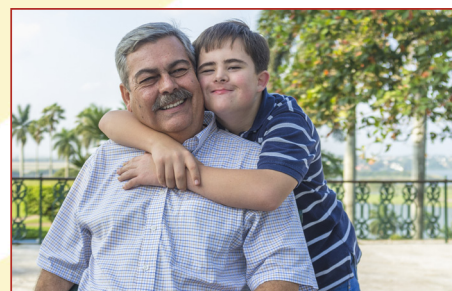
- » The Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston
- » Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong (MASS)
- » Self-Advocacy Association of New York State (SANYS)

## Who can participate?

**Parents of students with IDD** ages 18-22 who attended high school in Massachusetts. We will ask you to reflect on your experience with transition planning and transfer-of-rights conversations. We will also interview your child and the special education professional you worked with.

**Special education and transition professionals** from Massachusetts who work in high schools that follow the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) and who work with students with IDD ages 18-22. We will ask you to reflect on transition planning (including alternatives to guardianship, guardianship, transfer of rights) and having transfer-of-rights conversations. We will also interview students and parents with whom you have worked.

**Students with an intellectual and/or developmental disability** between 18-22 years old. Must have an IEP and be in high school or graduated from high school in Massachusetts.



## How to participate?

[Take the screening survey here to see if you qualify for the study.](#)

You can also contact Daria Domin at: [daria.domin@umb.edu](mailto:daria.domin@umb.edu) or at 617-287-4277. Interviews will **take place on Zoom** and will last 45-60 minutes.

**Everyone interviewed will receive an Amazon gift card for \$25.**



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