



Equity, Opportunity and Inclusion



**REDUCING DISPARITIES
THROUGH STRATEGIC
COLLABORATIONS**

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**Disparity in Practice:
List of Defendants with Intellectual Disabilities Executed in the United States
Between 1976 (reinstatement of capital punishment) and 2001**



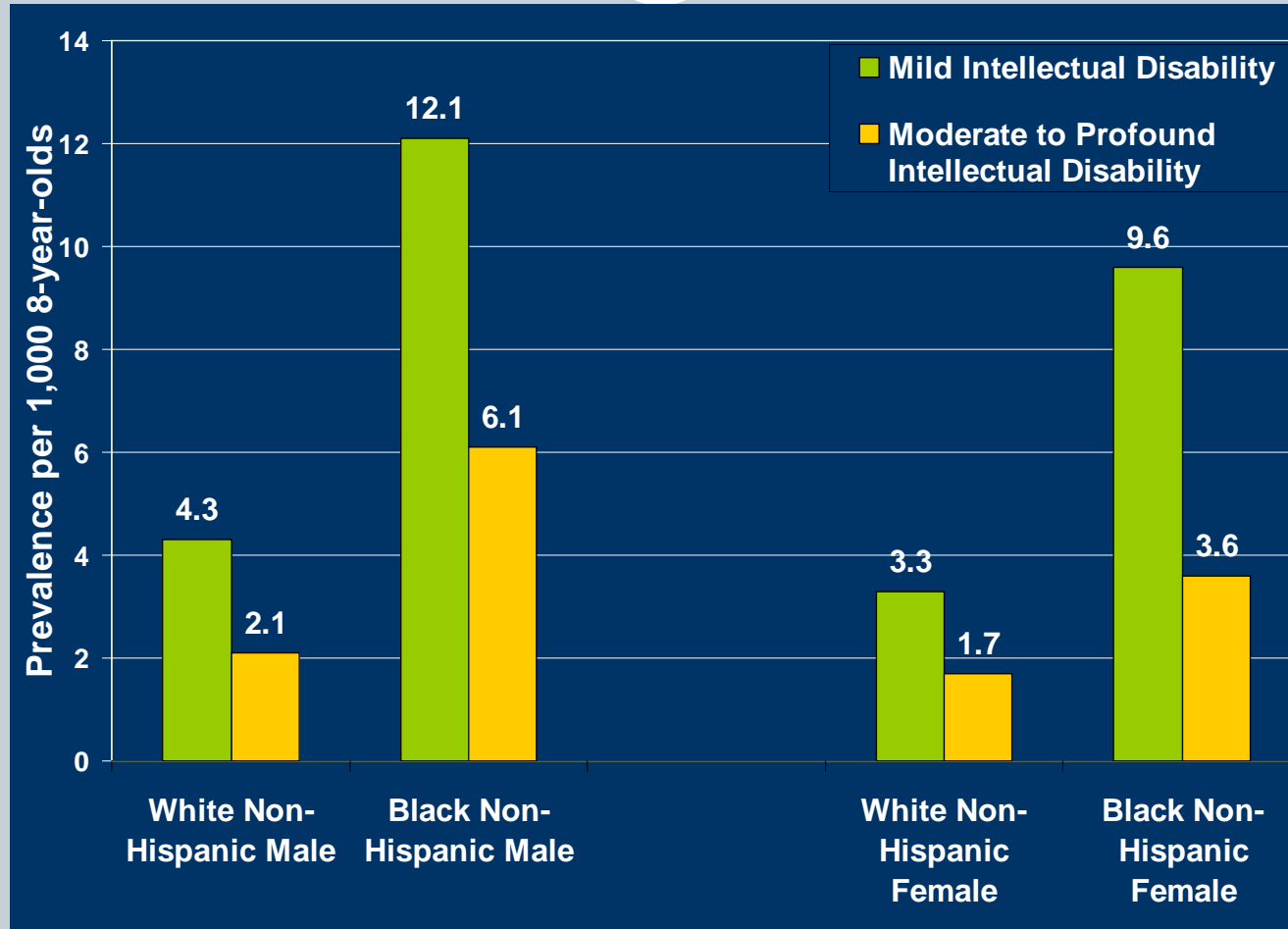
1. Arthur F. Goode, III
2. Ivon Ray Stanley
3. James Dupree Henry
4. Morris Odell Mason
5. James Terry Roach
6. Jerome Bowden
7. Willie Celestine
8. John Brogdon
9. Horace Dunkins
10. Alton Waye
11. Johnny Ray Anderson
12. Dalton Prejean
13. Ricky Ray Rector
14. Johnny Frank Garrett
15. Billy Wayne White
16. Nollie Lee Martin
17. Ricky Lee Grubbs
18. Cornelius Singleton
19. Robert Wayne Sawyer
20. William Henry Hance
21. Mario Marquez
22. Willie Clisby
23. Varnell Weeks
24. Girvies Davis
25. Sylvester Adams
26. Barry Lee Fairchild
27. Walter Milton Correll
28. Luis Mata
29. John Earl Bush
30. Frank Middleton
31. Terry Washington
32. Tony Mackall
33. Reginald Powell
34. Robert Carter
35. Dwayne Allen Wright
36. Ronald Yeats
37. Norman Lee Newsted
38. Raymond James Jones
39. David R. Leisure
40. Charles Anthony Boyd
41. Willie Sullivan
42. Oliver Cruz
43. Wanda Jean Allen
44. Robert Clayton

Examples of individuals with intellectual disabilities who were convicted of felonies and later exonerated



- **Saved by Honest State Attorney: Harold Israel (1924, Connecticut)**
- **“I’ll Say So if You Want Me to”: Melvin Reynolds (1979, Missouri)**
- **Cleared When Real Killer Confessed: Antwon Coleman (1990, Missouri)**
 - **Beaten Into Confessing: Timothy Brown (1991, Florida)**
 - **A Mile From the Crime: Don Olmetti (1997, Illinois)**
 - **Murder of an Infant Who Never Existed:
Medell Banks, Victoria Banks, Dianne Tucker (1999, Alabama)**
- **Cleared When Real Perpetrator Confesses: Gabriel Baddeley (2001, Washington)**
 - **Saved by DNA: Corinthian Bell (2000, Illinois)**
 - **Confesses to Murder That Happened in U.S. While Vacationing in Brazil:
Roberto Rocha (2002, Georgia)**
- **Tries to Give Right Answer Even When It Is Wrong: Ozem Goldwire (2006, New York)**
 - **Saved by DNA: Matthew Livers (2006, Nebraska)**

MADDSP 2000: Prevalence of Intellectual Disability by Severity, Race/Ethnicity and Gender (CDC)



About TASH

Throughout our history, TASH members have demonstrated a record of success in creating positive change in our communities.



- Established in 1975
- Forefront of disability rights advocacy
- Leader in promoting evidence-based practices that support the full inclusion and participation of children and adults with significant disabilities in all aspects of community life
- TASH members in every U.S. state and territory, and represent more than 40 countries around the world
- Network of international, state and regional TASH chapters and our membership includes people from diverse backgrounds

TASH is committed and dedicated to being culturally and linguistically responsive to the diverse needs of all members and the disability community.

<http://tash.org/>

TASH National Agenda: A framework



The Equation

Identifying / Developing Positive Best Practices in:

+ Inclusion Education

+ Community Living

+ Employment

+ Free from Restraint & Seclusion

+ Reducing Disparities and Embracing Diverse Cultural & Linguistic Backgrounds

= ***TASH's Approach to Improving Lives
of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
and their Families' Quality of Life
while Addressing & Diminishing Health Disparities***

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) & *Olmstead* Integration Mandates



Segregation contributes to people with disabilities lower quality of life & health:

- “isolate and segregate individuals with disabilities... forms of discrimination...continue to be a serious and pervasive social problem”;**
- “confinement in an institution severely diminishes the everyday life activities of individuals, including family relations, social contacts, work options, economic independence, educational advancement, and cultural enrichment.”**

TASH National Agenda Item: Community Living



- **Members' Approach in Minimizing Health Disparity: Expand the provision of person-centered, long term supports and individualized choice for community living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every state.**
- **4 TASH Community Living Resolutions**
(<http://tash.org/advocacy-issues/community-living/>)
- **Policy Implications: United States Total I/DD Spending by Revenue Source (FY 2011)**
 - ❖ **Federal: \$34.38Billion (61%)**
 - ❖ **State: \$20.66 Billion (36%)**
 - ❖ **Local: \$1.61 Billion (3%)**

What are the impacts of the Sequestration Process on public programs addressing health disparities?

Call to Action!!



Build Alliances



Fragmentation

Systems of Support

Powerful opportunities
for partnerships with
organizations and
community members

TASH's Commitment & Call to Action to Minimizing Health Disparities



- Board Resolutions: <http://tash.org/advocacy-issues/>
- Diversity /Cultural Competency Self – Assessment:
[http://66.147.244.209/~tashorg/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/TASH Diversity-Cultural-Competency-Initiative.pdf](http://66.147.244.209/~tashorg/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/TASH_Diversity-Cultural-Competency-Initiative.pdf)
- Current initiatives underway by Diversity & Cultural Competency Committee
 - Parts of TASH website in Spanish
 - Introducing TASH to broader audience with similar focus and areas of interests
 - 2013 TASH National Conference in Chicago, IL – Targeted outreach and communication with people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds

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- Advocacy & Education
 - Promoting Self-Determination Future Conference: <http://tash.org/conferences-events/promoting-self-determined-futures/>

- Family Support Training Project: <http://tash.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Family-Support-Trainer-Packet.pdf>

- Collaborations
 - Alliance to Prevent Restraint, Aversive Interventions and Seclusion (APRAIS): <http://tash.org/advocacy-issues/restraint-and-seclusion-aprais/>
 - TASH National Conferences & Events: <http://tash.org/conferences-events/>



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Any questions?



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