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.

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