Meeting Needs Amid Rising Demand: Perspectives on HCBS Waiver Waiting Lists

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WHAT ARE HCBS?

In the Home
• Help cooking
• Help with medications
• Assistance with self care
• Budgeting
• Socializing

On the Job and in the community
• Job coaching
• Community volunteering
• Day programs

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ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD TO DEPLOY AT DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTER ROCKED BY COVID-19

The center is in the middle of a battle. 83 residents and 28 employees have tested positive for the virus.

Two residents and one employee have died.

“But it’s not just at the Ludeman Center,” Mayor Vanderbilt said. “There are outbreaks at all of the state-owned facilities in Illinois.”

PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM COVID-19

It’s not entirely clear from the data why individuals with developmental disabilities experience a higher risk of death from the virus, though the findings indicate that this group did have more co-occurring conditions including hypertension, heart disease, respiratory disease and diabetes. The researchers also noted that people with developmental disabilities are more likely to live in congregate settings where it’s harder to limit the spread of COVID-19.
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