

Empowering the IDD Community: Enhancing Care and Advocating for Funding

Learning Community 14 in Partnership with St Joseph Home

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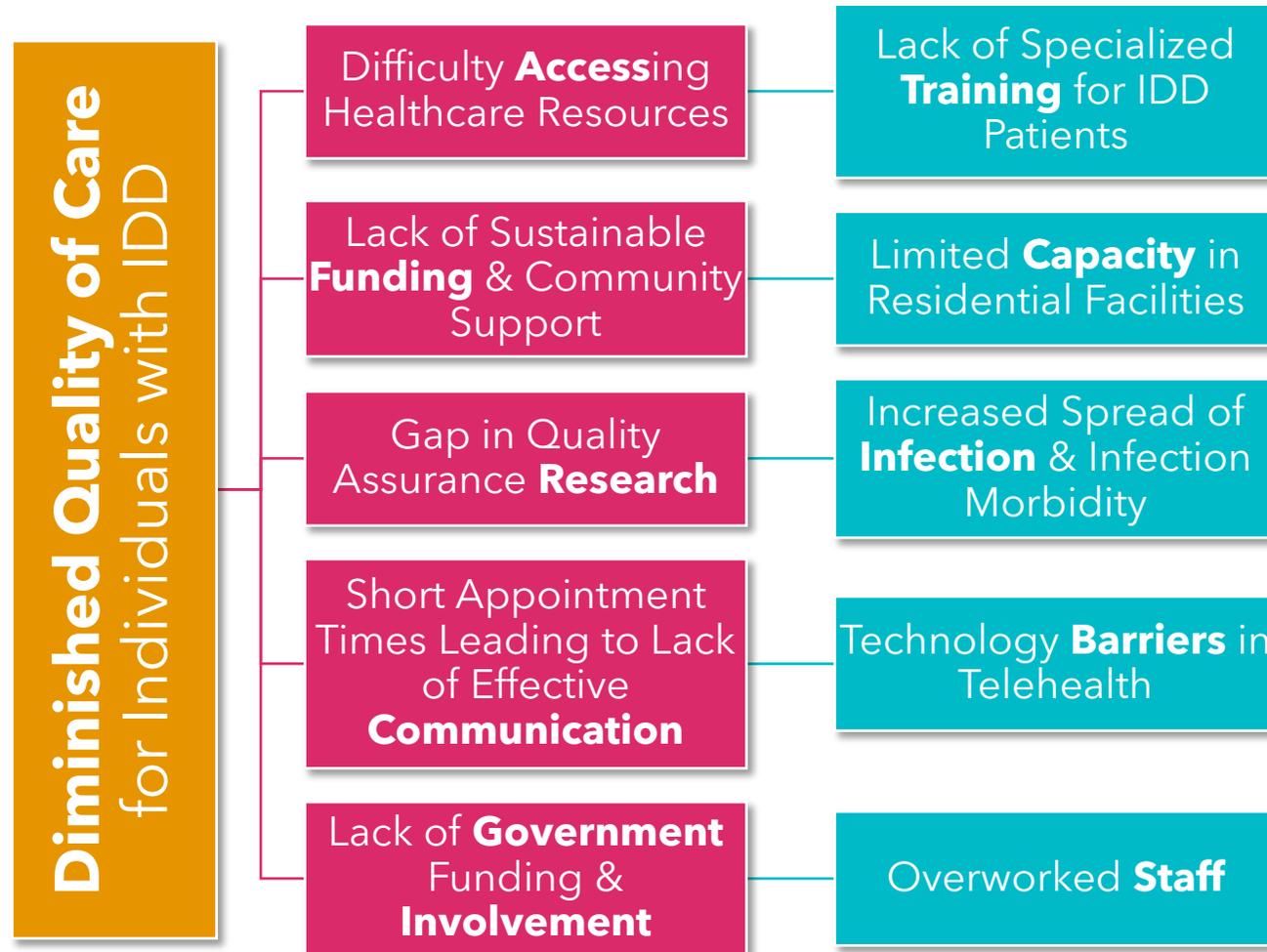




St Joseph Home

- Dedicated to **empowering individuals with complex disabilities** and their families
- Elevate standard of disability care while fostering a supportive community
- A pillar to overall community health

Social Determinant of Health



Why it Matters

“People with IDD who live in community-based settings **continue to have poorer health** than their non-disabled peers.”

- *American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

We addressed **one of many contributing factors** to a diminished quality of care in the IDD population.

- Enhancing overall healthcare quality and safety within the facility extends its positive benefits on family and staff, in addition to residents.

Less infection → focus shifts to **community-building and well-being.**

Government Areas of Action

Provide

Provide **sustainable funding** to continue providing individualized care.

Subsidize

Subsidize more **research** to effectively contain infections in IDD living communities.

Support

Support **training initiatives** focused on meeting the demands of the IDD community.

Advocate

Advocate for longer appointment times to foster **positive and empowering communication relationships** between healthcare professionals and individuals with IDD.

Change

Change legislature to **expand the care capacity** for robust IDD organizations like SJH, removing a barrier to growth.

How to Support

Step 1: Appoint a **designated representative** from Ohio Department of Disabilities to serve as a liaison between city organizations, hospitals, educational institutions, and government boards, focused on meeting the needs of the IDD community.

