

## Institute Statement on Seclusion Practices

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The Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities extends our appreciation and respect to ProPublica Illinois and the Chicago Tribune for their outstanding investigation surrounding the use of seclusion in Illinois schools ([The Quiet Rooms](#)). The Institute stands in partnership with others who denounce the use of seclusion in all its forms and call for therapeutic supports and practices to be used when warranted to ensure the health, safety and well-being of students and staff. The use of seclusion and seclusion-like practices to punish, discipline and/or extinguish behaviors, actions and/or statements made by students is unwarranted, ineffective and dehumanizing and has no place in any setting irrespective of whether the person has a disability. The Institute is committed to continuing and intensifying our efforts to promote positive, responsive and dignified practices in all settings that support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

*The Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities is a statewide association of community agencies that provide services and supports to more than 20,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Illinois. The Institute works to promote policy and practice that supports all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to access services and resources to pursue meaningful and valued lives.*