

Problems of Integrity with RDA 5.36

Assessment Findings for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Served in Residential Habilitation Centers and Community Settings

“The purpose of this report is to examine the similarity of support needs among DDD clients living in the following three settings: 1) Residential Habilitation Centers (long-term residents of RHCs with recent full assessments of need), 2) community residential, and 3) DDD clients supported in other community-based settings “

The author changed the populations studied from three groups to two, thereby invalidating the results. It is clear from the data in the report that the support needs of the residents in the Residential Habilitation Center was significantly greater than the support needs of residents in both community residential and other community settings.

Report reads:

“Clients in RHCs had significantly higher Behavioral Support and Medical Support need scores than clients in community residential programs and those receiving other community-based services.

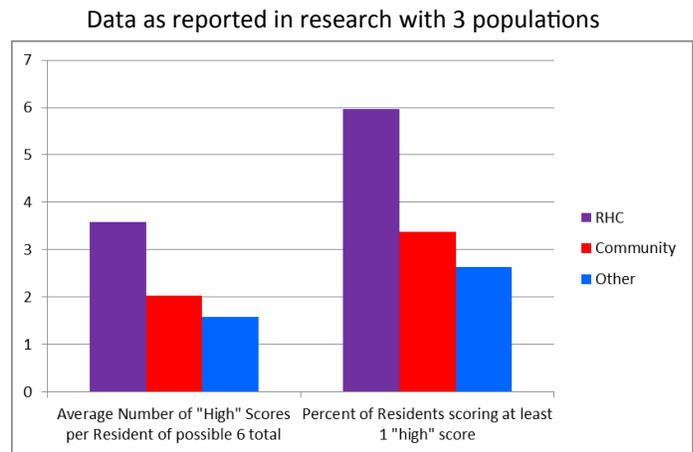
Average medical support needs were similar for clients in community residential and other community-based settings. “

Authors sum up the above facts up in statements such as the one below—combining two populations with significant different support needs into one group. This invalidates the conclusions as written.

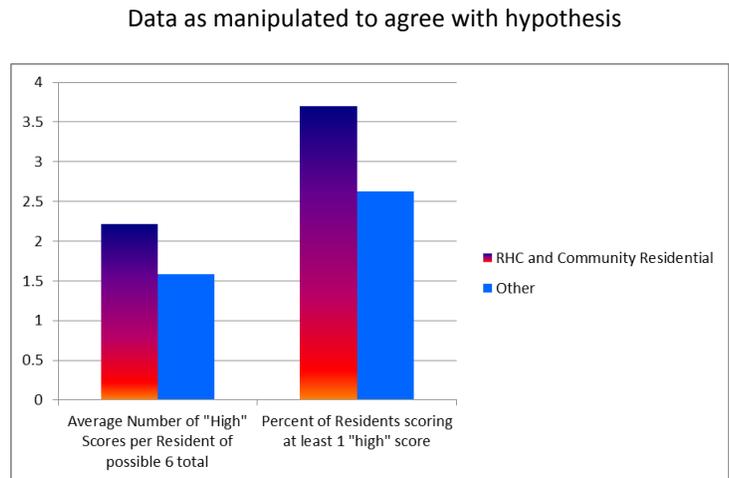
“Support needs are higher in most general life tasks, such as daily and community living activities, for DDD clients served in RHCs and community residential settings than for those supported in other community-based settings.”

Support Needs and Assessment Research Concerns

Data as collected	Residential Habilitation Centers	Community Residential	Other Community Settings
Average number of "high" scores per residents	3.58	2.03	1.58
Percent of residents scoring at least 1 high score	59.69	33.76	26.27

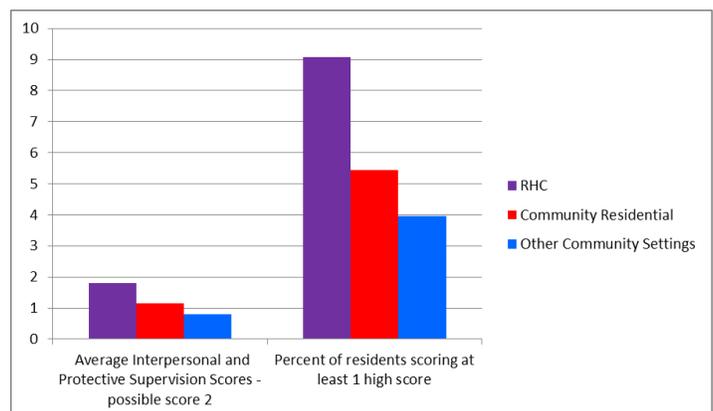


Data as reported by DSHS and DDD	RHC and Community Residential	Other Community Settings
Average number of "high" scores per residents	2.22	1.58
Percent of residents scoring at least 1 high score	36.97	26.27



Data as collected	Residential Habilitation Centers	Community Residential	Other Community Settings
Interpersonal and Protective Supervision Scores	1.81	1.15	.79
Percent of residents scoring at least 1 high score	90.78	57.46	39.50

Interpersonal and Protective Supervision are two of the highest indicators of out-of-home placement and higher cost



Exceptional Medical and Behavioral Support Needs

These measures were not reported as assessed. The data as reported in this report is invalid with regards to using it for any purpose . The data does not reflect the number of residents who scored above “5”, or had at least one score of “2” on the assessment questions. Without following the assessment as it has been validated, the data is not reliable.

The data as presented in this RDA report lacks integrity and should not be used.

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