

A photograph of a family of six walking away from the camera on a path during sunset. The family consists of three adults and three children. One child is in a wheelchair. They are all holding hands or have their arms around each other. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow.

# IDEA Disability Category: Intellectual Disability

Intellectual Disability can range from a very mild cognitive impairment to a profound disability which limits the child's ability to think and behave like children of her/his own age. The Regulations define ID as significantly below- average intellectual functioning combined with deficits in adaptive behavior which shows up during the child's developmental period and which adversely affects the child's educational performance.

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