



BARRIERS TO INCLUSION

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What stands in the way...

- The public, professionals and parents think it is better to put people in institutions.



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What stands in the way...

- The State provides more money and resources to institutions than to families and services in the community

What stands in the way...

- Laws not respected and not implemented
- Economical crisis





What stands in the way...

- Very few community-based service providers
- Not enough training for direct support and professional staff

Positive steps

- Croatia signed and ratified the UNCRPD
 - Slow implementation
- Since year 1997 more than 250 people with intellectual disabilities left institutions.





Positive steps

- People with intellectual disabilities have good experiences living in the community
- People with intellectual disabilities learn to advocate for themselves and fight for their rights



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