

AAIDD and the Supports Intensity Scale™ Around the World

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About AAIDD

- AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices and universal rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Membership association founded in 1876
- National offices in Washington, DC
- AAIDD works in niche areas of (1) definition of intellectual disability; (2) health; and (3) supports

About AAIDD

- AAIDD journals: (1) *The American Journal on Mental Retardation* and (2) *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*
- AAIDD publishes books in assessment, management, reference, research, and training.
<http://bookstore.aaid.org>
- AAIDD books have been translated into more than 10 languages.

Supports Intensity Scale Facts

- Published in 2004 as paper and pencil product
- Currently available in print, CD-ROM, web-based format (SISONLINE™), and SIS Venture application
- Adopted by 14 U.S. states as official instrument to plan services for people with intellectual disabilities
- 36,000 assessments so far on SISOnline; 1,300 users

Supports Intensity Scale Facts

- Uses of SIS: Person-centered planning, allocating resources, and establishing staffing patterns
- Translations available include, Catalan, Chinese (Complex), Croatian, Dutch, French, Hebrew, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish
- Alice McElhinney, international rights advisor at books@aidd.org

SIS™ Around the World An Instrument of Change

- Canada: English and French SIS in use by the Ontario government as part of a reorganization of developmental disability services.
- Taiwan: The Taiwan Community Living Consortium leading a project of moving people out of institutions and providing supported employment and community services
- Israel: Beit Ekstein House implemented SIS in community-based residential facilities. Created new staff positions, developed new definitions, work routines, and training programs.

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- Iceland: Dr. Sirguddson of the State Diagnostic and Counseling Center working with the Ministry of Social Affairs to get funding for the standardization of SIS
- Japan: The Japan Association on Intellectual Disability to submit SIS to the Ministry of Health and Welfare in 2009 and target 100,000 professionals and 4,100 offices in intellectual disability.
- Croatia, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain (Spanish and Catalan versions)
- Two observations: Instrument of change and cultural adaptations a challenge. However, SIS has universal appeal.

New/Future AAIDD and SIS Initiatives

- SIS for Children to be published in 2009
- Stay tuned to www.siswebsite.org: (1) Booklet on SIS administration procedures and (2) Electronic white paper series
- AAIDD SIS training program to train reliable interviewers
- Upcoming translations in Korean and Portuguese
- AAIDD Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale in 2009
- AAIDD intellectual disability definition manual (11th edition) in 2010

Resources

Email: annap@aaidd.org

www.siswebsite.org

<http://www.siswebsite.org/galleries/default-file/SISpresentation.pdf>
(Full SIS presentation)

www.siswebsite.org/Newsletter/
(*SIS Vantage* newsletter)

www.aaidd.org/FYI/
(*AAIDD F.Y.I.* newsletter)