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The [Interagency Committee on Disability Research](#) (ICDR) is pleased to announce the launch of the Interagency Rehabilitation and Disability (IRAD) [Research Portfolio](#) . The IRAD Research Portfolio is a searchable, government-wide inventory of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research. Its purpose is to enable trend and data analysis across federal agencies, with a goal of aiding collaboration and coordination.

The Research Portfolio currently features data from five federal agencies (National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), Veterans Affairs (VA), Administration for Community Living (ACL), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)) from fiscal years 2016 to 2023. The ICDR plans to expand the Research Portfolio to include data from more years and agencies.

 "The ICDR is pleased to make this resource available to the public," said ICDR Executive Director Rasheda Parks, PhD. "While still a work in progress, this website reflects the goals of transparency and collaboration among federal agencies that support disability and rehabilitation research."

 "We are so grateful to our federal partners for providing the information to create this robust inventory for the disability research field," said Dr. Anjali Forber-Pratt, ICDR chair and director of the Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research. "We encourage everyone in the field to use this incredible resource to learn about disability research supported by the federal government and to make new connections. We also hope this resource will help expand the pool of applicants for federal funding to pursue future research projects."

Authorized by the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, as amended, the ICDR was established to promote coordination and collaboration among federal departments and agencies conducting disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research programs—including programs related to assistive technology research, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design.