

WSC ADVISORY #2022-012
ICA: VALIDATION STUDY
INFORMATIONAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAY 18, 2022

This advisory informs Qualified Organizations, Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs), and Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Consultants that the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is beginning a validation study of the Individual Comprehensive Assessment (ICA), which will replace the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI), APD's current client assessment tool. The ICA expands the content and advances the methodology used in the QSI to assist in meeting the complex needs of all APD clients.

The validation study will include 1,500 iBudget clients across all eligibility groups and APD Regions. The ICA assessments for the validation study will have a staggered start date:

Region	Start Date
Suncoast	May 31, 2022
Central	June 6, 2022
Southeast	June 13, 2022
Southern	June 20, 2022
Northeast	June 27, 2022
Northwest	July 5, 2022

The purpose of the validation study is to ensure the ICA is performing consistently and examine how well the questions in the assessment measure what they should. This study is an important step in beginning the process of implementing the ICA as APD's new assessment tool.

Clients selected for the validation study will receive a letter from APD Director Barbara Palmer, encouraging their participation. All Qualified Organizations, WSCs, and CDC+ Consultants should strongly encourage clients to participate in these ICA assessments. This will help confirm that the ICA identifies and assesses the needs of all our clients.