

RRTC Health and Disability Resources

The RRTC on Aging with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities conducts studies on the health needs and issues of women with developmental disabilities (Principal Investigators: Allison Brown & Tamar Heller). Several publications have been produced, including a fact sheet with the national ARC, a book, edited book chapters and several journal articles. RRTC-ADD researchers also conduct numerous conference presentations and trainings on women's health and I/DD. In the future, RRTC-ADD researchers will be conducting a study on improving the health experiences of women with I/DD, in collaboration with the Health Resource Center for Women with Disabilities (HRCWD) at the Rehab Institute of Chicago. In addition, the RRTC currently runs an ongoing electronic mailing list and Internet Web page specifically focused on health issues of women with I/DD. These resources will continue to be expanded in the next five years.

RRTC-ADD WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH (Web site):

<http://www.uic.edu/orgs/rrtcamr/research3.html>

ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST:

DD/MR Women's Health Forum <WOMHLTHAGING-DD@LISTSERV.UIC.EDU>

<http://listserv.uic.edu/htbin/wa?SUBED1=womhlthaging-dd&A=1>

FACT SHEET:

Brown, A. A. & Murphy, L. (1999). Aging with developmental disabilities: Women's health issues. Arlington, TX: The Arc of the United States and the RRTC on Aging with Mental Retardation. Online at: <http://www.thearc.org/faqs/whealth.html>

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Order online: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/book.asp?ref=1405101032>

VIDEO:

Learning to Act in Partnership: Women with Disabilities Talk to Health Professionals.
VIDEO 38 mins. (2001) Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Health Resource Center for
Women with Disabilities.

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